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for Performance Critical Applications

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1 MEMORY MANAGEMENT

1.1 System Interface

1.1.1 Global Definitions (tuning/defs.hpp)

In the file 'tuning/defs.hpp' compiler specific macros are evaluated and global data types and macros are defined. This file is included from all other header files of the library. At the end of the file optionally the file 'tl_user.hpp' is included. That way the behavior of the library can be changed without changing the source code, e.g. the macro `TL_ASSERT` may be redefined.

Data Types

```
typedef ... t_Int;  
typedef ... t_UInt;  
typedef ... t_Int8;  
typedef ... t_UInt8;  
typedef ... t_Int16;  
typedef ... t_UInt16;  
typedef ... t_Int32;  
typedef ... t_UInt32;
```

Numeric data types with a well-defined number of bits, signed or unsigned. The size of `t_Int` and `t_UInt` depends on the environment (32 or 64 bit).

1.1.2 Reserve Memory (tuning/sys/calloc.hpp)

With reserve memory the program can continue elementary operations in case of memory overflow. By using the reserve memory, there is no need to test each memory allocation for success. Reserve memory shall be allocated on program startup. If C standard library can't allocate any more memory, reserve memory will be released by `tl_Alloc` and `tl_Realloc`. Afterwards, `tl_HasReserve` returns false. Reserve memory management is protected against multiple thread access.

Memory Overflow

Many functions in the **Spirick Tuning** library allocate or reallocate memory. Within any function a memory overflow can occur. Handling each occurrence will increase program code and computing time. However memory overflows are very rare. The **Spirick Tuning** library is optimized for performance. Hence, memory overflow is handled exclusively in the `tl_Alloc` and `tl_Realloc` functions. **All other parts of the library assume success on memory allocations.**

A memory allocation or reallocation consists of the following steps: Try to allocate memory with C standard library (`malloc`, `realloc`). If it fails free reserve memory and call C standard library again. If it fails call overflow handler and call C standard library again. If it fails terminate the program with the function `tl_EndProcess`. In the last case it makes no sense to continue. Every following operation will probably fail because of lack of memory.

Data Types

```
typedef void (* tpf_AllocHandler) ();
```

Pointer to a global function taking no parameters and returning no value.

Functions

```
tpf_AllocHandler t1_SetReserveHandler (tpf_AllocHandler pf_allocHandler);
```

Sets new reserve handler and returns previous. Reserve handler is called if reserve memory is allocated, reallocated or released.

```
tpf_AllocHandler t1_SetOverflowHandler (tpf_AllocHandler pf_allocHandler);
```

Sets new overflow handler and returns previous. Overflow handler will be called if reserve memory is released and C standard library can't allocate any more memory. Within the **Spirick Tuning** library memory overflow is handled exclusively in the `t1_Alloc` and `t1_Realloc` functions. **All other parts of the library assume success on memory allocations.** Hence, overflow handler must not throw C++ exceptions. Exceptions from overflow handler are not handled by the library and lead to inconsistent objects.

```
void t1_SetReserveSize (t_UInt u_resSize);
```

Sets the size of the reserve memory to `u_resSize`. Afterwards, `t1_HasReserve` returns true on success.

```
t_UInt t1_GetReserveSize ();
```

Returns the size of the reserve memory, even if it is not allocated.

```
bool t1_HasReserve ();
```

Returns true if reserve memory is allocated.

```
void t1_FreeReserve ();
```

Frees reserve memory. Afterwards, `t1_HasReserve` returns false.

```
void t1_AllocReserve ();
```

Tries to allocate reserve memory. Afterwards, `t1_HasReserve` returns true on success.

1.1.3 Dynamic Memory (tuning/sys/calloc.hpp)

The system interface for memory allocations relies directly on C standard library. The global functions `malloc`, `realloc` and `free` are used. Debugging tools and heap walkers of the C standard library can be used together with the **Spirick Tuning** library. The functions `t1_Alloc` and `t1_Realloc` extend the C standard library with reserve memory.

Functions

```
t_UInt t1_StoreInfoSize ();
```

Returns the number of bytes for memory management per block. The value is used while calculating rounded block sizes.

```
t_UInt t1_MaxAlloc ();
```

Returns the maximum size of a contiguous memory block.

```
void * t1_Alloc (t_UInt u_size);
```

Allocates a contiguous memory block of size `u_size`. Returns null pointer if `u_size` is zero. On memory overflow reserve handler and overflow handler are called.

```
void * t1_Realloc (void * pv_ptr, t_UInt u_size);
```

Reallocates memory block pointed to by `pv_ptr` to size `u_size`. If `pv_ptr` is the null pointer, `t1_Realloc` is identical to `t1_Alloc`. If `u_size` is zero, `t1_Realloc` is identical to `t1_Free`. On memory overflow reserve handler and overflow handler are called.

```
void t1_Free (void * pv_ptr);
```

Frees memory block pointed to by `pv_ptr`. `pv_ptr` may be the null pointer.

Appropriate Classes

The classes `ct_StdStore`, `ct_RndStore` and `ct_ChnStore` rely on the global functions of this section.

1.1.4 Heap Operations (tuning/sys/calloc.hpp)

Debugging tools and heap walkers are not standardized. Hence, the system interface contains selected heap information only. The structure `st_HeapInfo` contains information about the number and the size of used and unused memory blocks. The number of unused memory blocks is a hint to memory fragmentation. Note that some C++ compilers don't publish heap information, especially in release mode.

Structure Declaration

```
struct st_HeapInfo
{
    unsigned long    u_AllocEntries;
    unsigned long    u_FreeEntries;
    unsigned long    u_AllocSize;
    unsigned long    u_FreeSize;
    unsigned long    u_HeapSize;
};
```

Functions

```
bool t1_QueryHeapInfo (st_HeapInfo * pso_info);
```

Stores information about the actual heap state in the structure pointed to by `pso_info`. Return value `false` is a hint to heap corruption.

```
bool t1_FreeUnused ();
```

Tries to free unused memory blocks. Return value `false` is a hint to heap corruption.

1.1.5 Memory Operations (tuning/sys/cmemory.hpp)

The system interface for memory operations relies directly on C standard library. Global functions like `memcpy` and `memcmp` are used. In addition, some special cases are handled, e.g. zero length parameters and null pointers. All parameters are checked by `ASSERT` macros. Length parameters refer to the number of characters, not to the size in bytes.

Functions

```
void t1_CopyMemory (char * pc_dst, const char * pc_src, t_UInt u_len);  
void t1_CopyMemory (wchar_t * pc_dst, const wchar_t * pc_src, t_UInt u_len);
```

Copies `u_len` characters from `pc_src` to `pc_dst`. This function must not be used for overlapping memory blocks.

```
void t1_MoveMemory (char * pc_dst, const char * pc_src, t_UInt u_len);  
void t1_MoveMemory (wchar_t * pc_dst, const wchar_t * pc_src, t_UInt u_len);
```

Copies `u_len` characters from `pc_src` to `pc_dst`. This function may be used for overlapping memory blocks.

```
char * t1_FillMemory (char * pc_dst, t_UInt u_len, char c_fill);  
wchar_t * t1_FillMemory (wchar_t * pc_dst, t_UInt u_len, wchar_t c_fill);
```

Sets the first `u_len` characters of `pc_dst` to the character `c_fill`.

```
int t1_CompareChar (char c1, char c2);  
int t1_CompareChar (wchar_t c1, wchar_t c2);
```

Compares the characters `c1` and `c2` and returns a value indicating their relationship. The return value is less than zero if `c1 < c2`, equal to zero if `c1 == c2`, and greater than zero if `c1 > c2`. The characters are compared as unsigned values.

```
int t1_CompareMemory (const char * pc1, const char * pc2, t_UInt u_len);  
int t1_CompareMemory (const wchar_t * pc1, const wchar_t * pc2, t_UInt u_len);
```

Compares the first `u_len` characters of `pc1` and `pc2` and returns a value indicating their relationship. The return value is less than zero if `*pc1 < *pc2`, equal to zero if `*pc1 == *pc2`, and greater than zero if `*pc1 > *pc2`. The characters are compared as unsigned values.

```
const char * t1_FirstChar (const char * pc_mem, t_UInt u_len, char c_search);  
const wchar_t * t1_FirstChar (const wchar_t * pc_mem, t_UInt u_len, wchar_t c_search);
```

If successful, it returns a pointer to the first occurrence of `c_search` in the first `u_len` characters of `pc_mem`. Otherwise it returns the null pointer.

```
const char * t1_FirstMemory (const char * pc_mem, t_UInt u_len, const char * pc_search, t_UInt u_searchLen);  
const wchar_t * t1_FirstMemory (const wchar_t * pc_mem, t_UInt u_len, const wchar_t * pc_search, t_UInt u_searchLen);
```

If successful, it returns a pointer to the first occurrence of the first `u_searchLen` characters of `pc_search` in the first `u_len` characters of `pc_mem`. Otherwise it returns the null pointer.

```
const char * t1_LastChar (const char * pc_mem, t_UInt u_len, char c_search);  
const wchar_t * t1_LastChar (const wchar_t * pc_mem, t_UInt u_len, wchar_t c_search);
```

If successful, it returns a pointer to the last occurrence of `c_search` in the first `u_len` characters of `pc_mem`. Otherwise it returns the null pointer.

```
const char * t1_LastMemory (const char * pc_mem, t_UInt u_len, const char * pc_search, t_UInt u_searchLen);  
const wchar_t * t1_LastMemory (const wchar_t * pc_mem, t_UInt u_len, const wchar_t * pc_search, t_UInt u_searchLen);
```

If successful, it returns a pointer to the last occurrence of the first `u_searchLen` characters of `pc_search` in the first `u_len` characters of `pc_mem`. Otherwise it returns the null pointer.

```
template <t_UInt u_len>  
void t1_SwapMemory (void * pv1, void * pv2);
```

Swap the contents of the two memory blocks `pv1` and `pv2` with size `u_len` bytes.

```
template <class t_obj>  
void t1_SwapObj (t_obj & o1, t_obj & o2);
```

Swap the values of the two objects `o1` and `o2` using operator `=`. A third local object is used.

Appropriate Classes

The templates `gct_CharBlock` and `gct_String` rely on the global functions of this section.

1.2 Store

1.2.1 Store Interface

Stores are memory management objects. To increase performance there is no common base class with virtual functions. However, all store classes share a common interface. So it's easy to switch between multiple store implementations. To avoid compiler errors, all store classes contain all methods of the common interface. Methods not supported by a specific store class contain the statement `ASSERT (false)`.

Class Declaration

```
class ct_AnyStore
{
public:
    typedef t_UInt      t_Size;
    typedef void *      t_Position;

    void                Swap (ct_AnyStore & co_swap);
    t_UInt              StoreInfoSize ();
    t_UInt              MaxAlloc ();

    t_Position          Alloc (t_Size o_size);
    t_Position          Realloc (t_Position o_pos, t_Size o_size);
    void                Free (t_Position o_pos);

    void *              AddrOf (t_Position o_pos);
    t_Position          PosOf (void * pv_adr);

    t_Size              SizeOf (t_Position o_pos);
    t_Size              RoundedSizeOf (t_Position o_pos);

    bool                CanFreeAll ();
    void                FreeAll ();
};
```

Data Types

```
typedef t_UInt t_Size;
```

The nested type `t_Size` describes the size of memory blocks, examples are `t_UInt`, `t_UInt8`, `t_UInt16` and `t_UInt32`. If `t_Size` is defined as `t_UInt8`, the maximum size of a memory block will be 255 bytes and objects containing size information will require less space.

```
typedef void * t_Position;
```

Store objects use position values to manage their memory blocks, examples are `void *`, `t_UInt`, `t_UInt8`, `t_UInt16` and `t_UInt32`. The position value zero is invalid per definition. The method `AddrOf` returns the memory address of a position value. If the position type is `void *`, the position value may (or may not) be equal to the memory address. Hence, always use the method `AddrOf` for memory access and do not use the position value itself.

Methods

void **Swap** (ct_AnyStore & co_swap);

Swaps the values of the two objects.

t_UInt **StoreInfoSize** ();

Returns the number of bytes for memory management per block. This method is not supported by all store classes.

t_UInt **MaxAlloc** ();

Returns the maximum size of a contiguous memory block.

t_Position **Alloc** (t_Size o_size);

Allocates a contiguous memory block of size `u_size`. Returns zero if `u_size` is zero. On memory overflow reserve handler and overflow handler are called.

t_Position **Realloc** (t_Position o_pos, t_Size o_size);

Reallocates memory block pointed to by `o_pos` to size `u_size`. If `o_pos` is zero, `Realloc` is identical to `Alloc`. If `u_size` is zero, `Realloc` is identical to `Free`. On memory overflow reserve handler and overflow handler are called.

void **Free** (t_Position o_pos);

Frees memory block pointed to by `o_pos`. `o_pos` may be zero.

void * **AddrOf** (t_Position o_pos);

Returns the memory address of position value `o_pos`. If `o_pos` is zero it returns the null pointer.

t_Position **PosOf** (void * pv_adr);

Returns the position value of memory address `pv_adr`. This method is not supported by all store classes.

t_Size **SizeOf** (t_Position o_pos);

Returns exactly the size of the memory block pointed to by `o_pos`. This method is not supported by all store classes.

t_Size **RoundedSizeOf** (t_Position o_pos);

Returns the rounded size of the memory block pointed to by `o_pos`. This method is not supported by all store classes.

bool **CanFreeAll** ();

Returns true if the store class can free all allocated memory blocks.

void **FreeAll** ();

Frees all allocated memory blocks. This method is not supported by all store classes.

1.2.2 Global Stores (tuning/defs.hpp)

Stores are used very differently within the **Spirick Tuning** library. The three dynamic stores (see following sections) are accessed by generated global wrapper classes (using a global store object). For example, in most cases there is no need to create multiple round stores. The parameters of one global round store object may be applied to the entire program.

Numerous class templates take a store class as parameter and create a store instance. For example, every list container allocates the node memory by its own store object. A block list container has a local block store. A normal list container uses a wrapper class to access a global store object.

There are four wrapper classes for each global store object. Each wrapper class has its own `t_Size` data type. All methods of a wrapper class are declared static. They can be called directly (`class::method`, e.g. in `gct_Block`) or by a wrapper object (`object.method`, e.g. in `gct_DList`).

A method of a wrapper class calls the appropriate method of the global store object. If the position value is equal to the memory address, then the `AddrOf` method is implemented inline in the wrapper class.

Each global store object has its own global access function. The global object is created in the first call of the access function. This technique ensures safe access to store objects from constructors of global C++ objects. A global store object may be created directly by a global `Create` function.

Global store objects are not destroyed automatically during program termination. This technique ensures safe access to store objects from destructors of global C++ objects. The destruction of global store objects is not necessary. They manage raw memory blocks, and this memory is released by the OS automatically. A global store object may be destroyed directly by a global `Delete` function.

Note that a heap walker may report the global store objects as memory leaks at the end of the program. This problem can be avoided by explicitly deleting these objects. Please ensure that a global store object is not used after deleting it.

`GLOBAL_STORE_DCLS(t_store, Obj, inl_or_stat)`

This macro appears at the end of the store class definition. `t_store` is the original store class. `Obj` is a small identifier for name generation. Multiple wrapper classes are generated. `inl_or_stat` determines whether the `AddrOf` and `PosOf` methods are implemented inline or static. The macro usage

```
GLOBAL_STORE_DCLS (ct_AnyStore, My, INLINE)
```

contains the following declarations:

```
void CreateMyStore ();
void DeleteMyStore ();
ct_AnyStore * GetMyStore ();
class ct_My_Store;
class ct_My8Store;
class ct_My16Store;
class ct_My32Store;
```

`GLOBAL_STORE_DEFS(t_store, Obj, inl_or_stat)`

This macro appears in the store class implementation file and contains the same parameters as `GLOBAL_STORE_DCLS`. The generated code contains the implementation of the wrapper class methods.

1.2.3 Wrapper Class Example

The entire declaration of the wrapper class `ct_My16Store` read as follows:

```
class ct_My16Store
{
public:
    typedef t_UInt16          t_Size;
    typedef ct_AnyStore::t_Position t_Position;
    typedef ct_AnyStore      t_Store;

    static void          Swap (ct_My16Store &);
    static t_UInt        StoreInfoSize ();
```

```

static t_UInt           MaxAlloc ();
static t_Position      Alloc (t_Size o_size);
static t_Position      Realloc (t_Position o_pos, t_Size o_size);
static void            Free (t_Position o_pos);
static inline void *   AddrOf (t_Position o_pos) { return o_pos; }
static inline t_Position PosOf (void * pv_adr) { return pv_adr; }
static t_Size          SizeOf (t_Position o_pos);
static t_Size          RoundedSizeOf (t_Position o_pos);
static bool            CanFreeAll ();
static void            FreeAll ();
static ct_AnyStore *   GetStore ();
};

```

The macro `GLOBAL_STORE_DEFS` generates three global access functions. For performance reasons, the construction and destruction of global store objects are not thread-safe. These actions should be done at program startup/termination in single-thread mode.

```

static ct_AnyStore * pco_MyStore;
void CreateMyStore ()
{
    if (pco_MyStore == 0)
        pco_MyStore = new ct_AnyStore;
}
void DeleteMyStore ()
{
    if (pco_MyStore != 0)
    {
        delete pco_MyStore;
        pco_MyStore = 0;
    }
}
ct_AnyStore * GetMyStore ()
{
    if (pco_MyStore == 0)
        CreateMyStore ();
    return pco_MyStore;
}

```

The generated definition of `ct_My16Store::Alloc` read as follows:

```

ct_My16Store::t_Position
ct_My16Store::Alloc (t_Size o_size)
{ return GetMyStore ()-> Alloc (o_size); }

```

1.3 Dynamic Stores

1.3.1 Standard Store (tuning/std/store.hpp)

`ct_StdStore` is the simplest store class. The global C functions of the system interface are mapped to the C++ class interface. For example, the `Alloc` method calls the global `t1_Alloc` function.

Class Declaration

```

class ct_StdStore
{
public:
    typedef t_UInt           t_Size;
    typedef void *          t_Position;
    static inline void      Swap (ct_StdStore & co_swap);

```

```

static inline t_UInt    StoreInfoSize ();
static inline t_UInt    MaxAlloc ();

static inline t_Position Alloc (t_Size o_size);
static inline t_Position Realloc (t_Position o_pos, t_Size o_size);
static inline void      Free (t_Position o_pos);

static inline void *    AddrOf (t_Position o_pos);
static inline t_Position PosOf (void * pv_adr);

static inline t_Size    SizeOf (t_Position o_pos);
static inline t_Size    RoundedSizeOf (t_Position o_pos);

static inline bool      CanFreeAll ();
static inline void      FreeAll ();
};

inline ct_StdStore::t_Position ct_StdStore::Alloc (t_Size o_size)
{ return tl_Alloc (o_size); }

```

Special Cases, Wrapper Classes

The following methods are not supported by standard store: `SizeOf`, `RoundedSizeOf` and `FreeAll`. The class `ct_StdStore` relies on the system interface and uses reserve memory. Debugging tools and heap walkers of the C standard library can be used together with `ct_StdStore`.

The following declarations of access functions and wrapper classes are generated in the standard store header file:

```

void CreateStdStore ();
void DeleteStdStore ();
ct_StdStore * GetStdStore ();
class ct_Std_Store;
class ct_Std8Store;
class ct_Std16Store;
class ct_Std32Store;

```

1.3.2 Round Store (tuning/rnd/store.hpp)

`ct_RndStore` uses the system interface like `ct_StdStore`. Additionally, it rounds block sizes before calling global functions. The private method `Round` calculates rounded values.

Class Declaration

```

class ct_RndStore
{
public:
    typedef t_UInt        t_Size;
    typedef void *        t_Position;

    ct_RndStore ();
    void Swap (ct_RndStore & co_swap);

    static inline t_UInt StoreInfoSize ();
    static inline t_UInt MaxAlloc ();

    inline t_Position Alloc (t_Size o_size);
    inline t_Position Realloc (t_Position o_pos, t_Size o_size);
    static inline void Free (t_Position o_pos);

    static inline void * AddrOf (t_Position o_pos);

```

```

static inline t_Position PosOf (void * pv_adr);

static inline t_Size      SizeOf (t_Position o_pos);
static inline t_Size      RoundedSizeOf (t_Position o_pos);

static inline bool        CanFreeAll ();
static inline void        FreeAll ();
};

inline ct_RndStore::t_Position ct_RndStore::Alloc (t_Size o_size)
{ return t1_Alloc (Round (o_size)); }

```

Block size rounding minimizes the number of reallocations and prevents memory fragmentation. Round store rounds block sizes to the next power of two. If the heap utilization is very high, then the chain store should be used.

The efficiency of the round store depends on the C standard library implementation. A rule of thumb is: The round store increases performance in older compiler environments. Newer compilers have their own heap optimizations and will disturb the round store. The chain store always increases the memory management performance.

Special Cases, Wrapper Classes

The following methods are not supported by round store: `SizeOf`, `RoundedSizeOf` and `FreeAll`. The class `ct_RndStore` relies on the system interface and uses reserve memory. Debugging tools and heap walkers of the C standard library can be used together with `ct_RndStore`.

The following declarations of access functions and wrapper classes are generated in the round store header file:

```

void CreateRndStore ();
void DeleteRndStore ();
ct_RndStore * GetRndStore ();
class ct_Rnd_Store;
class ct_Rnd8Store;
class ct_Rnd16Store;
class ct_Rnd32Store;

```

1.3.3 Chain Store (tuning/chn/store.hpp)

The chain store is a significant improvement over the round store. The focus is on programs with heavy heap utilization. `ct_ChnStore` has several optimization techniques to improve performance. The chain store prevents memory fragmentation. In most cases, the total amount of memory will decrease. Furthermore, there are no disadvantages for programs with low heap utilization.

Class Declaration

```

class ct_ChnStore
{
public:
    typedef t_UInt      t_Size;
    typedef void *      t_Position;

                                ct_ChnStore ();
                                ~ct_ChnStore ();
    void                Swap (ct_ChnStore & co_swap);

    static inline t_UInt StoreInfoSize ();
    static inline t_UInt MaxAlloc ();

```

```

t_Position      Alloc (t_Size o_size);
t_Position      Realloc (t_Position o_pos, t_Size o_size);
void            Free (t_Position o_pos);

static inline void * AddrOf (t_Position o_pos);
static inline t_Position PosOf (void * pv_adr);

static inline t_Size      SizeOf (t_Position o_pos);
inline t_Size            RoundedSizeOf (t_Position o_pos);

static bool            CanFreeAll ();
static void            FreeAll ();

unsigned            GetMaxChainExp ();
void                SetMaxChainExp (unsigned u_exp);
t_UInt              GetEntries ();
t_UInt              GetSize ();
t_UInt              QueryAllocEntries ();
t_UInt              QueryAllocSize ();
t_UInt              QueryFreeEntries ();
t_UInt              QueryFreeSize ();
void                FreeUnused ();
};

```

Chain store rounds block sizes like round store to the next power of two. Additionally, `ct_ChnStore` has its own memory management. For each of the few block sizes chain store contains a chain of free memory blocks. If `ct_ChnStore` allocates a new memory block, then it looks into the appropriate chain for a free block. If `ct_ChnStore` frees a memory block, then it puts the block into the appropriate chain.

Chain store uses the first `sizeof (t_UInt)` bytes of the memory block for management information. The methods `SizeOf` and `RoundedSizeOf` are implemented. Furthermore, it is possible to calculate memory usage statistics.

If the application allocates and frees nearly the same amount of memory, then the chain store is very efficient. When a large number of memory blocks are freed, the chain store will contain a large amount of unused memory. In this case, the `FreeUnused` method will give the memory back to the C standard library.

With increasing block sizes the probability of memory fragmentation decreases. Therefore the free chains may be limited by a maximum value. Above this value chain store works like a round store with step divider one (no free chains are used).

`ct_ChnStore` contains additional methods for memory usage statistics. The private attributes are protected against multiple thread access.

Additional Methods

```
unsigned GetMaxChainExp ();
```

Returns the max. exponent for free chains.

```
void SetMaxChainExp (unsigned u_exp);
```

Sets the max. exponent for free chains. Default value is 22 ($2^{22} = 4 \text{ MB}$).

```
t_UInt GetEntries ();
```

Returns the number of used and unused memory blocks.

```
t_UInt GetSize ();
```

Returns the total size of used and unused memory blocks.


```
t_UInt QueryAllocEntries ();
```

Calculates the number of used memory blocks.

```
t_UInt QueryAllocSize ();
```

Calculates the total size of used memory blocks.

```
t_UInt QueryFreeEntries ();
```

Calculates the number of unused memory blocks.

```
t_UInt QueryFreeSize ();
```

Calculates the total size of unused memory blocks.

```
void FreeUnused ();
```

Gives all unused memory blocks back to the C standard library.

Special Cases, Wrapper Classes

The `FreeAll` method is not supported by chain store. The class `ct_ChnStore` relies on the system interface and uses reserve memory. Debugging tools and heap walkers of the C standard library can be used together with `ct_ChnStore`. Notice that free chain blocks appear as used memory and that the first four or eight bytes of memory blocks are used by chain store.

The following declarations of access functions and wrapper classes are generated in the chain store header file:

```
void CreateChnStore ();
void DeleteChnStore ();
ct_ChnStore * GetChnStore ();
class ct_Chn_Store;
class ct_Chn8Store;
class ct_Chn16Store;
class ct_Chn32Store;
```

1.3.4 Global new and delete operators (tuning/newdel.cpp)

The file '`tuning/newdel.cpp`' contains implementations of the global `new` and `delete` operators using the chain store. Sometimes this feature has side effects with other libraries. Therefore it must be explicitly enabled with the `TL_NEWDEL` macro.

```
void * operator new (size_t u_size)
{
    return GetChnStore ()-> Alloc (u_size);
}

void operator delete (void * pv)
{
    GetChnStore ()-> Free (pv);
}

void * operator new [] (size_t u_size)
{
    return GetChnStore ()-> Alloc (u_size);
}

void operator delete [] (void * pv)
{
    GetChnStore ()-> Free (pv);
}
```

1.4 Block

1.4.1 Block Interface

Numerous classes within the **Spirick Tuning** library use dynamic memory blocks to store their data. The block interface is a simple object oriented concept of managing a single memory block. To increase performance there is no common base class with virtual functions. However, all block classes share a common interface. So it's easy to switch between multiple block implementations. Block classes are used as template parameters of strings, arrays and block stores.

Class Declaration

```
class ct_AnyBlock
{
public:
    typedef t_UInt      t_Size;

                                ct_AnyBlock ();
                                ct_AnyBlock (const ct_AnyBlock & co_init);
                                ~ct_AnyBlock ();
    ct_AnyBlock &          operator = (const ct_AnyBlock & co_asgn);
    void                  Swap (ct_AnyBlock & co_swap);

    static t_UInt          GetMaxByteSize ();
    t_Size                 GetByteSize () const;
    void                  SetByteSize (t_Size o_newSize);
    void *                 GetAddr () const;
};
```

Data Types

```
typedef t_UInt t_Size;
```

The nested type `t_Size` describes the size of the memory block, examples are `t_UInt`, `t_UInt8`, `t_UInt16` and `t_UInt32`. If `t_Size` is defined as `t_UInt8`, the maximum size of the memory block will be 255 bytes. An attribute of type `t_Size` will consume one byte.

Constructors, Destructor, Assignment, Swap

Every block class contains a constructor, a copy constructor, a destructor and an assignment operator.

```
ct_AnyBlock ();
```

Initializes an empty block object.

```
ct_AnyBlock (const ct_AnyBlock & co_init);
```

Initializes a block object and copies the input data into its own memory block (deep copy).

```
~ct_AnyBlock ();
```

Releases the allocated memory.

```
ct_AnyBlock & operator = (const ct_AnyBlock & co_asgn);
```

Copies the input data into its own memory block (deep copy).

```
void Swap (ct_AnyBlock & co_swap);
```

Swaps the values of the two objects.

Additional Methods

```
static t_UInt GetMaxByteSize ();
```

Returns the maximum size of the memory block.

```
t_Size GetByteSize () const;
```

Returns the current size of the memory block.

```
void SetByteSize (t_Size o_newSize);
```

Reallocates the memory block to size `o_newSize`.

```
void * GetAddr () const;
```

Returns the memory address of the block or the null pointer if size is zero.

The following sections describe different implementations of the block interface.

1.4.2 Simple Block (tuning/block.h)

The class template `gct_Block` is the standard implementation of the block interface. The implementation consists of the base class `gct_BlockBase`, the block class `gct_Block` and the helper classes `gct_EmptyBaseBlock` and `gct_ObjectBaseBlock`.

Base Class

The block base class contains attributes of the `t_Position` and `t_Size` data types of the corresponding store class. The size of the object depends on these data types. `t_staticStore` must have the common store interface. All methods of `t_staticStore` must be declared static, examples are `ct_Rnd16Store` and `ct_Chn32Store`. The block base class can be used for different purposes:

1. If the `t_Position` and `t_Size` data types have different sizes (e.g. `void *` and `t_UInt16`), then the compiler will insert padding bytes. Note that it is not possible to use padding bytes of a base class in a derived class. For optimal memory utilization base classes should be designed without padding bytes. The sample program `TBlock` contains a modified base class.
2. Sometimes a block class should be derived from a special base class. Therefore the `gct_BlockBase` template contains a `t_base` parameter.

Note that the `Swap` method is declared in the block base class and not in the block class.

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_staticStore, class t_base>
class gct_BlockBase: public t_base
{
public:
    typedef t_staticStore t_StaticStore;
    typedef t_StaticStore::t_Size t_Size;

protected:
    t_StaticStore::t_Position o_Pos;
    t_Size o_Size;
```

```

public:
    inline void          Swap (gct_BlockBase & co_swap);
    inline t_StaticStore::t_Store * GetStore () const;
};

```

Block Class

The template parameter `t_blockBase` must at least contain the same data types, attributes and methods as the `gct_BlockBase` template.

Template Declaration

```

template < class t_blockBase>
class gct_Block: public t_blockBase
{
public:
    typedef t_blockBase::t_Size t_Size;
    typedef t_blockBase::t_StaticStore t_StaticStore;

    inline          gct_Block ();
    inline          gct_Block (const gct_Block & co_init);
    inline          ~gct_Block ();
    inline gct_Block & operator = (const gct_Block & co_asgn);

    static inline t_UInt GetMaxByteSize ();
    inline t_Size      GetByteSize () const;
    inline void        SetByteSize (t_Size o_newSize);
    inline void *      GetAddr () const;
};

```

The methods of `gct_Block` are very simple. The store methods are called directly.

```

template <class t_staticStore>
inline void gct_Block <t_staticStore>::SetByteSize (t_Size o_newSize)
{
    o_Size = o_newSize;
    o_Pos = t_staticStore::Realloc (o_Pos, o_Size);
}

```

Helper Classes

The top-level base class may be `ct_Empty` or `ct_Object`. Two class templates are predefined.

Template Declaration

```

template <class t_staticStore>
class gct_EmptyBaseBlock:
    public gct_Block <gct_BlockBase <t_staticStore, ct_Empty> >
{
};

```

Template Declaration

```

template <class t_staticStore>
class gct_ObjectBaseBlock:
    public gct_Block <gct_BlockBase <t_staticStore, ct_Object> >
{
};

```

1.4.3 Mini Block (tuning/miniblock.h)

A `gct_Block` object contains a size and a position attribute. If the store class supports the `SizeOf` method, then the size attribute is redundant. The `gct_Miniblock` template uses the `SizeOf` method instead of a size attribute. The implementation consists of the base class `gct_MiniblockBase`, the block class `gct_Miniblock` and the helper classes `gct_EmptyBaseMiniblock` and `gct_ObjectBaseMiniblock`.

Base Class

The class template `gct_MiniblockBase` is similar to `gct_BlockBase` (see above).

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_staticStore, class t_base>
class gct_MiniblockBase: public t_base
{
public:
    typedef t_staticStore t_StaticStore;
    typedef t_StaticStore::t_Size t_Size;

protected:
    t_StaticStore::t_Position o_Pos;

public:
    inline void          Swap (gct_MiniblockBase & co_swap);
    inline t_StaticStore::t_Store * GetStore () const;
};
```

Block Class

The template parameter `t_blockBase` must at least contain the same data types, attributes and methods as the `gct_MiniblockBase` template.

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_blockBase>
class gct_Miniblock: public t_blockBase
{
public:
    typedef t_blockBase::t_Size t_Size;
    typedef t_blockBase::t_StaticStore t_StaticStore;

    inline          gct_Miniblock ();
    inline          gct_Miniblock (const gct_Miniblock & co_init);
    inline          ~gct_Miniblock ();
    inline gct_Miniblock & operator = (const gct_Miniblock & co_asgn);

    static inline t_UInt GetMaxByteSize ();
    inline t_Size      GetByteSize () const;
    inline void        SetByteSize (t_Size o_newSize);
    inline void *      GetAddr () const;
};
```

A mini block object consumes less memory than a block object. Note that some methods are slightly slower than the corresponding block methods.

```
template <class t_blockBase>
inline gct_Miniblock <t_blockBase>::t_Size
gct_Miniblock <t_blockBase>::GetByteSize () const
{
    return (t_Size) t_staticStore::SizeOf (o_Pos);
}
```

```
}
```

Helper Classes

The top-level base class may be `ct_Empty` or `ct_Object`. Two class templates are predefined.

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_staticStore>
class gct_EmptyBaseMiniBlock:
public gct_MiniBlock <gct_MiniBlockBase <t_staticStore, ct_Empty> >
{
};
```

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_staticStore>
class gct_ObjectBaseMiniBlock:
public gct_MiniBlock <gct_MiniBlockBase <t_staticStore, ct_Object> >
{
};
```

1.4.4 Reserve Block (tuning/resblock.h)

The class template `gct_ResBlock` is similar to `gct_Block`. In addition to the current size of the block, a reserve block contains a minimum size parameter. In some use cases the number of reallocations can be reduced by using the minimum size. The implementation consists of the base class `gct_ResBlockBase`, the block class `gct_ResBlock` and the helper classes `gct_EmptyBaseResBlock` and `gct_ObjectBaseResBlock`.

Base Class

The class template `gct_ResBlockBase` is similar to `gct_BlockBase` (see above).

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_staticStore, class t_base>
class gct_ResBlockBase: public t_base
{
public:
typedef t_staticStore t_StaticStore;
typedef t_StaticStore::t_Size t_Size;

protected:
t_StaticStore::t_Position o_Pos;
t_Size o_Size;
t_Size o_MinSize;

public:
inline void Swap (gct_ResBlockBase & co_swap);
inline t_StaticStore::t_Store * GetStore () const;
};
```

Block Class

The template parameter `t_blockBase` must at least contain the same data types, attributes and methods as the `gct_ResBlockBase` template.

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_blockBase>
class gct_ResBlock: public t_blockBase
{
public:
    typedef t_blockBase::t_Size t_Size;
    typedef t_blockBase::t_StaticStore t_StaticStore;

    inline          gct_ResBlock ();
    inline          gct_ResBlock (const gct_ResBlock & co_init);
    inline          ~gct_ResBlock ();
    inline gct_ResBlock & operator = (const gct_ResBlock & co_asgn);

    static inline t_UInt GetMaxByteSize ();
    inline t_Size      GetByteSize () const;
    inline void        SetByteSize (t_Size o_newSize);
    inline void *      GetAddr () const;

    inline t_Size      GetMinByteSize () const;
    inline t_Size      GetAllocByteSize () const;
    inline void        SetMinByteSize (t_Size o_newSize);
};
```

Additional Methods

t_Size **GetMinByteSize** () const;

Returns the minimum size of the block.

t_Size **GetAllocByteSize** () const;

Returns the currently allocated size of the block.

void **SetMinByteSize** (t_Size o_newSize);

Sets the minimum size of the block to o_newSize.

Helper Classes

The top-level base class may be ct_Empty or ct_Object. Two class templates are predefined.

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_staticStore>
class gct_EmptyBaseResBlock:
    public gct_ResBlock <gct_ResBlockBase <t_staticStore, ct_Empty> >
{
};
```

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_staticStore>
class gct_ObjectBaseResBlock:
    public gct_ResBlock <gct_ResBlockBase <t_staticStore, ct_Object> >
{
};
```

1.4.5 Fixed Sized Block (tuning/fixblock.h)

The `gct_FixBlock` template eliminates the overhead of dynamic memory management. It is useful for block sizes from zero to 50 bytes. The block size is limited to a constant value. A `gct_FixBlock` object does not allocate dynamic memory. It contains a fixed sized byte array.

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_size, t_UInt u_fixSize>
class gct_FixBlock
{
public:
    typedef t_size      t_Size;

protected:
    t_Size              o_Size;
    char                ac_Block [u_fixSize];

public:
    inline              gct_FixBlock ();
    inline              gct_FixBlock (const gct_FixBlock & co_init);
    inline gct_FixBlock & operator = (const gct_FixBlock & co_asgn);
    void                Swap (gct_FixBlock & co_swap);

    static inline t_UInt GetMaxByteSize ();
    inline t_Size       GetByteSize () const;
    inline void         SetByteSize (t_Size o_newSize);
    inline void *       GetAddr () const;
};
```

Note that the alignment of the internal char array depends on the `t_size` parameter.

1.4.6 Null Data Block (tuning/nulldatablock.h)

A null-terminated string consumes memory even if it is empty (for the null character). Due to rounding of block sizes and memory management overhead, 8 or 16 bytes are consumed. In some use cases this may lead to a significant amount of memory. The class template `gct_NullDataBlock` uses a static allocated null-value object. If the block size is 1, then no dynamic memory is allocated.

The template parameter `t_block` must contain the block interface.

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_block, class t_null>
class gct_NullDataBlock: public t_block
{
public:
    typedef t_block::t_Size t_Size;

private:
    static t_null          o_NullData;

public:
    inline t_Size         GetByteSize () const;
    inline void          SetByteSize (t_Size o_newSize);
    inline void *        GetAddr () const;
};
```

Note that the last character of the block must contain the null value, no other values are allowed.

1.4.7 Character Block (tuning/charblock.h)

The class template `gct_CharBlock` is an extension of the common block interface. It contains several useful methods. The common block is the base class of the character block. The template parameter `t_char` may be `char` or `wchar_t`. To avoid any possibility of confusion, byte-oriented methods are declared private.

Base Class

`ct_AnyBlock` (see above 'Block Interface')

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_block, class t_char>
class gct_CharBlock: public t_block
{
public:
    inline t_Size      GetMaxCharSize () const;
    inline t_Size      GetCharSize () const;
    inline void        SetCharSize (t_Size o_size);
    inline void        IncCharSize (t_Size o_inc);
    inline void        DecCharSize (t_Size o_dec);
    inline t_char *    GetRawAddr () const;
    inline t_char *    GetRawAddr (t_Size o_pos) const;
    inline t_char *    GetCharAddr () const;
    inline t_char *    GetCharAddr (t_Size o_pos) const;

    t_char *          AppendChars (t_Size o_len);
    t_char *          InsertChars (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_count);
    t_char *          DeleteChars (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_count);
    inline t_char *    FillChars (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_count, t_char c_fill = (t_char) 0);

    inline void        AssignChars (const t_char * pc_asgn, t_Size o_len);
    inline void        AppendChars (const t_char * pc_app, t_Size o_len);
    inline void        InsertChars (t_Size o_pos, const t_char * pc_ins, t_Size o_len);
    void               ReplaceChars (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_delLen,
                                    const t_char * pc_ins, t_Size o_insLen);

    inline t_Size      GetDefaultPageSize () const;
    inline void        AlignPageSize (t_Size o_itemSize, t_Size o_pageSize);
};
```

Methods

`t_Size GetMaxCharSize ()`;

Returns the maximum character size of the memory block.

`t_Size GetCharSize () const`;

Returns the current character size of the memory block.

`void SetCharSize (t_Size o_size)`;

Reallocates the memory block to `o_size` characters.

`void IncCharSize (t_Size o_inc)`;

Increases block size by `o_inc` characters.

`void DecCharSize (t_Size o_dec)`;

Decreases block size by `o_dec` characters. `o_dec` must be less than or equal to `GetCharSize ()`.

`t_char * GetRawAddr () const;`

Returns the memory address of the block or the null pointer if size is zero.

`t_char * GetRawAddr (t_Size o_pos) const;`

Returns the memory address of the character at position `o_pos`. `o_pos` must be less than or equal to `GetCharSize ()`.

`t_char * GetCharAddr () const;`

Returns the memory address of the block. Size must be greater than zero.

`t_char * GetCharAddr (t_Size o_pos) const;`

Returns the memory address of the character at position `o_pos`. `o_pos` must be less than `GetCharSize ()`.

`t_char * AppendChars (t_Size o_len);`

Increases block size by `o_len` characters. Returns the memory address of the character at position `GetCharSize () - o_len`.

`t_char * InsertChars (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_len);`

Increases block size by `o_len` characters and moves memory from position `o_pos` to position `o_pos + o_len`. Returns the memory address of the character at position `o_pos`.

`t_char * DeleteChars (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_len);`

Moves memory from position `o_pos + o_len` to position `o_pos` and decreases block size by `o_len` characters. Returns the memory address of the character at position `o_pos`.

`t_char * FillChars (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_len, t_char c_fill = (t_char) 0);`

Sets `o_len` characters at position `o_pos` to the character `c_fill`. Returns the memory address of the character at position `o_pos`.

`void AssignChars (const t_char * pc_asgn, t_Size o_len);`

Reallocates the memory block to `o_len` characters and copies the first `o_len` characters from `pc_asgn` to the memory block.

`void AppendChars (const t_char * pc_app, t_Size o_len);`

Increases block size by `o_len` characters and copies the first `o_len` characters from `pc_app` to position `GetCharSize () - o_len`.

`void InsertChars (t_Size o_pos, const t_char * pc_ins, t_Size o_len);`

Increases block size by `o_len` characters, moves memory from position `o_pos` to position `o_pos + o_len` and copies the first `o_len` characters from `pc_ins` to position `o_pos`.

`void ReplaceChars (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_delLen, const t_char * pc_ins, t_Size o_insLen);`

Replaces `o_delLen` characters at position `o_pos` by the first `o_insLen` characters from `pc_ins`. Block size may be changed.

`t_Size GetDefaultPageSize () const;`

`void AlignPageSize (t_Size o_itemSize, t_Size o_pageSize);`

These methods make `gct_CharBlock` compatible with the page block interface.

1.4.8 Item Block (tuning/itemblock.h)

The class template `gct_ItemBlock` is similar to `gct_CharBlock`, but instead of a char type parameter, an arbitrary item size parameter is used. The implementation consists of the item block class `gct_ItemBlock`

and the helper classes `gct_VarItemBlock` and `gct_FixItemBlock`. To avoid any possibility of confusion, byte-oriented methods are declared `private`.

Base Class

`ct_AnyBlock` (see above 'Block Interface')

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_block>
class gct_ItemBlock: public t_block
{
public:
    inline t_Size      GetFixSize () const;
    inline t_Size      GetMaxItemSize () const;
    inline t_Size      GetItemSize () const;
    inline void        SetItemSize (t_Size o_size);
    inline void        IncItemSize1 ();
    inline void        DecItemSize1 ();
    inline void        IncItemSize (t_Size o_inc);
    inline void        DecItemSize (t_Size o_dec);
    inline void *      GetItemAddr (t_Size o_pos) const;

    void *             AppendItems (t_Size o_count);
    void *             InsertItems (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_count);
    void *             DeleteItems (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_count);

    inline t_Size      GetDefaultPageSize () const;
    inline void        AlignPageSize (t_Size o_fixSize, t_Size o_pageSize);
};
```

Methods

`t_Size GetFixSize () const;`

Returns the byte size of a single item.

`t_Size GetMaxItemSize () const;`

Returns the maximum item size of the memory block.

`t_Size GetItemSize () const;`

Returns the current item size of the memory block.

`void SetItemSize (t_Size o_size) const;`

Reallocates the memory block to `o_size` items.

`void IncItemSize1 ();`

Increases block size by 1 item.

`void DecItemSize1 ();`

Decreases block size by 1 item.

`void IncItemSize (t_Size o_inc);`

Increases block size by `o_inc` items.

`void DecItemSize (t_Size o_dec);`

Decreases block size by `o_dec` items. `o_dec` must be less than or equal to `GetItemSize ()`.

```
void * GetItemAddr (t_Size o_pos) const;
```

Returns the memory address of the item at position `o_pos`. `o_pos` must be less than `GetItemSize ()`.

```
void * AppendItems (t_Size o_count);
```

Increases block size by `o_count` items. Returns the memory address of the first new item at the end of the block.

```
void * InsertItems (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_count);
```

Increases block size by `o_count` items and moves memory from position `o_pos` to position `o_pos + o_count`. Returns the memory address of the item at position `o_pos`.

```
void * DeleteItems (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_count);
```

Moves memory from position `o_pos + o_count` to position `o_pos` and decreases block size by `o_count` items. Returns the memory address of the item at position `o_pos`.

```
t_Size GetDefaultPageSize () const;
```

```
void AlignPageSize (t_Size o_itemSize, t_Size o_pageSize);
```

These methods make `gct_ItemBlock` compatible with the page block interface.

Helper Classes

The item size can be configured at compile time or at runtime. The class template `gct_VarItemBlock` enables runtime configuration by using the method `AlignPageSize`. A typical use case is the block store.

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_block>
class gct_VarItemBlock:
    public gct_ItemBlock <gct_VarItemBlockBase <t_block> >
{
};
```

The class template `gct_FixItemBlock` contains the parameter `o_itemSize` for compile time configuration. A typical use case is the array container.

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_block, t_UInt o_itemSize>
class gct_FixItemBlock:
    public gct_ItemBlock <gct_FixItemBlockBase <t_block, o_itemSize> >
{
};
```

1.4.9 Page Block (tuning/pageblock.hpp)

A page block uses equal-sized memory pages instead of a continuous memory block. This concept provides the following advantages:

1. Lower number of memory allocations and releases.
2. Lower memory fragmentation.
3. No memory copying while changing the block size.
4. All memory addresses remain valid while changing the block size.

This special implementation uses a class with virtual functions instead of template parameters. The page block uses a helper block for managing pointers to the pages. Different store classes can be used for the management block and the data pages.

The size of the pointer management block may be fixed or variable. If the size is fixed, then no mutex is required for the methods `GetCharAddr` and `GetItemAddr` in a multi-threaded environment. Note that a fixed sized management block leads to a maximum size of the entire page block.

The implementation of the page block consists of the base class `gct_PageBlockBase` with some virtual methods and the derived class `ct_PageBlock` with access to two store objects. The page block class contains some common block methods and additionally also the methods of `gct_CharBlock` and `gct_ItemBlock`.

Note that the memory location of a single item must not overlap a page boundary. Therefore the page block must be initialized with the method `AlignPageSize` while the size is zero.

Class Declaration

```
class ct_PageBlockBase
{
public:
    typedef t_UInt      t_Size;

protected:
    void                SetByteSize0 ();
    virtual void *     AllocPtr (t_Size o_size) = 0;
    virtual void *     ReallocPtr (void * pv_mem, t_Size o_size) = 0;
    virtual void *     AllocData (t_Size o_size) = 0;
    virtual void       FreeData (void * pv_mem) = 0;
    virtual void       LastPageWarning () { }
    virtual void       LastPageError () { }

public:
    // Block
        ct_PageBlockBase ();
    inline ct_PageBlockBase (const ct_PageBlockBase & co_init);
    virtual ~ct_PageBlockBase () { }
    inline ct_PageBlockBase & operator = (const ct_PageBlockBase & co_asgn);
    void Swap (ct_PageBlockBase & co_swap);

    // CharBlock
    inline t_Size      GetMaxCharSize () const;
    inline t_Size      GetCharSize () const;
    inline void        SetCharSize (t_Size o_size);
    inline void        IncCharSize (t_Size o_inc);
    inline void        DecCharSize (t_Size o_dec);
    inline char *      GetRawAddr () const;
    inline char *      GetRawAddr (t_Size o_pos) const;
    inline char *      GetCharAddr () const;
    inline char *      GetCharAddr (t_Size o_pos) const;

    char *             AppendChars (t_Size o_count);
    char *             InsertChars (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_count);
    char *             DeleteChars (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_count);
    char *             FillChars (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_count,
        char c_fill = '\0');

    // ItemBlock
    inline t_Size      GetFixSize () const;
    inline t_Size      GetMaxItemSize () const;
    inline t_Size      GetItemSize () const;
    inline void        SetItemSize (t_Size o_size);
    inline void        IncItemSize1 ();
    inline void        DecItemSize1 ();
    inline void        IncItemSize (t_Size o_inc);
    inline void        DecItemSize (t_Size o_dec);
    inline void *      GetItemAddr (t_Size o_pos) const;
```

```

inline void *      AppendItems (t_Size o_count);
inline void *      InsertItems (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_count);
inline void *      DeleteItems (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_count);

// PageBlock only Methods
inline t_Size      GetDefaultPageSize () const;
inline t_Size      GetFixPagePtrs () const;
void              SetFixPagePtrs (t_Size o_ptr);
void              AlignPageSize (t_Size o_fixSize, t_Size o_pageSize);
inline t_Size      GetPageSize () const;
inline t_Size      GetRoundedSize () const;
};

```

Additional Methods

```
void LastPageWarning ();
```

This virtual method will be called if the pointer management block is fixed sized and the last data page was allocated. This implies that only a single data page is available.

```
void LastPageError ();
```

This virtual method will be called if the pointer management block is fixed sized and the last data page does not contain any more free space.

The behaviour of this method is similar to the overflow handler (see above `t1_SetOverflowHandler`). This method must not throw C++ exceptions. Exceptions from `LastPageError` are not handled by the library and lead to inconsistent objects. Afterwards the program is terminated by the function `t1_EndProcess`.

```
t_Size GetDefaultPageSize () const;
```

Returns a default value for the size of a data page.

```
t_Size GetFixPagePtrs () const;
```

Returns the number of pointers in the management block (i.e. the max. number of data pages). The return value zero means that the size of the management block is variable.

```
void SetFixPagePtrs (t_Size o_ptr);
```

Sets the number of pointers in the management block (i.e. the max. number of data pages) to `o_ptr`. While calling this method, the block size must be zero.

```
void AlignPageSize (t_Size o_fixSize, t_Size o_pageSize);
```

The size of data pages is calculated so that it is a multiple of `o_fixSize` and greater than or equal to `o_pageSize`. While calling this method, the block size must be zero.

```
t_Size GetPageSize () const;
```

Returns the size of a data page.

```
t_Size GetRoundedSize () const;
```

Returns the product of the page size and the number of pages.

Class Declaration

```

class ct_PageBlock: public ct_PageBlockBase
{
protected:
    virtual void *      AllocPtr (t_Size o_size);
    virtual void *      ReallocPtr (void * pv_mem, t_Size o_size);
    virtual void *      AllocData (t_Size o_size);
    virtual void        FreeData (void * pv_mem);
};

```

```
public:
    ~ct_PageBlock ();
};
```

Methods

```
void * AllocPtr (t_Size o_size);
```

Allocate memory for the pointer management block.

```
void * ReallocPtr (void * pv_mem, t_Size o_size);
```

Reallocate memory for the pointer management block.

```
void * AllocData (t_Size o_size);
```

Allocate a single data page.

```
void FreeData (void * pv_mem);
```

Release a single data page.

```
~ct_PageBlock ();
```

Within the destructor of the derived class all memory must be released. The destructor of the base class has no access to the virtual methods implemented in the derived class.

1.4.10 Block Instances (tuning/xxx/block.h)

Some template instances are predefined to easily use the block interface. The macro `BLOCK_DCLS(Obj)` generates for each wrapper class of a global store one block class.

The macro

```
BLOCK_DCLS (Any)
```

expands to:

```
class ct_Any_Block:
    public gct_EmptyBaseBlock <ct_Any_Store> { };
class ct_Any8Block:
    public gct_EmptyBaseBlock <ct_Any8Store> { };
class ct_Any16Block:
    public gct_EmptyBaseBlock <ct_Any16Store> { };
class ct_Any32Block:
    public gct_EmptyBaseBlock <ct_Any32Store> { };
```

Every directory of a global store contains a file `'block.h'`.

The file `'tuning/std/block.h'` contains the following declarations:

```
class ct_Std_Block;
class ct_Std8Block;
class ct_Std16Block;
class ct_Std32Block;
```

The file `'tuning/rnd/block.h'` contains the following declarations:

```
class ct_Rnd_Block;
class ct_Rnd8Block;
class ct_Rnd16Block;
class ct_Rnd32Block;
```

The file 'tuning/chn/block.h' contains the following declarations:

```
class ct_Chn_Block;  
class ct_Chn8Block;  
class ct_Chn16Block;  
class ct_Chn32Block;
```

1.5 Special Stores

1.5.1 Block Store (tuning/blockstore.h)

A block store uses an item block (see above 'Item Block') for compact storage of smaller, equal-sized memory blocks. The rounding and management overhead of a dynamic memory management is significantly reduced. Typical use cases are list containers. All nodes of a list container have the same size.

The first template parameter `t_itemBlock` must at least contain the item block interface, e.g. `gct_VarItemBlock <ct_Chn16Block>` or `ct_PageBlock`. The second template parameter `t_charBlock` must at least contain the character block interface, e.g. `gct_CharBlock <ct_Chn32Block, char>`. It is used for temporary data inside of the method `FreeUnused`.

Base Class

`t_itemBlock` (see above 'Item Block')

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_itemBlock, class t_charBlock>  
class gct_BlockStore: public t_itemBlock  
{  
public:  
    typedef t_itemBlock::t_Size t_Size;  
    typedef t_itemBlock::t_Position t_Position;  
  
    inline gct_BlockStore ();  
  
    inline t_UInt StoreInfoSize () const;  
    inline t_UInt MaxAlloc () const;  
  
    t_Position Alloc (t_Size o_size);  
    t_Position Realloc (t_Position o_pos, t_Size o_size);  
    void Free (t_Position o_pos);  
  
    inline void * AddrOf (t_Position o_pos) const;  
    inline t_Position PosOf (void * pv_adr) const;  
  
    inline t_Size SizeOf (t_Position o_pos) const;  
    inline t_Size RoundedSizeOf (t_Position o_pos) const;  
  
    inline bool CanFreeAll () const;  
    inline void FreeAll ();  
  
    void SetSortedFree (bool b);  
    void SetPageSize (t_Size o_size);  
    inline t_Position LastIdx () const;  
    inline bool HasFree () const;  
    void FreeUnused ();  
};
```


Size and position data types of a block store are the same as in the base class. Position values are indices beginning with 1, 2, 3 etc. The position value zero is invalid per definition (see above 'Store Interface').

Note that the memory addresses of block store entries can change if the size of the underlying item block changes i.e. if the block store methods `Alloc`, `Realloc` or `Free` are called. Note also that the memory addresses of block store entries remain valid if the parameter `t_itemBlock` equals `ct_PageBlock`.

The block store implementation uses two different algorithms to manage the internal list of free blocks. Algorithm 1 is optimized for speed, it uses an unsorted list. Algorithm 2 is optimized for size, it uses an sorted list. By default, algorithm 1 is active. The method `FreeUnused` sorts the list of free blocks and tries to reduce the size of the underlying item block. The method `SetSortedFree` can be used to switch between algorithm 1 and 2.

The class template `gct_BlockStore` does not support the `SizeOf` method. The item size is calculated in the first call of `Alloc` or `Realloc`. In subsequent calls of `Alloc` or `Realloc`, the requested size must be less than or equal to the item size.

Additional Methods

`void SetSortedFree (bool b);`

Select an algorithm for internal free list management.

`void SetPageSize (t_Size o_size);`

If the parameter `t_itemBlock` equals `ct_PageBlock`, then this method sets the page size of the underlying page block.

`t_Position LastIdx () const;`

Returns the maximum position value (allocated or free) or zero, if the block store is empty.

`bool HasFree () const;`

Returns true, if the internal free list contains at least one element.

`void FreeUnused ();`

Sorts the list of free blocks and tries to reduce the size of the underlying item block.

1.5.2 Block Store Instances (tuning/xxx/blockstore.h)

Some template instances are predefined to easily use the block store interface. The macro `BLOCK_STORE_DCLS(Obj)` generates for each wrapper class of a global store one block store class.

The macro

```
BLOCK_STORE_DCLS (Any)
```

expands to:

```
class ct_Any_BlockStore:
  public gct_BlockStore <gct_VarItemBlock <ct_Any_Block>, gct_CharBlock <ct_Any_Block, char> > { };
class ct_Any8BlockStore:
  public gct_BlockStore <gct_VarItemBlock <ct_Any8Block>, gct_CharBlock <ct_Any8Block, char> > { };
class ct_Any16BlockStore:
  public gct_BlockStore <gct_VarItemBlock <ct_Any16Block>, gct_CharBlock <ct_Any16Block, char> > { };
class ct_Any32BlockStore:
  public gct_BlockStore <gct_VarItemBlock <ct_Any32Block>, gct_CharBlock <ct_Any32Block, char> > { };
```

Every directory of a global store contains a file 'blockstore.h'.

The file 'tuning/std/blockstore.h' contains the following declarations:

```
class ct_Std_BlockStore;  
class ct_Std8BBlockStore;  
class ct_Std16BBlockStore;  
class ct_Std32BBlockStore;
```

The file 'tuning/rnd/blockstore.h' contains the following declarations:

```
class ct_Rnd_BlockStore;  
class ct_Rnd8BBlockStore;  
class ct_Rnd16BBlockStore;  
class ct_Rnd32BBlockStore;
```

The file 'tuning/chn/blockstore.h' contains the following declarations:

```
class ct_Chn_BlockStore;  
class ct_Chn8BBlockStore;  
class ct_Chn16BBlockStore;  
class ct_Chn32BBlockStore;
```

1.5.3 Reference Counter (tuning/refcount.hpp)

ct_RefCount is a class containing a reference counter and a boolean value. It is used by ref-stores.

Class Declaration

```
typedef t_UInt32 t_RefCount;  
  
class ct_RefCount  
{  
public:  
    inline ct_RefCount ();  
    inline void Initialize ();  
  
    inline t_RefCount GetRef () const;  
    inline void IncRef ();  
    inline void DecRef ();  
  
    inline bool IsAlloc () const;  
    inline void SetAlloc ();  
    inline bool IsFree () const;  
    inline void SetFree ();  
    inline bool IsNull () const;  
};
```

Data Types

```
typedef t_UInt32 t_RefCount;
```

This is the numeric reference counter type.

Methods

```
ct_RefCount ();
```

Sets the reference counter to zero and the alloc flag to true.

```
void Initialize ();
```

Sets the reference counter to zero and the alloc flag to true.

```
t_RefCount GetRef () const;
```

Returns the numeric reference counter.

```
void IncRef ();
```

Increases the reference counter by 1.

```
void DecRef ();
```

Decreases the reference counter by 1.

```
bool IsAlloc () const;
```

Returns the alloc flag.

```
void SetAlloc ();
```

Sets the alloc flag.

```
bool IsFree () const;
```

Returns true, if the alloc flag is not set.

```
void SetFree ();
```

Clears the alloc flag.

```
bool IsNull () const;
```

Returns true, if the reference counter equals zero and the alloc flag is not set.

1.5.4 Ref-Store (tuning/refstore.h)

A ref-store enhances an existing store class with reference counting. Each single memory block is associated with a reference counter. The reference counters can be used directly or indirectly by special classes, e.g. smart pointers.

Note that the reference counter is associated with the memory block and not with its contents, e.g. a C++ object. Deleting a C++ object and releasing the corresponding memory are two distinct steps. The C++ object can be deleted by its owner, and the corresponding memory block can be released by the reference counter. If a C++ object is deleted and the reference counter is greater than zero, then all smart pointers remain valid, but access to the C++ object is not allowed. In this way isolated islands in complex, reference counting based data structures can be avoided.

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_store>
class gct_RefStore
{
public:
    typedef t_store::t_Size    t_Size;
    typedef t_store::t_Position t_Position;

    void                Swap (gct_RefStore & co_swap);
    inline t_UInt       StoreInfoSize () const;
    inline t_UInt       MaxAlloc () const;

    t_Position          Alloc (t_Size o_size);
    t_Position          Realloc (t_Position o_pos, t_Size o_size);
```

```

inline void      Free (t_Position o_pos);

inline void *    AddrOf (t_Position o_pos) const;
inline t_Position PosOf (void * pv_adr) const;

inline t_Size    SizeOf (t_Position o_pos) const;
inline t_Size    RoundedSizeOf (t_Position o_pos) const;

inline bool      CanFreeAll () const;
inline void      FreeAll ();

inline void      IncRef (t_Position o_pos);
inline void      DecRef (t_Position o_pos);
inline t_RefCount GetRef (t_Position o_pos) const;
inline bool      IsAlloc (t_Position o_pos) const;
inline bool      IsFree (t_Position o_pos) const;

inline t_store * GetStore ();
};

```

A ref-store passes allocation requests to the underlying store object. The block size is increased by the size of the `ct_RefCount` object, and the `ct_RefCount` object is initialized. The reference counter can be changed by the ref-store methods `IncRef` and `DecRef`.

If a memory block is released by the ref-store method `Free`, then the `alloc` flag of the corresponding `ct_RefCount` object is cleared. If additionally the reference counter equals zero, the block is released by the underlying store object. Otherwise the reference counter can be changed by the ref-store methods `IncRef` and `DecRef`, but access to the memory by calling the method `AddrOf` is not allowed. If the reference counter becomes zero, the block is released by the underlying store object.

The class template `gct_RefStore` does not support the `FreeAll` method.

Additional Methods

```
void IncRef (t_Position o_pos);
```

Increases the reference counter at position `o_pos` by 1.

```
void DecRef (t_Position o_pos);
```

Decreases the reference counter at position `o_pos` by 1.

```
t_RefCount GetRef (t_Position o_pos) const;
```

Returns the numeric reference counter at position `o_pos`.

```
bool IsAlloc (t_Position o_pos) const;
```

Returns the `alloc` flag of position value `o_pos`.

```
bool IsFree (t_Position o_pos) const;
```

Returns `true`, if the `alloc` flag of position value `o_pos` is not set.

```
t_store * GetStore ();
```

Returns a pointer to the underlying store object.

1.5.5 Ref-Store Instances (tuning/xxx/refstore.h)

Some template instances are predefined to easily use the ref-store interface. The macro `REF_STORE_DCLS(Obj)` generates for each wrapper class of a global store one ref-store class.

The macro

REF_STORE_DCLS (Any)

expands to:

```
class ct_Any_RefStore:
  public gct_RefStore <ct_Any_Store> { };
class ct_Any8RefStore:
  public gct_RefStore <ct_Any8Store> { };
class ct_Any16RefStore:
  public gct_RefStore <ct_Any16Store> { };
class ct_Any32RefStore:
  public gct_RefStore <ct_Any32Store> { };
```

Every directory of a global store contains a file 'refstore.h'.

The file 'tuning/std/refstore.h' contains the following declarations:

```
class ct_Std_RefStore;
class ct_Std8RefStore;
class ct_Std16RefStore;
class ct_Std32RefStore;
```

The file 'tuning/rnd/refstore.h' contains the following declarations:

```
class ct_Rnd_RefStore;
class ct_Rnd8RefStore;
class ct_Rnd16RefStore;
class ct_Rnd32RefStore;
```

The file 'tuning/chn/refstore.h' contains the following declarations:

```
class ct_Chn_RefStore;
class ct_Chn8RefStore;
class ct_Chn16RefStore;
class ct_Chn32RefStore;
```

1.5.6 Block-Ref-Store Instances (tuning/xxx/blockrefstore.h)

A block-ref-store is a ref-store enhancement of a block store.

Some template instances are predefined to easily use block-ref-stores. The macro BLOCKREF_STORE_DCLS(Obj) generates for each wrapper class of a global store one block-ref-store class.

The macro

BLOCKREF_STORE_DCLS (Any)

expands to:

```
class ct_Any_BlockRefStore:
  public gct_RefStore <ct_Any_BlockStore> { };
class ct_Any8BlockRefStore:
  public gct_RefStore <ct_Any8BlockStore> { };
class ct_Any16BlockRefStore:
  public gct_RefStore <ct_Any16BlockStore> { };
class ct_Any32BlockRefStore:
  public gct_RefStore <ct_Any32BlockStore> { };
```

Every directory of a global store contains a file 'blockrefstore.h'.

The file 'tuning/std/blockrefstore.h' contains the following declarations:

```
class ct_Std_BlockRefStore;
class ct_Std8BBlockRefStore;
class ct_Std16BBlockRefStore;
class ct_Std32BBlockRefStore;
```

The file 'tuning/rnd/blockrefstore.h' contains the following declarations:

```
class ct_Rnd_BlockRefStore;
class ct_Rnd8BBlockRefStore;
class ct_Rnd16BBlockRefStore;
class ct_Rnd32BBlockRefStore;
```

The file 'tuning/chn/blockrefstore.h' contains the following declarations:

```
class ct_Chn_BlockRefStore;
class ct_Chn8BBlockRefStore;
class ct_Chn16BBlockRefStore;
class ct_Chn32BBlockRefStore;
```

1.5.7 Pack Store (tuning/packstore.hpp)

A pack store is optimized for many successive memory allocations which can be released in a single step. Typical use cases are temporary data inside of a complex calculation.

The internal memory layout algorithm is very simple. A pack store uses successively the space of a data page. Memory requests may have an arbitrary size. If the remaining space of the data page is too small for a new memory request, a new data page is used. If the size of a memory request is greater than a configurable minimum size, the new memory block uses its own data page.

Reallocation and release of single memory blocks are not implemented. However, a pack store can release the entire memory by calling the method `FreeAll`. If `b_keepPage` equals `true`, the first data page is not released.

This special implementation uses a class with virtual functions instead of template parameters. The pack store uses a helper block for managing pointers to the pages. Different store classes can be used for the management block and the data pages.

The implementation of the pack store consists of the base class `ct_PackStoreBase` with some virtual methods and the derived class `ct_PackStore` with access to two store objects.

Class Declaration

```
class ct_PackStoreBase
{
public:
    typedef t_UInt          t_Size;
    typedef void *         t_Position;

protected:
    virtual void *         ReallocPtr (void * pv_mem, t_Size o_size) = 0;
    virtual t_UInt         MaxDataAlloc () const = 0;
    virtual void *         AllocData (t_Size o_size) = 0;
    virtual void           FreeData (void * pv_mem) = 0;

public:
    ct_PackStoreBase ();
    virtual ~ct_PackStoreBase () { }
    void Swap (ct_PackStoreBase & co_swap);
```

```

static inline t_UInt    StoreInfoSize ();
inline t_UInt          MaxAlloc ();

t_Position             Alloc (t_Size o_size);
t_Position             Realloc (t_Position o_pos, t_Size o_size);
void                  Free (t_Position o_pos);

static inline void *   AddrOf (t_Position o_pos);
static inline t_Position PosOf (void * pv_adr);

t_Size                SizeOf (t_Position o_pos);
t_Size                RoundedSizeOf (t_Position o_pos);

bool                  CanFreeAll ();
void                  FreeAll (bool b_keepPage = false);

bool                  Init (t_Size o_align, t_Size o_pageSize,
                           t_Size o_ownPageSize = 0);

```

Additional Methods

```
bool Init (t_Size o_align, t_Size o_pageSize, t_Size o_ownPageSize = 0);
```

Initializes an empty pack store. The parameter `o_align` determines the alignment of memory blocks (1, 2, 4, 8 or 16 bytes). The parameter `o_pageSize` determines the size of data pages. The optional parameter `o_ownPageSize` determines the minimum size of own data pages (default: `o_pageSize / 4`). If the size of a memory request is greater than this minimum size, the new memory block uses its own data page.

Class Declaration

```

class ct_PackStore: public ct_PackStoreBase
{
protected:
    virtual void *   ReallocPtr (void * pv_mem, t_Size o_size);
    virtual t_UInt   MaxDataAlloc () const;
    virtual void *   AllocData (t_Size o_size);
    virtual void     FreeData (void * pv_mem);

public:
    ~ct_PackStore ();
};

```

Methods

```
void * ReallocPtr (void * pv_mem, t_Size o_size);
```

Reallocate memory for the pointer management block.

```
t_UInt MaxDataAlloc () const;
```

Returns the maximum size of a contiguous data block.

```
void * AllocData (t_Size o_size);
```

Allocate a single data page.

```
void FreeData (void * pv_mem);
```

Release a single data page.

```
~ct_PackStore ();
```

Within the destructor of the derived class all memory must be released. The destructor of the base class has no access to the virtual methods implemented in the derived class.

1.5.8 Pack Store 2 (tuning/packstore.h)

The class template `gct_PackStore` provides an alternative implementation of the pack store concept (see above). The template parameter `t_staticStore` must have the common store interface. All methods of `t_staticStore` must be declared static, examples are `ct_Rnd_Store` and `ct_Chn_Store`. Every directory of a global store contains a file `'packstore.h'` (predefined template instance).

Reallocation and release of single memory blocks are not implemented. However, a pack store can release the entire memory by calling the method `FreeAll`. If `b_keepPage` equals `true`, the first data page is not released.

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_staticStore>
class gct_PackStore
{
public:
    typedef t_staticStore t_StaticStore;
    typedef t_StaticStore::t_Size t_Size;
    typedef void *        t_Position;

                                gct_PackStore ();
                                ~gct_PackStore ();

    inline void                Swap (gct_PackStore & co_swap);

    static inline t_UInt StoreInfoSize ();
    static inline t_UInt MaxAlloc ();

    t_Position                Alloc (t_Size o_size);
    inline t_Position         Realloc (t_Position o_pos, t_Size o_size);
    inline void                Free (t_Position o_pos);

    static inline void * AddrOf (t_Position o_pos);
    static inline t_Position PosOf (void * pv_adr);

    static inline t_Size SizeOf (t_Position o_pos);
    static inline t_Size RoundedSizeOf (t_Position o_pos);

    static inline bool        CanFreeAll ();
    void                        FreeAll (bool b_keepPage = false);

    bool                        Init (unsigned u_align, unsigned u_pageExp,
                                    t_Size o_ownPageSize = 0);
};
```

Additional Methods

```
bool Init (unsigned u_align, unsigned u_pageExp, t_Size o_ownPageSize = 0);
```

Initializes an empty pack store. The parameter `u_align` determines the alignment of memory blocks (1, 2, 4, 8 or 16 bytes). The parameter `u_pageExp` (≥ 7) determines the size of data pages (2^{exp}). The optional parameter `o_ownPageSize` determines the minimum size of own data pages (default: `PageSize / 4`). If the size of a memory request is greater than this minimum size, the new memory block uses its own data page.

2 OBJECT MANAGEMENT

2.1 Container

2.1.1 Container Interface

Containers and collections are two different concepts to manage sets of C++ objects. A collection can manage a polymorphic set of objects which are derived from a common base class. A container manages a uniform set of objects. It also contains the objects itself, i.e. the underlying memory. A container can optimize memory usage in many different ways.

Like store classes, all container classes share a common interface. So it's easy to switch between multiple container implementations.

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_obj>
class gct_AnyContainer
{
public:
    typedef t_UInt          t_Length;
    typedef void *         t_Position;
    typedef t_obj          t_Object;

                                gct_AnyContainer ();
                                gct_AnyContainer (const gct_AnyContainer & co);
                                ~gct_AnyContainer ();
    gct_AnyContainer &        operator = (const gct_AnyContainer & co_asgn);
    void                      Swap (gct_AnyContainer & co_swap);

    bool                      IsEmpty () const;
    t_Length                  GetLen () const;

    t_Position                First () const;
    t_Position                Last () const;
    t_Position                Next (t_Position o_pos) const;
    t_Position                Prev (t_Position o_pos) const;
    t_Position                Nth (t_Length u_idx) const;

    t_Object *                GetObj (t_Position o_pos) const;
    t_Position                AddObj (const t_Object * po_obj = 0);
    t_Position                AddObjBefore (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);
    t_Position                AddObjAfter (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);

    void                      AppendObj (const t_Object * po_obj = 0, t_Length o_count = 1);
    void                      TruncateObj (t_Length o_count = 1);

    t_Position                DelObj (t_Position o_pos);
    void                      DelAll ();
    t_Position                FreeObj (t_Position o_pos);
    void                      FreeAll ();
};
```

Object Type Requirements

The **Spirick** container interface consists of a basic interface (described in this section) and various enhancements (e.g. the comp-container interface). The object type requirements of the basic interface are very simple. A class type must contain a default and a copy constructor, no other requirements have to be fulfilled. Numeric and pointer types can also be used.

Object Constructor, Destructor

A container contains the objects itself, i.e. the underlying memory, and it calls the constructors and destructors of the managed objects. If a new object is added to a container, the default constructor is called. If an existing object is added to a container, the copy constructor of a new object is called and the existing object remains unchanged. If an object is deleted from a container, the destructor is called and the memory is released to the underlying store object.

Copy/Move Object Memory

The C++ standard (ISO/IEC 14882) states that only "trivially copyable" objects may be copied or moved by `memcpy` and `memmove`. However, in almost all cases C++ objects can be copied or moved by `memcpy` and `memmove` without any side effects. Another possibility is to copy the objects by copy constructors and assignment operators. In this case the performance would significantly drop. That's why some **Spirick** containers copy and move objects by `memcpy` and `memmove`. Note that there are some rare cases where objects must not be copied by `memcpy` and `memmove`, e.g. lowlevel mutex objects.

Stores and Containers

There are some similarities between **Spirick** stores and containers. Like stores the containers use position values to manage their contents. The store method `Allloc` is similar to the container method `AddObj`. The store method `AddrOf` is similar to the container method `GetObj`. The store method `Free` is similar to the container method `DelObj` etc.

Validity of Position Values

Spirick stores ensure the validity of position values until the method `Free` is called. In contrast, some **Spirick** containers ensure the validity of position values and some do not. For example, list containers (like store objects) ensure the validity of position values. But, if an array container was modified by adding or deleting an object, the position values of all subsequent entries become invalid.

Data Types

```
typedef t_UInt t_Length;
```

The nested type `t_Length` describes the number of contained objects, examples are `t_UInt`, `t_UInt8`, `t_UInt16` and `t_UInt32`. If `t_Length` is defined as `t_UInt8`, the maximum number of entries will be 255. The size of the container object can be reduced in some cases.

```
typedef void * t_Position;
```

Like store classes, container classes use position values to manage their objects, examples are `void *`, `t_UInt`, `t_UInt8`, `t_UInt16` and `t_UInt32`. The position value zero is invalid per definition. The method `GetObj` returns a pointer to the object at a specific position. If the position type is `void *`, the position value may (or may not) be equal to the object pointer. Hence, always use the method `GetObj` to access objects and do not use the position value itself.

```
typedef t_obj t_Object;
```

The nested type `t_Object` corresponds to the template parameter `t_obj`. It can be used by derived classes.

Constructors, Destructor, Assignment, Swap

```
gct_AnyContainer ():
```

Initializes an empty container object.

```
gct_AnyContainer (const gct_AnyContainer & co_init);
```

The copy constructor copies the contents of an existing container by using the copy constructors of the contained objects.

```
~gct_AnyContainer ();
```

The destructor clears the container by calling the method `DelAll`.

```
gct_AnyContainer & operator = (const gct_AnyContainer & co_asgn);
```

The assignment operator copies the contents of an existing container by using the copy constructors of the contained objects.

```
void Swap (gct_AnyContainer & co_swap);
```

Swaps the contents of the two container objects.

Number of Objects

```
bool IsEmpty () const;
```

Returns true if the container is empty.

```
t_Length GetLen () const;
```

Returns the number of contained objects.

Iterate over Objects

```
t_Position First () const;
```

Returns the position of the first object or zero if the container is empty.

```
t_Position Last () const;
```

Returns the position of the last object or zero if the container is empty.

```
t_Position Next (t_Position o_pos) const;
```

Returns the position of the next object or zero if `o_pos` is the position of the last object. `o_pos` must be a valid position value.

```
t_Position Prev (t_Position o_pos) const;
```

Returns the position of the previous object or zero if `o_pos` is the position of the first object. `o_pos` must be a valid position value.

```
t_Position Nth (t_Length u_idx) const;
```

Returns the position of the `nth` object ($0 < u_idx \leq \text{GetLen}$). Note that there is no zeroth object. The first object has index 1.

Access to Objects

```
t_Object * GetObj (t_Position o_pos) const;
```

Returns a pointer to the object at position `o_pos`. `o_pos` must be a valid position value.

Add Objects

`t_Position AddObj (const t_Object * po_obj = 0);`

Adds an object and returns the position of the new object. The logical position of the new object depends on the container implementation. If `po_obj` equals zero, the new object is created by the default constructor, otherwise the copy constructor is used.

`t_Position AddObjBefore (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);`

Adds an object before a specific position and returns the position of the new object. If `o_pos` equals zero, the new object is appended after the last object, i.e. it will be the new last object. If `po_obj` equals zero, the new object is created by the default constructor, otherwise the copy constructor is used.

`t_Position AddObjAfter (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);`

Adds an object after a specific position and returns the position of the new object. If `o_pos` equals zero, the new object is inserted before the first object, i.e. it will be the new first object. If `po_obj` equals zero, the new object is created by the default constructor, otherwise the copy constructor is used.

Append/Truncate Multiple Objects

`void AppendObj (const t_Object * po_obj = 0, t_Length o_count = 1);`

Adds `o_count` objects at the end of the container. If `po_obj` equals zero, the new objects are created by the default constructor, otherwise the copy constructor is used.

`void TruncateObj (t_Length o_count = 1);`

Deletes `o_count` objects at the end of the container.

Return Value of Delete Methods

Delete methods always return the position of the successor of the deleted entry. With this technique, a container can be iterated and modified at the same time. If the last object was deleted, the return value equals zero.

Delete Objects

`t_Position DelObj (t_Position o_pos);`

Deletes the object at position `o_pos`. Calls the destructor of the object and releases the corresponding memory. `o_pos` must be a valid position value. The method returns `Next (o_pos)`, i.e. the position of the next object or zero, if the last object was deleted.

`void DelAll ();`

Deletes all contained objects. Calls the destructor of the objects and releases the corresponding memory.

`t_Position FreeObj (t_Position o_pos);`

Deletes the object at position `o_pos` without calling the destructor. This method is slightly faster than `DelObj`. `o_pos` must be a valid position value. The method returns `Next (o_pos)`, i.e. the position of the next object or zero, if the last object was deleted.

`void FreeAll ();`

Releases the entire memory without calling the destructor of the contained objects.

Exception Handling

While working with containers, exceptions may occur inside of constructors and destructors of contained objects. **Spirick** container classes contain minimal exception handlers. These handlers ensure the consistency of the container object and pass the exception unchanged to a higher-level handler.

The following rules apply:

If the exception occurs inside of the constructor while adding a new object (`AddObj`), the container remains unchanged (no new object will be added).

If the exception occurs inside of the destructor while deleting an object (`DelObj`), the object will be deleted anyway.

If the exception occurs inside of a constructor while adding several objects (`AppendObj`), the insertion is aborted. All previously added objects remain unchanged.

If the exception occurs inside of a destructor while deleting several objects (`TruncateObj`), the deletion is aborted. The object causing the exception will be deleted anyway.

If the exception occurs inside of a destructor while deleting all objects (`DelAll`), the deletion will be continued. Afterwards the container will be empty.

If the exception occurs inside of the container copy constructor or assignment operator, the method `DelAll` will be called.

2.1.2 Container Operations

Insert, Copy and Delete Objects

The following sample code demonstrates some simple container operations. The class `ct_Int` is described in the section 'Sample Programs'.

```
ct_Int co_int = 1;
ct_Int * pco_int;
gct_AnyContainer <ct_Int> co_container;
gct_AnyContainer <ct_Int>::t_Position o_pos;

// Add a new object by calling the default constructor
o_pos = co_container. AddObj ();

// Access the object and initialize it
pco_int = co_container. GetObj (o_pos);
(* pco_int) = 2;

// Copy an existing object into the container
o_pos = co_container. AddObj (& co_int);

// Delete a single object
co_container. DelObj (o_pos);
```

Iterate Forward

The following sample code demonstrates a forward iteration over a container.

```
gct_AnyContainer <float> co_container;
gct_AnyContainer <float>::t_Position o_pos;

for (o_pos = co_container. First ();
     o_pos != 0;
     o_pos = co_container. Next (o_pos))
{
    float * pf = co_container. GetObj (o_pos);
    // ...
}
```

Iterate Backward

The following sample code demonstrates a backward iteration over a container.

```
gct_AnyContainer <float> co_container;
gct_AnyContainer <float>::t_Position o_pos;

for (o_pos = co_container. Last ();
     o_pos != 0;
     o_pos = co_container. Prev (o_pos))
{
    float * pf = co_container. GetObj (o_pos);
    // ...
}
```

Iterate and Modify

The following sample code demonstrates how to iterate and modify a container.

```
gct_AnyContainer <float> co_container;
gct_AnyContainer <float>::t_Position o_pos;

for (o_pos = co_container. First ();
     o_pos != 0;
     o_pos = /* delete entry ? */ ?
           co_container. DelObj (o_pos) :
           co_container. Next (o_pos))
{
    float * pf = co_container. GetObj (o_pos);
    // ...
}
```

Alternatively a while loop can be used.

```
gct_AnyContainer <float> co_container;
gct_AnyContainer <float>::t_Position o_pos;

o_pos = co_container. First ();

while (o_pos != 0)
{
    float * pf = co_container. GetObj (o_pos);
    // ...
    if ( /* delete entry ? */ )
        o_pos = co_container. DelObj (o_pos);
    else
        o_pos = co_container. Next (o_pos);
}
```

2.1.3 Extended Container (tuning/extcont.h)

The class template `gct_ExtContainer` enhances the usability of the basic container interface. Example: To access the *n*th object of a container, two methods must be called.

```
gct_AnyContainer <float> co_floats;
// ...
float f = co_floats. GetObj (co_floats. Nth (5));
```

For such a case the class template `gct_ExtContainer` provides the method `GetNthObj`.

The template parameter `t_container` must comply with the basic container interface. It is used as the base class of the extended container.

Base Class

`gct_AnyContainer` (see above 'Container Interface')

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_container>
class gct_ExtContainer: public t_container
{
public:
    inline t_Object *    GetFirstObj () const;
    inline t_Object *    GetLastObj () const;
    inline t_Object *    GetNextObj (t_Position o_pos) const;
    inline t_Object *    GetPrevObj (t_Position o_pos) const;
    inline t_Object *    GetNthObj (t_Length u_idx) const;

    inline t_Position    AddObjBeforeFirst (const t_Object * po_obj = 0);
    inline t_Position    AddObjAfterLast (const t_Object * po_obj = 0);
    inline t_Position    AddObjBeforeNth (t_Length u_idx, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);
    inline t_Position    AddObjAfterNth (t_Length u_idx, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);

    t_Object *          GetNewObj (const t_Object * po_obj = 0);
    t_Object *          GetNewFirstObj (const t_Object * po_obj = 0);
    t_Object *          GetNewLastObj (const t_Object * po_obj = 0);
    t_Object *          GetNewObjBefore (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);
    t_Object *          GetNewObjAfter (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);
    t_Object *          GetNewObjBeforeNth (t_Length u_idx, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);
    t_Object *          GetNewObjAfterNth (t_Length u_idx, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);

    inline t_Position    DelFirstObj ();
    inline t_Position    DelLastObj ();
    inline t_Position    DelNextObj (t_Position o_pos);
    inline t_Position    DelPrevObj (t_Position o_pos);
    inline t_Position    DelNthObj (t_Length u_idx);

    inline t_Position    FreeFirstObj ();
    inline t_Position    FreeLastObj ();
    inline t_Position    FreeNextObj (t_Position o_pos);
    inline t_Position    FreePrevObj (t_Position o_pos);
    inline t_Position    FreeNthObj (t_Length u_idx);
};

// Example of an implementation
template <class t_container>
inline gct_ExtContainer <t_container>:: t_Object *
gct_ExtContainer <t_container>:: GetNthObj (t_Length u_idx) const
{
    return GetObj (Nth (u_idx));
}
```

Access to Objects

`t_Object * GetFirstObj () const;`

Returns a pointer to the first object. The container must contain at least one object.

`t_Object * GetLastObj () const;`

Returns a pointer to the last object. The container must contain at least one object.

`t_Object * GetNextObj (t_Position o_pos) const;`

Returns a pointer to the next object. `o_pos` and `Next (o_pos)` must be valid position values.

`t_Object * GetPrevObj (t_Position o_pos) const;`

Returns a pointer to the previous object. `o_pos` and `Prev (o_pos)` must be valid position values.

`t_Object * GetNthObj (t_Length u_idx) const;`

Returns a pointer to the `nth` object ($0 < u_idx \leq \text{GetLen}$).

Add Objects

`t_Position AddObjBeforeFirst (const t_Object * po_obj = 0);`

Adds an object before the first object and returns the position of the new object. The new object will be the new first object. If `po_obj` equals zero, the new object is created by the default constructor, otherwise the copy constructor is used.

`t_Position AddObjAfterLast (const t_Object * po_obj = 0);`

Adds an object after the last object and returns the position of the new object. The new object will be the new last object. If `po_obj` equals zero, the new object is created by the default constructor, otherwise the copy constructor is used.

`t_Position AddObjBeforeNth (t_Length u_idx, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);`

Adds an object before the `nth` object and returns the position of the new object ($0 < u_idx \leq \text{GetLen}$). If `po_obj` equals zero, the new object is created by the default constructor, otherwise the copy constructor is used.

`t_Position AddObjAfterNth (t_Length u_idx, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);`

Adds an object after the `nth` object and returns the position of the new object ($0 < u_idx \leq \text{GetLen}$). If `po_obj` equals zero, the new object is created by the default constructor, otherwise the copy constructor is used.

Access to New Objects

`t_Object * GetNewObj (const t_Object * po_obj = 0);`

Adds an object and returns a pointer to the new object. The logical position of the new object depends on the container implementation. If `po_obj` equals zero, the new object is created by the default constructor, otherwise the copy constructor is used.

`t_Object * GetNewFirstObj (const t_Object * po_obj = 0);`

Adds an object before the first object and returns a pointer to the new object. The new object will be the new first object. If `po_obj` equals zero, the new object is created by the default constructor, otherwise the copy constructor is used.

`t_Object * GetNewLastObj (const t_Object * po_obj = 0);`

Adds an object after the last object and returns a pointer to the new object. The new object will be the new last object. If `po_obj` equals zero, the new object is created by the default constructor, otherwise the copy constructor is used.

`t_Object * GetNewObjBefore (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);`

Adds an object before a specific position and returns a pointer to the new object. If `o_pos` equals zero, the new object is appended after the last object, i.e. it will be the new last object. If `po_obj` equals zero, the new object is created by the default constructor, otherwise the copy constructor is used.


```
t_Object * GetNewObjAfter (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);
```

Adds an object after a specific position and returns a pointer to the new object. If `o_pos` equals zero, the new object is inserted before the first object, i.e. it will be the new first object. If `po_obj` equals zero, the new object is created by the default constructor, otherwise the copy constructor is used.

```
t_Object * GetNewObjBeforeNth (t_Length u_idx, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);
```

Adds an object before the `n`th object and returns a pointer to the new object ($0 < u_idx \leq \text{GetLen}$). If `po_obj` equals zero, the new object is created by the default constructor, otherwise the copy constructor is used.

```
t_Object * GetNewObjAfterNth (t_Length u_idx, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);
```

Adds an object after the `n`th object and returns a pointer to the new object ($0 < u_idx \leq \text{GetLen}$). If `po_obj` equals zero, the new object is created by the default constructor, otherwise the copy constructor is used.

Return Value of Delete Methods

Delete methods always return the position of the successor of the deleted entry. With this technique, a container can be iterated and modified at the same time. If the last object was deleted, the return value equals zero.

Delete Objects

```
t_Position DelFirstObj ();
```

Deletes the first object. Calls the destructor of the object and releases the corresponding memory. The container must contain at least one object. The method returns the position of the new first object or zero, if the last object was deleted.

```
t_Position DelLastObj ();
```

Deletes the last object. Calls the destructor of the object and releases the corresponding memory. The container must contain at least one object. The method always returns zero, because the last object was deleted.

```
t_Position DelNextObj (t_Position o_pos);
```

Deletes the object at position `Next (o_pos)`. Calls the destructor of the object and releases the corresponding memory. `o_pos` and `Next (o_pos)` must be valid position values. The method returns `Next (Next (o_pos))`, i.e. the position of the next object of the deleted object or zero, if the last object was deleted.

```
t_Position DelPrevObj (t_Position o_pos);
```

Deletes the object at position `Prev (o_pos)`. Calls the destructor of the object and releases the corresponding memory. `o_pos` and `Prev (o_pos)` must be valid position values. The method returns `o_pos`, because it is the position of the next object of the deleted object.

```
t_Position DelNthObj (t_Length u_idx);
```

Deletes the `n`th object ($0 < u_idx \leq \text{GetLen}$). Calls the destructor of the object and releases the corresponding memory. The method returns `Next (Nth (u_idx))`, i.e. the position of the next object of the deleted object or zero, if the last object was deleted.

```
t_Position FreeFirstObj ();
```

Deletes the first object without calling the destructor. The container must contain at least one object. The method returns the position of the new first object or zero, if the last object was deleted.

```
t_Position FreeLastObj ();
```

Deletes the last object without calling the destructor. The container must contain at least one object. The method always returns zero, because the last object was deleted.

```
t_Position FreeNextObj (t_Position o_pos);
```

Deletes the object at position `Next (o_pos)` without calling the destructor. `o_pos` and `Next (o_pos)` must be valid position values. The method returns `Next (Next (o_pos))`, i.e. the position of the next object of the deleted object or zero, if the last object was deleted.

```
t_Position FreePrevObj (t_Position o_pos);
```

Deletes the object at position `Prev (o_pos)` without calling the destructor. `o_pos` and `Prev (o_pos)` must be valid position values. The method returns `o_pos`, because it is the position of the next object of the deleted object.

```
t_Position FreeNthObj (t_Length u_idx);
```

Deletes the nth object without calling the destructor ($0 < u_idx \leq \text{GetLen}$). The method returns `Next (Nth (u_idx))`, i.e. the position of the next object of the deleted object or zero, if the last object was deleted.

2.2 Array and List Containers

2.2.1 Array Containers (tuning/array.h)

Array containers are optimized for size. Like static arrays, array containers store objects contiguous, without any management overhead. If an array container was modified by adding or deleting an object, all subsequent entries are moved by `memmove` and the position values of these objects become invalid. The validity of memory addresses depends on the implementation of the underlying block class. Array containers provide direct access to the nth object. The method `AddObj` adds the new object at the end of the array.

The first template parameter `t_obj` is the type of the contained objects. The second template parameter `t_block` must at least contain the item block interface. It is used as the base class of the array container. The helper class template `gct_FixItemArray` passes the size of an object to the class template `gct_FixItemBlock`.

Base Class

`gct_...ItemBlock` (see above 'Item Block')

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_obj, class t_block>
class gct_Array: public t_block
{
public:
    typedef t_block::t_Size t_Length;
    typedef t_block::t_Size t_Position;
    typedef t_obj          t_Object;

    inline          gct_Array ();
    inline          gct_Array (const gct_Array & co_init);
    inline          ~gct_Array ();
    inline gct_Array & operator = (const gct_Array & co_asgn);

    inline bool     IsEmpty () const;
    inline t_Length GetMaxLen () const;
```

```

inline t_Length      GetLen () const;

inline t_Position    First () const;
inline t_Position    Last () const;
inline t_Position    Next (t_Position o_pos) const;
inline t_Position    Prev (t_Position o_pos) const;
inline t_Position    Nth (t_Length u_idx) const;

inline t_Object *    GetObj (t_Position o_pos) const;
inline t_Position    AddObj (const t_Object * po_obj = 0);
inline t_Position    AddObjBefore (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);
t_Position          AddObjAfter (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);

void                AppendObj (const t_Object * po_obj = 0, t_Length o_count = 1);
void                TruncateObj (t_Length o_count = 1);

t_Position          DelObj (t_Position o_pos);
void                DelAll ();
inline t_Position    FreeObj (t_Position o_pos);
inline void          FreeAll ();

inline void          SetPageSize (t_Size o_size);
};

```

Additional Methods

t_Length **GetMaxLen** () const;

Returns the maximum number of contained objects.

void **SetPageSize** (t_Size o_size);

Sets the page size, if `ct_PageBlock` is used as template parameter `t_block`.

Template Declaration

```

template <class t_obj, class t_block>
class gct_FixItemArray:
public gct_Array <t_obj, gct_FixItemBlock <t_block, sizeof (gct_ArrayNode <t_obj>)> >
{
};

```

2.2.2 Array Instances (tuning/xxx/array.h)

Some template instances are predefined to easily use array containers. The macro `ARRAY_DCLS(Obj)` generates for each wrapper class of a global store one array template.

The macro

`ARRAY_DCLS (Any)`

expands to:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Any_Array:
public gct_ExtContainer <gct_FixItemArray <t_obj, ct_Any_Block> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any8Array:
public gct_ExtContainer <gct_FixItemArray <t_obj, ct_Any8Block> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any16Array:
public gct_ExtContainer <gct_FixItemArray <t_obj, ct_Any16Block> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any32Array:
public gct_ExtContainer <gct_FixItemArray <t_obj, ct_Any32Block> > { };

```

Every directory of a global store contains a file 'array.h'.

The file 'tuning/std/array.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std_Array;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std8Array;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std16Array;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std32Array;
```

The file 'tuning/rnd/array.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd_Array;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd8Array;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd16Array;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd32Array;
```

The file 'tuning/chn/array.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn_Array;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn8Array;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn16Array;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn32Array;
```

2.2.3 List Containers (tuning/dlist.h)

List containers are optimized for fast random modification and for validity of position values. If a list entry is added or deleted, only the direct neighbors are affected. All other list entries remain unchanged. The position value of a list entry remains valid until the entry is deleted. This feature is important if references (position values) to list entries are stored permanently.

The validity of memory addresses depends on the implementation of the underlying store class. If a predefined global store or a page-based block store is used, memory addresses of list entries remain valid. If a non-paged block store is used, memory addresses of list entries can change, if the size of the underlying block changes.

Note that every list node contains references (position values) to the direct neighbors. Note also that every list node is allocated separately. If a predefined global store is used, rounding and management overhead occurs at every single list node. This overhead can be avoided by using a block store.

The first template parameter `t_obj` is the type of the contained objects. The second template parameter `t_store` must at least contain the store interface. The list class contains a data member of type `t_store`. The additional method `GetStore` provides access to the store object. The method `AddObj` adds the new object at the end of the list.

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_obj, class t_store>  
class gct_DList  
{  
public:  
    typedef t_store::t_Size      t_Length;  
    typedef t_store::t_Position t_Position;  
    typedef t_obj                t_Object;  
  
    inline          gct_DList ();  
    inline          gct_DList (const gct_DList & co_init);  
    inline          ~gct_DList ();  
    inline gct_DList & operator = (const gct_DList & co_asgn);  
    void            Swap (gct_DList & co_swap);
```

```

inline bool      IsEmpty () const;
inline t_Length GetLen () const;

inline t_Position First () const;
inline t_Position Last () const;
inline t_Position Next (t_Position o_pos) const;
inline t_Position Prev (t_Position o_pos) const;
t_Position      Nth (t_Length u_idx) const;

inline t_Object * GetObj (t_Position o_pos) const;
inline t_Position AddObj (const t_Object * po_obj = 0);
inline t_Position AddObjBefore (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);
t_Position      AddObjAfter (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj = 0);

void            AppendObj (const t_Object * po_obj = 0, t_Length o_count = 1);
void            TruncateObj (t_Length o_count = 1);

t_Position      DelObj (t_Position o_pos);
void            DelAll ();
t_Position      FreeObj (t_Position o_pos);
void            FreeAll ();

inline t_store * GetStore ();
};

```

2.2.4 List Instances (tuning/xxx/dlist.h)

Some template instances are predefined to easily use list containers. The macro `DLIST_DCLS(Obj)` generates for each wrapper class of a global store one list template.

The macro

```
DLIST_DCLS (Any)
```

expands to:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Any_DList:
  public gct_ExtContainer <gct_DList <t_obj, ct_Any_Store> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any8DList:
  public gct_ExtContainer <gct_DList <t_obj, ct_Any8Store> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any16DList:
  public gct_ExtContainer <gct_DList <t_obj, ct_Any16Store> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any32DList:
  public gct_ExtContainer <gct_DList <t_obj, ct_Any32Store> > { };

```

Every directory of a global store contains a file `'dlist.h'`.

The file `'tuning/std/dlist.h'` contains the following declarations:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Std_DList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std8DList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std16DList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std32DList;

```

The file `'tuning/rnd/dlist.h'` contains the following declarations:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd_DList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd8DList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd16DList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd32DList;

```

The file `'tuning/chn/dlist.h'` contains the following declarations:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn_DList:
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn8DList:
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn16DList:
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn32DList:

```

2.3 Sorted Containers

2.3.1 Sorted Arrays (tuning/sortarr.h)

Sorted array containers are very similar to normal array containers. The main difference between these two concepts is the order in which objects are positioned. The object type of a sorted array container must provide a comparison function 'operator <'. New objects are added by `AddObj`. They are sorted automatically in ascending order. Adding multiple equal objects is possible. They are positioned in the order they have been added.

Note that using the methods `AddObjBefore` and `AddObjAfter` is allowed, if the position is correct with respect to 'operator <'. The method `AppendObj` is not supported.

If the object type additionally provides the comparison function 'operator ==', the sorted array can be extended by the comp-container interface (see below 'Comp-Container'). In this case, an efficient binary search is used.

The first template parameter `t_obj` is the type of the contained objects. The second template parameter `t_block` must at least contain the item block interface. It is used as the base class of the sorted array container. The helper class template `gct_FixItemSortedArray` passes the size of an object to the class template `gct_FixItemBlock`.

Base Class

`gct_...ItemBlock` (see above 'Item Block')

Template Declaration

```

template <class t_obj, class t_block >
class gct_SortedArray: public t_block
{
public:
    typedef t_block::t_Size t_Length;
    typedef t_block::t_Size t_Position;
    typedef t_obj          t_Object;

    inline          gct_SortedArray ();
    inline          gct_SortedArray (const gct_SortedArray & co_init);
    inline          ~gct_SortedArray ();
    inline gct_SortedArray & operator = (const gct_SortedArray & co_asgn);

    inline bool     IsEmpty () const;
    inline t_Length GetMaxLen () const;
    inline t_Length GetLen () const;

    inline t_Position First () const;
    inline t_Position Last () const;
    inline t_Position Next (t_Position o_pos) const;
    inline t_Position Prev (t_Position o_pos) const;
    inline t_Position Nth (t_Length u_idx) const;

    inline t_Object * GetObj (t_Position o_pos) const;

```

```

t_Position      AddObj (const t_Object * po_obj);
inline t_Position AddObjBefore (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj);
t_Position      AddObjAfter (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj);

void            AppendObj (const t_Object * po_obj = 0, t_Length o_count = 1);
void            TruncateObj (t_Length o_count = 1);

t_Position      DelObj (t_Position o_pos);
void            DelAll ();

inline t_Position FreeObj (t_Position o_pos);
inline void      FreeAll ();

inline void      SetPageSize (t_Size o_size);
t_Position      Before (const t_Object * po_obj) const;
};

```

Additional Methods

t_Length **GetMaxLen** () const;

Returns the maximum number of contained objects.

void **SetPageSize** (t_Size o_size);

Sets the page size, if `ct_PageBlock` is used as template parameter `t_block`.

t_Position **Before** (const t_Object * po_obj) const;

Returns the position of the last object which is smaller than or equal to * po_obj. Returns zero if * po_obj is smaller than the first object. Returns `Last ()` if * po_obj is greater than or equal to the last object.

Template Declaration

```

template <class t_obj, class t_block>
class gct_FixItemSortedArray:
public gct_SortedArray <t_obj, gct_FixItemBlock <t_block, sizeof (gct_SortedArrayNode <t_obj>>> >
{
};

```

2.3.2 Sorted Array Instances (tuning/xxx/sortedarray.h)

Some template instances are predefined to easily use sorted array containers. The macro `SORTEDARRAY_DCLS(Obj)` generates for each wrapper class of a global store one sorted array template.

The macro

`SORTEDARRAY_DCLS (Any)`

expands to:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Any_SortedArray:
public gct_ExtContainer <gct_FixItemSortedArray <t_obj, ct_Any_Block> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any8SortedArray:
public gct_ExtContainer <gct_FixItemSortedArray <t_obj, ct_Any8Block> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any16SortedArray:
public gct_ExtContainer <gct_FixItemSortedArray <t_obj, ct_Any16Block> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any32SortedArray:
public gct_ExtContainer <gct_FixItemSortedArray <t_obj, ct_Any32Block> > { };

```

Every directory of a global store contains a file '`sortedarray.h`'.

The file 'tuning/std/sortedarray.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std_SortedArray;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std8SortedArray;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std16SortedArray;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std32SortedArray;
```

The file 'tuning/rnd/sortedarray.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd_SortedArray;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd8SortedArray;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd16SortedArray;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd32SortedArray;
```

The file 'tuning/chn/sortedarray.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn_SortedArray;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn8SortedArray;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn16SortedArray;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn32SortedArray;
```

2.3.3 Hash Tables (tuning/hashtable.h)

Sorted arrays and hash tables are two different concepts for access acceleration in container classes. Sorted arrays are suitable for a small amount of data. If an array container becomes too large, modifications become time consuming. Hash tables are suitable for larger amounts of data. If a hash table contains only a few objects, the management overhead is relatively high.

The **Spirick** hash table container is a special implementation of the common hash table concept. It is implemented as an array of arrays. The outer array has a fixed size, the so-called 'hash size'. The result of 'hash value' modulo 'hash size' is an index for this array. An inner array contains all objects which have the same index value.

To reduce the number of collisions of index values, the hash size should be a prime number. The constants `u_HashPrime1` to `u_HashPrime16` are predefined. The hash size can be set by the method `SetHashSize` while the container is empty. The default value is `u_HashPrime4`.

The object type of a hash table must provide a hash function `GetHash` returning an unsigned integer value. New objects are added by `AddObj`. The methods `AddObjBefore`, `AddObjAfter`, `AppendObj` and `TruncateObj` are not supported. If the object type additionally provides the comparison function 'operator ==', the hash table can be extended by the comp-container interface (see below 'Comp-Container'). In this case, an efficient hash search is used.

The first template parameter `t_obj` is the type of the contained objects. The second template parameter `t_block` must at least contain the block interface, e.g. `ct_Chn16Block`. It is used for inner and outer arrays.

Note that the position type of a hash table is a class containing two data members of type `t_block::t_Size`. Using `t_UInt16` or `t_UInt32` can improve performance. If a hash table container was modified by adding or deleting an object, the position values of other objects become invalid.

Template Declaration

```
const unsigned u_HashPrime1 = 1013;  
const unsigned u_HashPrime2 = 2039;  
const unsigned u_HashPrime4 = 4079;  
const unsigned u_HashPrime8 = 8179;  
const unsigned u_HashPrime16 = 16369;
```



```

template <class t_obj, class t_block>
class gct_HashTable
{
public:
    typedef t_block::t_Size          t_Length;
    typedef gct_HashTablePosition <t_block> t_Position;
    typedef t_obj                    t_Object;

    gct_HashTable ();
    void          Swap (gct_HashTable & co_swap);

    inline bool   IsEmpty () const;
    inline t_Length GetLen () const;

    t_Position    First () const;
    t_Position    Last () const;
    t_Position    Next (t_Position o_pos) const;
    t_Position    Prev (t_Position o_pos) const;
    t_Position    Nth (t_Length u_idx) const;

    inline t_Object * GetObj (t_Position o_pos) const;

    t_Position    AddObj (const t_Object * po_obj);
    t_Position    AddObjBefore (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj);
    t_Position    AddObjAfter (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj);

    void          AppendObj (const t_Object * po_obj = 0, t_Length o_count = 1);
    void          TruncateObj (t_Length o_count = 1);

    t_Position    DelObj (t_Position o_pos);
    void          DelAll ();

    t_Position    FreeObj (t_Position o_pos);
    void          FreeAll ();

    void          SetHashSize (t_Length o_size);
    inline t_Length GetHashSize () const;
};

```

Constants

```

const unsigned cu_HashPrime1  = 1013;
const unsigned cu_HashPrime2  = 2039;
const unsigned cu_HashPrime4  = 4079;
const unsigned cu_HashPrime8  = 8179;
const unsigned cu_HashPrime16 = 16369;

```

These constants are recommended values for the hash size.

Additional Methods

```
void SetHashSize (t_Length o_size);
```

Sets the hash size while the container is empty.

```
t_Length GetHashSize () const;
```

Returns the hash size.

2.3.4 Hash Table Instances (tuning/xxx/hashtable.h)

Some template instances are predefined to easily use hash table containers. The macro `HASHTABLE_DCLS(Obj)` generates for each wrapper class of a global store one hash table template.

The macro

HASHTABLE_DCLS (Any)

expands to:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any_HashTable:
    public gct_ExtContainer <gct_HashTable <t_obj, ct_Any_Block> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any8HashTable:
    public gct_ExtContainer <gct_HashTable <t_obj, ct_Any8Block> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any16HashTable:
    public gct_ExtContainer <gct_HashTable <t_obj, ct_Any16Block> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any32HashTable:
    public gct_ExtContainer <gct_HashTable <t_obj, ct_Any32Block> > { };
```

Every directory of a global store contains a file 'hashtable.h'.

The file 'tuning/std/hashtable.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std_HashTable;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std8HashTable;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std16HashTable;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std32HashTable;
```

The file 'tuning/rnd/hashtable.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd_HashTable;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd8HashTable;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd16HashTable;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd32HashTable;
```

The file 'tuning/chn/hashtable.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn_HashTable;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn8HashTable;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn16HashTable;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn32HashTable;
```

2.4 Block and Ref Lists

2.4.1 Block Lists

Various store classes can be used to implement list containers. If a block store is used, the resulting container will be a 'block list'. Performance improvement: Every list node is allocated separately. If a predefined global store is used, rounding and management overhead occurs at every single list node. This overhead can be avoided by using a block store.

Note that every list node contains references (position values) to the direct neighbors. Using `t_UInt16` or `t_UInt32` can reduce the size of list nodes. Note also that if a non-paged block store is used, memory addresses of list entries can change, if the size of the underlying block changes.

2.4.2 Block List Instances (tuning/xxx/blockdlist.h)

Some template instances are predefined to easily use block list containers. The macro `BLOCK_DLIST_DCLS(Obj)` generates for each wrapper class of a global store one block list template.

The macro

`BLOCK_DLIST_DCLS` (Any)

expands to:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any_BlockDList:
    public gct_ExtContainer <gct_DList <t_obj, ct_Any_BlockStore> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any8BlockDList:
    public gct_ExtContainer <gct_DList <t_obj, ct_Any8BlockStore> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any16BlockDList:
    public gct_ExtContainer <gct_DList <t_obj, ct_Any16BlockStore> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any32BlockDList:
    public gct_ExtContainer <gct_DList <t_obj, ct_Any32BlockStore> > { };
```

Every directory of a global store contains a file '`blockdlist.h`'.

The file '`tuning/std/blockdlist.h`' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std_BlockDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std8BlockDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std16BlockDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std32BlockDList;
```

The file '`tuning/rnd/blockdlist.h`' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd_BlockDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd8BlockDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd16BlockDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd32BlockDList;
```

The file '`tuning/chn/blockdlist.h`' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn_BlockDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn8BlockDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn16BlockDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn32BlockDList;
```

2.4.3 Ref-Lists (`tuning/refdlist.h`)

Various store classes can be used to implement list containers. If a ref-store is used, the resulting container will be a 'ref-list'. The class template `gct_RefDList` simplifies the access to the reference counters of the embedded store object.

Base Classes

`gct_DList` (see above 'List Containers')
`gct_ExtContainer` (see above 'Extended Container')

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_obj, class t_store>
class gct_RefDList:
    public gct_ExtContainer <gct_DList <t_obj, t_store> >
{
public:
    inline void          IncRef (t_Position o_pos);
    inline void          DecRef (t_Position o_pos);
    inline t_RefCount    GetRef (t_Position o_pos) const;
```

```

inline bool      IsAlloc (t_Position o_pos) const;
inline bool      IsFree (t_Position o_pos) const;
};

// Example of an implementation
template <class t_obj, class t_store>
inline void gct_RefDList <t_obj, t_store>::IncRef (t_Position o_pos)
{
    o_Store. IncRef (o_pos);
}

```

Each single entry of a ref-list is associated with a reference counter. The reference counters can be used directly or indirectly by special classes, e.g. smart pointers.

Note that the reference counter is associated with the memory of the ref-list entry and not with the C++ object. Deleting a ref-list entry and releasing the corresponding memory are two distinct steps. The ref-list entry can be deleted by its owner, and the corresponding memory can be released by the reference counter. If a ref-list entry is deleted and the reference counter is greater than zero, then all smart pointers remain valid, but access to the C++ object is not allowed. In this way isolated islands in complex, reference counting based data structures can be avoided.

If a ref-list entry is deleted (e.g. by `DelObj`), then the `alloc` flag of the corresponding `ct_RefCount` object is cleared. If additionally the reference counter equals zero, the memory of the ref-list entry is released by the underlying store object. Otherwise the reference counter can be changed by the ref-list methods `IncRef` and `DecRef`, but access to the C++ object by calling the method `GetObj` is not allowed. If the reference counter becomes zero, the memory is released by the underlying store object.

Methods

`void IncRef (t_Position o_pos);`

Increases the reference counter at position `o_pos` by 1.

`void DecRef (t_Position o_pos);`

Decreases the reference counter at position `o_pos` by 1.

`t_RefCount GetRef (t_Position o_pos) const;`

Returns the numeric reference counter at position `o_pos`.

`bool IsAlloc (t_Position o_pos) const;`

Returns the `alloc` flag of position value `o_pos`. If the method returns `true`, access by `GetObj` is allowed.

`bool IsFree (t_Position o_pos) const;`

Returns `true`, if the `alloc` flag of position value `o_pos` is not set.

2.4.4 Ref-List Instances (tuning/xxx/refdlist.h)

Some template instances are predefined to easily use ref-list containers. The macro `REF_DLIST_DCLS(Obj)` generates for each wrapper class of a global store one ref-list template.

The macro

`REF_DLIST_DCLS (Any)`

expands to:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Any_RefDList:
public gct_RefDList <t_obj, ct_Any_RefStore> { };

```

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Any8RefDList:
    public gct_RefDList <t_obj, ct_Any8RefStore> { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any16RefDList:
    public gct_RefDList <t_obj, ct_Any16RefStore> { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any32RefDList:
    public gct_RefDList <t_obj, ct_Any32RefStore> { };

```

Every directory of a global store contains a file 'refdlist.h'.

The file 'tuning/std/refdlist.h' contains the following declarations:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Std_RefDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std8RefDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std16RefDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std32RefDList;

```

The file 'tuning/rnd/refdlist.h' contains the following declarations:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd_RefDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd8RefDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd16RefDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd32RefDList;

```

The file 'tuning/chn/refdlist.h' contains the following declarations:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn_RefDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn8RefDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn16RefDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn32RefDList;

```

2.4.5 Block-Ref-List Instances (tuning/xxx/blockrefdlist.h)

Various store classes can be used to implement list containers. If a block-ref-store is used, the resulting container will be a 'block-ref-list'.

Some template instances are predefined to easily use block-ref-list containers. The macro `BLOCKREF_DLIST_DCLS(Obj)` generates for each wrapper class of a global store one block-ref-list template.

The macro

```
BLOCKREF_DLIST_DCLS (Any)
```

expands to:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Any_BlockRefDList:
    public gct_RefDList <t_obj, ct_Any_BlockRefStore> { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any8BlockRefDList:
    public gct_RefDList <t_obj, ct_Any8BlockRefStore> { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any16BlockRefDList:
    public gct_RefDList <t_obj, ct_Any16BlockRefStore> { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any32BlockRefDList:
    public gct_RefDList <t_obj, ct_Any32BlockRefStore> { };

```

Every directory of a global store contains a file 'blockrefdlist.h'.

The file 'tuning/std/blockrefdlist.h' contains the following declarations:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Std_BlockRefDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std8BlockRefDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std16BlockRefDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std32BlockRefDList;

```

The file 'tuning/rnd/blockrefdlist.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd_BlockRefDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd8BBlockRefDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd16BBlockRefDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd32BBlockRefDList;
```

The file 'tuning/chn/blockrefdlist.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn_BlockRefDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn8BBlockRefDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn16BBlockRefDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn32BBlockRefDList;
```

2.5 Comp, Pointer and Map Containers

2.5.1 Comp-Containers (tuning/compcontainer.h)

The **Spirick** container interface consists of a basic interface (see above) and various enhancements (e.g. the comp-container interface). The object type requirements of the basic interface are very simple. A class type must contain a default and a copy constructor, no other requirements have to be fulfilled. If the object type additionally provides the comparison function 'operator ==', the basic container can be extended by the comp-container interface. Numeric and pointer types can also be used.

The class template `gct_CompContainer` implements some count, search and conditional methods. If the base container is a normal (unsorted) array or a list, a linear search is used. Sorted arrays and hash tables provide accelerated algorithms for searching objects. The template parameter `t_container` must at least contain the basic container interface, e.g. `gct_Std32Array <float>`. It is used as the base class of the comp-container.

Base Classes

`gct_AnyContainer` (see above 'Container Interface')
[`gct_ExtContainer` (optional, see above 'Extended Container')]

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_container>
class gct_CompContainer: public t_container
{
public:
    inline bool          ContainsObj (const t_Object * po_obj) const;
    t_Length            CountObjs (const t_Object * po_obj) const;

    t_Position          SearchFirstObj (const t_Object * po_obj) const;
    t_Position          SearchLastObj (const t_Object * po_obj) const;
    t_Position          SearchNextObj (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj) const;
    t_Position          SearchPrevObj (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj) const;

    inline t_Object *   GetFirstEqualObj (const t_Object * po_obj) const;
    inline t_Object *   GetLastEqualObj (const t_Object * po_obj) const;

    inline t_Position  AddObjCond (const t_Object * po_obj);
    inline t_Position  AddObjBeforeFirstCond (const t_Object * po_obj);
    inline t_Position  AddObjAfterLastCond (const t_Object * po_obj);

    inline t_Position  DelFirstEqualObj (const t_Object * po_obj);
```

```

inline t_Position DelLastEqualObj (const t_Object * po_obj);
inline t_Position DelFirstEqualObjCond (const t_Object * po_obj);
inline t_Position DelLastEqualObjCond (const t_Object * po_obj);
};

```

Search for Objects

`bool ContainsObj (const t_Object * po_obj) const;`

Returns true, if a contained object is equal to * po_obj.

`t_Length CountObjs (const t_Object * po_obj) const;`

Returns the number of objects which are equal to * po_obj.

`t_Position SearchFirstObj (const t_Object * po_obj) const;`

Returns the position of the first object which is equal to * po_obj or zero if no object was found.

`t_Position SearchLastObj (const t_Object * po_obj) const;`

Returns the position of the last object which is equal to * po_obj or zero if no object was found.

`t_Position SearchNextObj (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj) const;`

Returns the position of the next object which is equal to * po_obj or zero if no object was found. o_pos must be a valid position value.

`t_Position SearchPrevObj (t_Position o_pos, const t_Object * po_obj) const;`

Returns the position of the previous object which is equal to * po_obj or zero if no object was found. o_pos must be a valid position value.

Access to Found Objects

`t_Object * GetFirstEqualObj (const t_Object * po_obj) const;`

Returns a pointer to the first object which is equal to * po_obj. There must be at least one equal object.

`t_Object * GetLastEqualObj (const t_Object * po_obj) const;`

Returns a pointer to the last object which is equal to * po_obj. There must be at least one equal object.

Add Objects Conditionally

`t_Position AddObjCond (const t_Object * po_obj);`

Returns the position of the first object which is equal to * po_obj or the position of a new object (added by AddObj) if no equal object was found.

`t_Position AddObjBeforeFirstCond (const t_Object * po_obj);`

Returns the position of the first object which is equal to * po_obj or the position of a new object (added by AddObjBeforeFirst) if no equal object was found.

`t_Position AddObjAfterLastCond (const t_Object * po_obj);`

Returns the position of the first object which is equal to * po_obj or the position of a new object (added by AddObjAfterLast) if no equal object was found.

Return Value of Delete Methods

Delete methods always return the position of the successor of the deleted entry. With this technique, a container can be iterated and modified at the same time. If the last object was deleted, the return value equals zero.

Delete Found Objects

```
t_Position DelFirstEqualObj (const t_Object * po_obj);
```

Deletes the first object which is equal to * po_obj. There must be at least one equal object. The method returns the position of the next object of the deleted object or zero, if the last object was deleted.

```
t_Position DelLastEqualObj (const t_Object * po_obj);
```

Deletes the last object which is equal to * po_obj. There must be at least one equal object. The method returns the position of the next object of the deleted object or zero, if the last object was deleted.

Delete Found Objects Conditionally

```
t_Position DelFirstEqualObjCond (const t_Object * po_obj);
```

Deletes the first object which is equal to * po_obj or returns zero if no equal object was found. If an equal object was found the method returns the position of the next object of the deleted object or zero, if the last object was deleted.

```
t_Position DelLastEqualObjCond (const t_Object * po_obj);
```

Deletes the last object which is equal to * po_obj or returns zero if no equal object was found. If an equal object was found the method returns the position of the next object of the deleted object or zero, if the last object was deleted.

2.5.2 Pointer Containers (tuning/ptrcontainer.h)

A container can manage objects of many different types (e.g. ct_String, int, float). If the object type is a pointer type, some container methods are very unhandily. The method GetObj returns a pointer to a pointer, AddObj requires a parameter of type pointer to pointer etc.

```
gct_Rnd16Array <ct_String *> co_array;  
gct_Rnd16Array <ct_String *>::t_Position o_pos;  
ct_String * pco_str = new ct_String;  
o_pos = co_array. AddObj (& pco_str);  
pco_str = * co_array. GetObj (o_pos);
```

The class template gct_PtrContainer provides a comfortable interface for pointer containers. It maps many methods of the basic, extended and comp-container interface and provides some additional methods. To avoid confusions, method names contain the abbreviation Ptr (e.g. GetPtr instead of GetObj).

Note that a pointer container can be the owner of the referenced objects or it can manage pointers to objects which have a different owner. The method DelPtrAndObj deletes a pointer and the referenced object. The method DelPtr simply deletes the pointer, the referenced object remains unchanged.

Note also the difference between comparing the pointers and comparing the referenced objects. In C++ language pointers can be compared. That's why the pointer container interface provides methods of the comp-container interface. If the object type additionally provides the comparison function 'operator ==', the pointer container can be extended by the pointer-comp-container interface (see next section).

C++ compilers generate binary code for each template instance. To reduce the size of the binary code the Spirick pointer containers are based on containers of object type void *. With this technique, many pointer container instances can share the same binary code.

The first template parameter t_obj is the type of the referenced objects. The second template parameter t_container must at least contain the extended container interface, e.g. gct_Chn32DList <void *>. It is extended by the comp-container interface and then used as the base class of the pointer container.

Base Classes

`gct_AnyContainer` (see above 'Container Interface')
`gct_ExtContainer` (see above 'Extended Container')
`gct_CompContainer` (see above 'Comp-Container')

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_obj, class t_container>
class gct_PtrContainer: public gct_CompContainer <t_container>
{
public:
    typedef t_obj          t_RefObject;

    inline                ~gct_PtrContainer ();

    inline t_obj *        GetPtr (t_Position o_pos) const;
    inline t_obj *        GetFirstPtr () const;
    inline t_obj *        GetLastPtr () const;
    inline t_obj *        GetNextPtr (t_Position o_pos) const;
    inline t_obj *        GetPrevPtr (t_Position o_pos) const;
    inline t_obj *        GetNthPtr (t_Length u_idx) const;

    inline t_Position     AddPtr (const t_obj * po_obj);
    inline t_Position     AddPtrBefore (t_Position o_pos, const t_obj * po_obj);
    inline t_Position     AddPtrAfter (t_Position o_pos, const t_obj * po_obj);
    inline t_Position     AddPtrBeforeFirst (const t_obj * po_obj);
    inline t_Position     AddPtrAfterLast (const t_obj * po_obj);
    inline t_Position     AddPtrBeforeNth (t_Length u_idx, const t_obj * po_obj);
    inline t_Position     AddPtrAfterNth (t_Length u_idx, const t_obj * po_obj);

    inline t_Position     DelPtr (t_Position o_pos);
    inline t_Position     DelFirstPtr ();
    inline t_Position     DelLastPtr ();
    inline t_Position     DelNextPtr (t_Position o_pos);
    inline t_Position     DelPrevPtr (t_Position o_pos);
    inline t_Position     DelNthPtr (t_Length u_idx);
    inline void           DelAllPtr ();

    inline t_Position     DelPtrAndObj (t_Position o_pos);
    inline t_Position     DelFirstPtrAndObj ();
    inline t_Position     DelLastPtrAndObj ();
    inline t_Position     DelNextPtrAndObj (t_Position o_pos);
    inline t_Position     DelPrevPtrAndObj (t_Position o_pos);
    inline t_Position     DelNthPtrAndObj (t_Length u_idx);
    inline void           DelAllPtrAndObj ();

    inline bool           ContainsPtr (const t_obj * po_obj) const;
    inline t_Length       CountPtrs (const t_obj * po_obj) const;

    inline t_Position     SearchFirstPtr (const t_obj * po_obj) const;
    inline t_Position     SearchLastPtr (const t_obj * po_obj) const;
    inline t_Position     SearchNextPtr (t_Position o_pos, const t_obj * po_obj) const;
    inline t_Position     SearchPrevPtr (t_Position o_pos, const t_obj * po_obj) const;

    inline t_Position     AddPtrCond (const t_obj * po_obj);
    inline t_Position     AddPtrBeforeFirstCond (const t_obj * po_obj);
    inline t_Position     AddPtrAfterLastCond (const t_obj * po_obj);

    inline t_Position     DelFirstEqualPtr (const t_obj * po_obj);
    inline t_Position     DelLastEqualPtr (const t_obj * po_obj);
    inline t_Position     DelFirstEqualPtrCond (const t_obj * po_obj);
    inline t_Position     DelLastEqualPtrCond (const t_obj * po_obj);
```

```

inline t_Position DelFirstEqualPtrAndObj (const t_obj * po_obj);
inline t_Position DelLastEqualPtrAndObj (const t_obj * po_obj);
inline t_Position DelFirstEqualPtrAndObjCond (const t_obj * po_obj);
inline t_Position DelLastEqualPtrAndObjCond (const t_obj * po_obj);
};

```

// Example of an implementation

```

template <class t_obj, class t_container>
inline t_obj * gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, t_container>::
GetPtr (t_Position o_pos) const
{
return (t_obj *) * GetObj (o_pos);
}

template <class t_obj, class t_container>
inline gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, t_container>::t_Position
gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, t_container>::
DelPtrAndObj (t_Position o_pos)
{
delete GetPtr (o_pos);
return FreeObj (o_pos);
}

```

Data Types

```
typedef t_obj t_RefObject;
```

The nested type `t_RefObject` corresponds to the template parameter `t_obj`. It can be used by derived classes.

Destructor

```
~gct_PtrContainer ();
```

The destructor of a pointer container deletes all pointers by calling the method `FreeAll`, the referenced objects remain unchanged.

Access to Referenced Objects

```
t_obj * GetPtr (t_Position o_pos) const;
```

Returns a pointer to the object at position `o_pos`. `o_pos` must be a valid position value.

```
t_obj * GetFirstPtr () const;
```

Returns a pointer to the first object. The container must contain at least one pointer.

```
t_obj * GetLastPtr () const;
```

Returns a pointer to the last object. The container must contain at least one pointer.

```
t_obj * GetNextPtr (t_Position o_pos) const;
```

Returns a pointer to the next object. `o_pos` and `Next (o_pos)` must be valid position values.

```
t_obj * GetPrevPtr (t_Position o_pos) const;
```

Returns a pointer to the previous object. `o_pos` and `Prev (o_pos)` must be valid position values.

```
t_obj * GetNthPtr (t_Length u_idx) const;
```

Returns a pointer to the `nth` object ($0 < u_idx \leq \text{GetLen}$).

Add Pointers

`t_Position AddPtr (const t_obj * po_obj);`

Adds a pointer and returns the position of the new pointer. The logical position of the new pointer depends on the container implementation.

`t_Position AddPtrBefore (t_Position o_pos, const t_obj * po_obj);`

Adds a pointer before a specific position and returns the position of the new pointer. If `o_pos` equals zero, the new pointer is appended after the last pointer, i.e. it will be the new last pointer.

`t_Position AddPtrAfter (t_Position o_pos, const t_obj * po_obj);`

Adds a pointer after a specific position and returns the position of the new pointer. If `o_pos` equals zero, the new pointer is inserted before the first pointer, i.e. it will be the new first pointer.

`t_Position AddPtrBeforeFirst (const t_obj * po_obj);`

Adds a pointer before the first pointer and returns the position of the new pointer. The new pointer will be the new first pointer.

`t_Position AddPtrAfterLast (const t_obj * po_obj);`

Adds a pointer after the last pointer and returns the position of the new pointer. The new pointer will be the new last pointer.

`t_Position AddPtrBeforeNth (t_Length u_idx, const t_obj * po_obj);`

Adds a pointer before the `n`th pointer and returns the position of the new pointer ($0 < u_idx \leq \text{GetLen}$).

`t_Position AddPtrAfterNth (t_Length u_idx, const t_obj * po_obj);`

Adds a pointer after the `n`th pointer and returns the position of the new pointer ($0 < u_idx \leq \text{GetLen}$).

Return Value of Delete Methods

Delete methods always return the position of the successor of the deleted entry. With this technique, a container can be iterated and modified at the same time. If the last object was deleted, the return value equals zero.

Delete Pointers

`t_Position DelPtr (t_Position o_pos);`

Deletes the pointer at position `o_pos` by calling the method `FreeObj`, the referenced object remains unchanged. `o_pos` must be a valid position value. The method returns `Next (o_pos)`, i.e. the position of the next pointer or zero, if the last pointer was deleted.

`t_Position DelFirstPtr ();`

Deletes the first pointer by calling the method `FreeFirstObj`, the referenced object remains unchanged. The container must contain at least one pointer. The method returns the position of the new first pointer or zero, if the last pointer was deleted.

`t_Position DelLastPtr ();`

Deletes the last pointer by calling the method `FreeLastObj`, the referenced object remains unchanged. The container must contain at least one pointer. The method always returns zero, because the last pointer was deleted.

`t_Position DelNextPtr (t_Position o_pos);`

Deletes the pointer at position `Next (o_pos)` by calling the method `FreeNextObj`, the referenced object remains unchanged. `o_pos` and `Next (o_pos)` must be valid position values. The method returns `Next (Next`

(o_pos)), i.e. the position of the next pointer of the deleted pointer or zero, if the last pointer was deleted.

```
t_Position DelPrevPtr (t_Position o_pos);
```

Deletes the pointer at position Prev (o_pos) by calling the method FreePrevObj, the referenced object remains unchanged. o_pos and Prev (o_pos) must be valid position values. The method returns o_pos, because it is the position of the next pointer of the deleted pointer.

```
t_Position DelNthPtr (t_Length u_idx);
```

Deletes the nth pointer (0 < u_idx <= GetLen) by calling the method FreeNthObj, the referenced object remains unchanged. The method returns Next (Nth (u_idx)), i.e. the position of the next pointer of the deleted pointer or zero, if the last pointer was deleted.

```
void DelAllPtr ();
```

Deletes all pointers by calling the method FreeAll, the referenced objects remain unchanged.

Delete Pointers and Referenced Objects

```
t_Position DelPtrAndObj (t_Position o_pos);
```

This method works like DelPtr and deletes the referenced object.

```
t_Position DelFirstPtrAndObj ();
```

This method works like DelFirstPtr and deletes the referenced object.

```
t_Position DelLastPtrAndObj ();
```

This method works like DelLastPtr and deletes the referenced object.

```
t_Position DelNextPtrAndObj (t_Position o_pos);
```

This method works like DelNextPtr and deletes the referenced object.

```
t_Position DelPrevPtrAndObj (t_Position o_pos);
```

This method works like DelPrevPtr and deletes the referenced object.

```
t_Position DelNthPtrAndObj (t_Length u_idx);
```

This method works like DelNthPtr and deletes the referenced object.

```
void DelAllPtrAndObj ();
```

This method works like DelAllPtr and deletes the referenced objects.

Compare Pointers

Note the difference between comparing the pointers and comparing the referenced objects. In C++ language pointers can be compared. That's why the pointer container interface provides methods of the comp-container interface. If the object type additionally provides the comparison function 'operator ==', the pointer container can be extended by the pointer-comp-container interface (see next section).

Search for Pointers

```
bool ContainsPtr (const t_obj * po_obj) const;
```

Returns true, if a contained pointer is equal to po_obj.

```
t_Length CountPtrs (const t_obj * po_obj) const;
```

Returns the number of pointers which are equal to po_obj.

`t_Position SearchFirstPtr (const t_obj * po_obj) const;`

Returns the position of the first pointer which is equal to `po_obj` or zero if no pointer was found.

`t_Position SearchLastPtr (const t_obj * po_obj) const;`

Returns the position of the last pointer which is equal to `po_obj` or zero if no pointer was found.

`t_Position SearchNextPtr (t_Position o_pos, const t_obj * po_obj) const;`

Returns the position of the next pointer which is equal to `po_obj` or zero if no pointer was found. `o_pos` must be a valid position value.

`t_Position SearchPrevPtr (t_Position o_pos, const t_obj * po_obj) const;`

Returns the position of the previous pointer which is equal to `po_obj` or zero if no pointer was found. `o_pos` must be a valid position value.

Add Pointers Conditionally

`t_Position AddPtrCond (const t_obj * po_obj);`

Returns the position of the first pointer which is equal to `po_obj` or the position of a new pointer (added by `AddPtr`) if no equal pointer was found.

`t_Position AddPtrBeforeFirstCond (const t_obj * po_obj);`

Returns the position of the first pointer which is equal to `po_obj` or the position of a new pointer (added by `AddPtrBeforeFirst`) if no equal pointer was found.

`t_Position AddPtrAfterLastCond (const t_obj * po_obj);`

Returns the position of the first pointer which is equal to `po_obj` or the position of a new pointer (added by `AddPtrAfterLast`) if no equal pointer was found.

Delete Found Pointers

`t_Position DelFirstEqualPtr (const t_obj * po_obj);`

Deletes the first pointer which is equal to `po_obj`. There must be at least one equal pointer. The method returns the position of the next pointer of the deleted pointer or zero, if the last pointer was deleted.

`t_Position DelLastEqualPtr (const t_obj * po_obj);`

Deletes the last pointer which is equal to `po_obj`. There must be at least one equal pointer. The method returns the position of the next pointer of the deleted pointer or zero, if the last pointer was deleted.

Delete Found Pointers Conditionally

`t_Position DelFirstEqualPtrCond (const t_obj * po_obj);`

Deletes the first pointer which is equal to `po_obj` or returns zero if no equal pointer was found. If an equal pointer was found the method returns the position of the next pointer of the deleted pointer or zero, if the last pointer was deleted.

`t_Position DelLastEqualPtrCond (const t_obj * po_obj);`

Deletes the last pointer which is equal to `po_obj` or returns zero if no equal pointer was found. If an equal pointer was found the method returns the position of the next pointer of the deleted pointer or zero, if the last pointer was deleted.

Delete Found Pointers and Referenced Objects

`t_Position DelFirstEqualPtrAndObj (const t_obj * po_obj);`

This method works like `DelFirstEqualPtr` and deletes the referenced object.

```
t_Position DelLastEqualPtrAndObj (const t_obj * po_obj);
```

This method works like `DelLastEqualPtr` and deletes the referenced object.

Delete Found Pointers and Referenced Objects Conditionally

```
t_Position DelFirstEqualPtrAndObjCond (const t_obj * po_obj);
```

This method works like `DelFirstEqualPtrCond` and deletes the referenced object.

```
t_Position DelLastEqualPtrAndObjCond (const t_obj * po_obj);
```

This method works like `DelLastEqualPtrCond` and deletes the referenced object.

2.5.3 Pointer Container Operations

Insert, Copy and Delete Objects

The following sample code demonstrates some simple pointer container operations. The class `ct_Int` is described in the section 'Sample Programs'.

```
ct_Int co_int = 1;
ct_Int * pco_int;
gct_AnyPtrContainer <ct_Int> co_ptrContainer;
gct_AnyPtrContainer <ct_Int>::t_Position o_pos;

// Add a new object by calling the default constructor
o_pos = co_ptrContainer. AddPtr (new ct_Int);

// Access the object and initialize it
pco_int = co_ptrContainer. GetPtr (o_pos);
(* pco_int) = 2;

// Copy an existing object into the pointer container
o_pos = co_ptrContainer. AddPtr (new ct_Int (co_int));

// Delete a single pointer and the referenced object
co_ptrContainer. DelPtrAndObj (o_pos);
```

Iterate Forward

The following sample code demonstrates a forward iteration over a pointer container.

```
gct_AnyPtrContainer <float> co_ptrContainer;
gct_AnyPtrContainer <float>::t_Position o_pos;

for (o_pos = co_ptrContainer. First ();
    o_pos != 0;
    o_pos = co_ptrContainer. Next (o_pos))
{
    float * pf = co_ptrContainer. GetPtr (o_pos);
    // ...
}
```

Iterate Backward

The following sample code demonstrates a backward iteration over a pointer container.

```
gct_AnyPtrContainer <float> co_ptrContainer;
gct_AnyPtrContainer <float>::t_Position o_pos;
```

```

for (o_pos = co_ptrContainer. Last ();
    o_pos != 0;
    o_pos = co_ptrContainer. Prev (o_pos))
{
float * pf = co_ptrContainer. GetPtr (o_pos);
// ...
}

```

Iterate and Modify

The following sample code demonstrates how to iterate and modify a pointer container.

```

gct_AnyPtrContainer <float> co_ptrContainer;
gct_AnyPtrContainer <float>::t_Position o_pos;

for (o_pos = co_ptrContainer. First ();
    o_pos != 0;
    o_pos = /* delete entry ? */ ?
        co_ptrContainer. DelPtrAndObj (o_pos) :
        co_ptrContainer. Next (o_pos))
{
float * pf = co_ptrContainer. GetPtr (o_pos);
// ...
}

```

Alternatively a while loop can be used.

```

gct_AnyPtrContainer <float> co_ptrContainer;
gct_AnyPtrContainer <float>::t_Position o_pos;

o_pos = co_ptrContainer. First ();

while (o_pos != 0)
{
float * pf = co_ptrContainer. GetPtr (o_pos);
// ...
if ( /* delete entry ? */ )
    o_pos = co_ptrContainer. DelPtrAndObj (o_pos);
else
    o_pos = co_ptrContainer. Next (o_pos);
}

```

2.5.4 Pointer-Comp-Containers (tuning/ptrcompcontainer.h)

If the object type of a pointer container provides the comparison function 'operator ==', the pointer container can be extended by the pointer-comp-container interface. This interface is very similar to the comp-container interface (see above). The methods of a pointer-comp-container are based on the 'operator ==' of referenced objects. To avoid confusions, method names contain the abbreviation Ref (e.g. AddRefCond instead of AddObjCond or AddPtrCond).

The template parameter t_container must at least contain the pointer container interface, e.g. gct_Std32PtrArray <float>. It is used as the base class of the pointer-comp-container.

Base Classes

```

gct_AnyContainer      (see above 'Container Interface')
gct_ExtContainer     (see above 'Extended Container')
gct_CompContainer    (see above 'Comp-Container')
gct_PtrContainer     (see above 'Pointer Container')

```

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_container>
class gct_PtrCompContainer: public t_container
{
public:
    inline bool          ContainsRef (const t_RefObject * po_obj) const;
    t_Length            CountRefs (const t_RefObject * po_obj) const;

    t_Position          SearchFirstRef (const t_RefObject * po_obj) const;
    t_Position          SearchLastRef (const t_RefObject * po_obj) const;
    t_Position          SearchNextRef (t_Position o_pos, const t_RefObject * po_obj) const;
    t_Position          SearchPrevRef (t_Position o_pos, const t_RefObject * po_obj) const;

    inline t_RefObject * GetFirstEqualRef (const t_RefObject * po_obj) const;
    inline t_RefObject * GetLastEqualRef (const t_RefObject * po_obj) const;

    inline t_Position    AddRefCond (const t_RefObject * po_obj);
    inline t_Position    AddRefBeforeFirstCond (const t_RefObject * po_obj);
    inline t_Position    AddRefAfterLastCond (const t_RefObject * po_obj);

    inline t_Position    DelFirstEqualRef (const t_RefObject * po_obj);
    inline t_Position    DelLastEqualRef (const t_RefObject * po_obj);
    inline t_Position    DelFirstEqualRefCond (const t_RefObject * po_obj);
    inline t_Position    DelLastEqualRefCond (const t_RefObject * po_obj);

    inline t_Position    DelFirstEqualRefAndObj (const t_RefObject * po_obj);
    inline t_Position    DelLastEqualRefAndObj (const t_RefObject * po_obj);
    inline t_Position    DelFirstEqualRefAndObjCond (const t_RefObject * po_obj);
    inline t_Position    DelLastEqualRefAndObjCond (const t_RefObject * po_obj);
};
```

Search for Referenced Objects

`bool ContainsRef (const t_RefObject * po_obj) const;`

Returns true, if a referenced object is equal to * po_obj.

`t_Length CountRefs (const t_RefObject * po_obj) const;`

Returns the number of referenced objects which are equal to * po_obj.

`t_Position SearchFirstRef (const t_RefObject * po_obj) const;`

Returns the position of the first referenced object which is equal to * po_obj or zero if no object was found.

`t_Position SearchLastRef (const t_RefObject * po_obj) const;`

Returns the position of the last referenced object which is equal to * po_obj or zero if no object was found.

`t_Position SearchNextRef (t_Position o_pos, const t_RefObject * po_obj) const;`

Returns the position of the next referenced object which is equal to * po_obj or zero if no object was found. o_pos must be a valid position value.

`t_Position SearchPrevRef (t_Position o_pos, const t_RefObject * po_obj) const;`

Returns the position of the previous referenced object which is equal to * po_obj or zero if no object was found. o_pos must be a valid position value.

Access to Found Objects

`t_RefObject * GetFirstEqualRef (const t_RefObject * po_obj) const;`

Returns a pointer to the first referenced object which is equal to `* po_obj`. There must be at least one equal object.

`t_RefObject * GetLastEqualRef (const t_RefObject * po_obj) const;`

Returns a pointer to the last referenced object which is equal to `* po_obj`. There must be at least one equal object.

Add Pointers Conditionally

`t_Position AddRefCond (const t_RefObject * po_obj);`

Returns the position of the first referenced object which is equal to `* po_obj` or the position of a new pointer (added by `AddPtr`) if no equal object was found.

`t_Position AddRefBeforeFirstCond (const t_RefObject * po_obj);`

Returns the position of the first referenced object which is equal to `* po_obj` or the position of a new pointer (added by `AddPtrBeforeFirst`) if no equal object was found.

`t_Position AddRefAfterLastCond (const t_RefObject * po_obj);`

Returns the position of the first referenced object which is equal to `* po_obj` or the position of a new pointer (added by `AddPtrAfterLast`) if no equal object was found.

Return Value of Delete Methods

Delete methods always return the position of the successor of the deleted entry. With this technique, a container can be iterated and modified at the same time. If the last object was deleted, the return value equals zero.

Delete Pointers of Found Objects

`t_Position DelFirstEqualRef (const t_RefObject * po_obj);`

Deletes the pointer of the first referenced object which is equal to `* po_obj`. There must be at least one equal object. The method returns the position of the next pointer of the deleted pointer or zero, if the last pointer was deleted.

`t_Position DelLastEqualRef (const t_RefObject * po_obj);`

Deletes the pointer of the last referenced object which is equal to `* po_obj`. There must be at least one equal object. The method returns the position of the next pointer of the deleted pointer or zero, if the last pointer was deleted.

Delete Pointers of Found Objects Conditionally

`t_Position DelFirstEqualRefCond (const t_RefObject * po_obj);`

Deletes the pointer of the first referenced object which is equal to `* po_obj` or returns zero if no equal object was found. If an equal object was found the method returns the position of the next pointer of the deleted pointer or zero, if the last pointer was deleted.

`t_Position DelLastEqualRefCond (const t_RefObject * po_obj);`

Deletes the pointer of the last referenced object which is equal to `* po_obj` or returns zero if no equal object was found. If an equal object was found the method returns the position of the next pointer of the deleted pointer or zero, if the last pointer was deleted.

Delete Pointers and Objects of Found Objects

```
t_Position DelFirstEqualRefAndObj (const t_RefObject * po_obj);
```

This method works like `DelFirstEqualRef` and deletes the referenced object.

```
t_Position DelLastEqualRefAndObj (const t_RefObject * po_obj);
```

This method works like `DelLastEqualRef` and deletes the referenced object.

Delete Pointers and Objects of Found Objects Conditionally

```
t_Position DelFirstEqualRefAndObjCond (const t_RefObject * po_obj);
```

This method works like `DelFirstEqualRefCond` and deletes the referenced object.

```
t_Position DelLastEqualRefAndObjCond (const t_RefObject * po_obj);
```

This method works like `DelLastEqualRefCond` and deletes the referenced object.

2.5.5 Map Containers (tuning/map.h)

The map container interface is an extension of the basic container interface. A map container manages key-value pairs. The 'value' type requirements are very simple. A class type must contain a default and a copy constructor, no other requirements have to be fulfilled. Numeric and pointer types can also be used. The 'key' type must additionally provide the comparison function 'operator =='. So it's possible to search for a specific key.

A map container is based on a basic container which manages key-value pairs, e.g. `gct_Std32Array<gct_MapEntry<ct_String, ct_Int>>`. The basic container is used as the base class of the map container. **Key-value type example:** The type `gct_MapEntry<ct_String, ct_Int>` is based on the 'key' type `ct_String` and the 'value' type `ct_Int`. The 'key' type is used as the base class of the key-value type. Numeric data types, e.g. `int` or `char`, must be extended by the template `gct_Key`, e.g. `gct_MapEntry<gct_Key<int>, ct_String>`. If the base container of a map container is a sorted array, the 'key' type must provide the comparison function 'operator <'. If the base container is a hash table, the 'key' type must provide the method `GetHash`.

Base Classes

`gct_AnyContainer` (see above 'Container Interface')

[`gct_ExtContainer` (optional, see above 'Extended Container')]

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_container>
class gct_Map: public t_container
{
public:
    typedef t_Object::t_Key      t_Key;
    typedef t_Object::t_Value    t_Value;

    inline bool      ContainsKey (t_Key o_key) const;
    t_Length        CountKeys (t_Key o_key) const;

    t_Position      SearchFirstKey (t_Key o_key) const;
    t_Position      SearchLastKey (t_Key o_key) const;
    t_Position      SearchNextKey (t_Position o_pos, t_Key o_key) const;
    t_Position      SearchPrevKey (t_Position o_pos, t_Key o_key) const;

    inline t_Key     GetKey (t_Position o_pos) const;
    inline t_Value * GetValue (t_Position o_pos) const;
```

```

inline t_Value * GetFirstValue (t_Key o_key) const;
inline t_Value * GetLastValue (t_Key o_key) const;

t_Position AddKeyAndValue (t_Key o_key, const t_Value * po_value = 0);
t_Position AddKeyAndValueCond (t_Key o_key, const t_Value * po_value = 0);

inline t_Position DelKeyAndValue (t_Position o_pos);
inline t_Position DelFirstKeyAndValue (t_Key o_key);
inline t_Position DelLastKeyAndValue (t_Key o_key);
inline t_Position DelFirstKeyAndValueCond (t_Key o_key);
inline t_Position DelLastKeyAndValueCond (t_Key o_key);
inline void DelAllKeyAndValue ();
};

```

Data Types

```
typedef t_Object::t_Key t_Key;
```

The nested type `t_Key` describes the 'key' type of key-value pairs.

```
typedef t_Object::t_Value t_Value;
```

The nested type `t_Value` describes the 'value' type of key-value pairs.

Search for Pairs

```
bool ContainsKey (t_Key o_key) const;
```

Returns true, if a contained key is equal to `o_key`.

```
t_Length CountKeys (t_Key o_key) const;
```

Returns the number of keys which are equal to `o_key`.

```
t_Position SearchFirstKey (t_Key o_key) const;
```

Returns the position of the first key-value pair whose key is equal to `o_key` or zero if no key was found.

```
t_Position SearchLastKey (t_Key o_key) const;
```

Returns the position of the last key-value pair whose key is equal to `o_key` or zero if no key was found.

```
t_Position SearchNextKey (t_Position o_pos, t_Key o_key) const;
```

Returns the position of the next key-value pair whose key is equal to `o_key` or zero if no key was found. `o_pos` must be a valid position value.

```
t_Position SearchPrevKey (t_Position o_pos, t_Key o_key) const;
```

Returns the position of the previous key-value pair whose key is equal to `o_key` or zero if no key was found. `o_pos` must be a valid position value.

Access to Key and Value

```
t_Key GetKey (t_Position o_pos) const;
```

Returns the key of the key-value pair at position `o_pos`. `o_pos` must be a valid position value.

```
t_Value * GetValue (t_Position o_pos) const;
```

Returns a pointer to the value of the key-value pair at position `o_pos`. `o_pos` must be a valid position value.

Access to Found Values

`t_Value * GetFirstValue (t_Key o_key) const;`

Returns a pointer to the value of the first key-value pair whose key is equal to `o_key`. There must be at least one equal key.

`t_Value * GetLastValue (t_Key o_key) const;`

Returns a pointer to the value of the last key-value pair whose key is equal to `o_key`. There must be at least one equal key.

Add Key-Value Pairs (Conditionally)

`t_Position AddKeyAndValue (t_Key o_key, const t_Value * po_value = 0);`

Adds a key-value pair and returns the position of the new pair. The logical position of the new pair depends on the container implementation. If `po_value` equals zero, the new value is created by the default constructor, otherwise the copy constructor is used.

`t_Position AddKeyAndValueCond (t_Key o_key, const t_Value * po_value = 0);`

Returns the position of the first key-value pair whose key is equal to `o_key` or the position of a new pair if no equal key was found. The logical position of the new pair depends on the container implementation. If `po_value` equals zero, the new value is created by the default constructor, otherwise the copy constructor is used.

Return Value of Delete Methods

Delete methods always return the position of the successor of the deleted entry. With this technique, a container can be iterated and modified at the same time. If the last object was deleted, the return value equals zero.

Delete Pairs

`t_Position DelKeyAndValue (t_Position o_pos);`

Deletes the key-value pair at position `o_pos`. Calls the destructor of the key-value pair and releases the corresponding memory. `o_pos` must be a valid position value. The method returns `Next (o_pos)`, i.e. the position of the next pair or zero, if the last pair was deleted.

`void DelAllKeyAndValue ();`

Deletes all contained key-value pairs. Calls the destructor of the pairs and releases the corresponding memory.

Delete Found Pairs

`t_Position DelFirstKeyAndValue (t_Key o_key);`

Deletes the first key-value pair whose key is equal to `o_key`. There must be at least one equal key. The method returns the position of the next pair of the deleted pair or zero, if the last pair was deleted.

`t_Position DelLastKeyAndValue (t_Key o_key);`

Deletes the last key-value pair whose key is equal to `o_key`. There must be at least one equal key. The method returns the position of the next pair of the deleted pair or zero, if the last pair was deleted.

Delete Found Pairs Conditionally

`t_Position DelFirstKeyAndValueCond (t_Key o_key):`

Deletes the first key-value pair whose key is equal to `o_key` or returns zero if no equal key was found. If an equal key was found the method returns the position of the next pair of the deleted pair or zero, if the last pair was deleted.

`t_Position DelLastKeyAndValueCond (t_Key o_key):`

Deletes the last key-value pair whose key is equal to `o_key` or returns zero if no equal key was found. If an equal key was found the method returns the position of the next pair of the deleted pair or zero, if the last pair was deleted.

2.5.6 Pointer Map Containers (tuning/ptrmap.h)

A map container can manage 'value' objects of many different types (e.g. `ct_String`, `int`, `float`). If the 'value' type is a pointer type, some map container methods are very unhandily. The method `GetValue` returns a pointer to a pointer, `AddKeyAndValue` requires a parameter of type pointer to pointer etc.

The class template `gct_PtrMap` provides a comfortable interface for pointer map containers. A pointer map manages key-pointer pairs. The pointers refer to 'value' objects. The 'key' type requirements are very simple. A class type must contain a default and a copy constructor. Numeric and pointer types can also be used. The 'key' type must additionally provide the comparison function `'operator =='`. So it's possible to search for a specific key.

Note that a pointer map container can be the owner of the referenced value objects or it can manage pointers to value objects which have a different owner. The method `DelKeyAndValue` deletes a key-pointer pair and the referenced value object. The method `DelKey` simply deletes the key-pointer pair, the referenced value object remains unchanged.

The first template parameter `t_container` must be a container type which manages key-pointer pairs, e.g. `gct_Std32Array <gct_PtrMapEntry <ct_String> >`. The second template parameter `t_value` is the type of the value objects. The basic container is used as the base class of the pointer map container.

Key-pointer type example: The type `gct_PtrMapEntry <ct_String>` is based on the 'key' type `ct_String`. The pointer part of the key-pointer pair is of type `void *`. With this technique, many pointer map container instances can share the same binary code. The 'key' type is used as the base class of the key-pointer type. Numeric data types, e.g. `int` or `char`, must be extended by the template `gct_Key`, e.g. `gct_PtrMapEntry <gct_Key <int> >`. If the base container of a pointer map container is a sorted array, the 'key' type must provide the comparison function `'operator <'`. If the base container is a hash table, the 'key' type must provide the method `GetHash`.

Base Classes

`gct_AnyContainer` (see above 'Container Interface')

[`gct_ExtContainer` (optional, see above 'Extended Container')]

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_container, class t_value>
class gct_PtrMap: public t_container
{
public:
    typedef t_Object::t_Key          t_Key;
    typedef t_value                  t_Value;

    inline bool                      ContainsKey (t_Key o_key) const;
    t_Length                          CountKeys (t_Key o_key) const;
```

```

t_Position      SearchFirstKey (t_Key o_key) const;
t_Position      SearchLastKey (t_Key o_key) const;
t_Position      SearchNextKey (t_Position o_pos,
                          t_Key o_key) const;
t_Position      SearchPrevKey (t_Position o_pos,
                          t_Key o_key) const;

inline t_Key     GetKey (t_Position o_pos) const;
inline t_Value * GetValPtr (t_Position o_pos) const;
inline t_Value * GetFirstValPtr (t_Key o_key) const;
inline t_Value * GetLastValPtr (t_Key o_key) const;

t_Position      AddKeyAndValPtr (t_Key o_key,
                          const t_Value * po_value);
t_Position      AddKeyAndValPtrCond (t_Key o_key,
                          const t_Value * po_value);

inline t_Position DelKey (t_Position o_pos);
inline t_Position DelFirstKey (t_Key o_key);
inline t_Position DelLastKey (t_Key o_key);
inline t_Position DelFirstKeyCond (t_Key o_key);
inline t_Position DelLastKeyCond (t_Key o_key);
inline void       DelAllKey ();

inline t_Position DelKeyAndValue (t_Position o_pos);
inline t_Position DelFirstKeyAndValue (t_Key o_key);
inline t_Position DelLastKeyAndValue (t_Key o_key);
inline t_Position DelFirstKeyAndValueCond (t_Key o_key);
inline t_Position DelLastKeyAndValueCond (t_Key o_key);
void             DelAllKeyAndValue ();
};

```

Data Types

```
typedef t_Object::t_Key t_Key;
```

The nested type `t_Key` describes the 'key' type of key-pointer pairs.

```
typedef t_value t_Value;
```

The nested type `t_Value` describes the type of referenced objects of key-pointer pairs.

Search for Pairs

```
bool ContainsKey (t_Key o_key) const;
```

Returns true, if a contained key is equal to `o_key`.

```
t_Length CountKeys (t_Key o_key) const;
```

Returns the number of keys which are equal to `o_key`.

```
t_Position SearchFirstKey (t_Key o_key) const;
```

Returns the position of the first key-pointer pair whose key is equal to `o_key` or zero if no key was found.

```
t_Position SearchLastKey (t_Key o_key) const;
```

Returns the position of the last key-pointer pair whose key is equal to `o_key` or zero if no key was found.

```
t_Position SearchNextKey (t_Position o_pos, t_Key o_key) const;
```

Returns the position of the next key-pointer pair whose key is equal to `o_key` or zero if no key was found. `o_pos` must be a valid position value.

`t_Position SearchPrevKey (t_Position o_pos, t_Key o_key) const;`

Returns the position of the previous key-pointer pair whose key is equal to `o_key` or zero if no key was found. `o_pos` must be a valid position value.

Access to Key and Value

`t_Key GetKey (t_Position o_pos) const;`

Returns the key of the key-pointer pair at position `o_pos`. `o_pos` must be a valid position value.

`t_Value * GetValuePtr (t_Position o_pos) const;`

Returns a pointer to the referenced value object of the key-pointer pair at position `o_pos`. `o_pos` must be a valid position value.

Access to Found Values

`t_Value * GetFirstValuePtr (t_Key o_key) const;`

Returns a pointer to the referenced value object of the first key-pointer pair whose key is equal to `o_key`. There must be at least one equal key.

`t_Value * GetLastValuePtr (t_Key o_key) const;`

Returns a pointer to the referenced value object of the last key-pointer pair whose key is equal to `o_key`. There must be at least one equal key.

Add Key-Pointer Pairs (Conditionally)

`t_Position AddKeyAndValuePtr (t_Key o_key, const t_Value * po_value);`

Adds a key-pointer pair and returns the position of the new pair. The logical position of the new pair depends on the container implementation.

`t_Position AddKeyAndValuePtrCond (t_Key o_key, const t_Value * po_value);`

Returns the position of the first key-pointer pair whose key is equal to `o_key` or the position of a new pair if no equal key was found. The logical position of the new pair depends on the container implementation.

Return Value of Delete Methods

Delete methods always return the position of the successor of the deleted entry. With this technique, a container can be iterated and modified at the same time. If the last object was deleted, the return value equals zero.

Delete Pairs

`t_Position DelKey (t_Position o_pos);`

Deletes the key-pointer pair at position `o_pos`. Calls the destructor of the key-pointer pair and releases the corresponding memory. The referenced value object remains unchanged. `o_pos` must be a valid position value. The method returns `Next (o_pos)`, i.e. the position of the next pair or zero, if the last pair was deleted.

`void DeleteAllKey ();`

Deletes all contained key-pointer pairs. Calls the destructor of the pairs and releases the corresponding memory. The referenced value objects remain unchanged.

Delete Found Pairs

`t_Position DelFirstKey (t_Key o_key):`

Deletes the first key-pointer pair whose key is equal to `o_key`. The referenced value object remains unchanged. There must be at least one equal key. The method returns the position of the next pair of the deleted pair or zero, if the last pair was deleted.

`t_Position DelLastKey (t_Key o_key):`

Deletes the last key-pointer pair whose key is equal to `o_key`. The referenced value object remains unchanged. There must be at least one equal key. The method returns the position of the next pair of the deleted pair or zero, if the last pair was deleted.

Delete Found Pairs Conditionally

`t_Position DelFirstKeyCond (t_Key o_key):`

Deletes the first key-pointer pair whose key is equal to `o_key` or returns zero if no equal key was found. If an equal key was found the method returns the position of the next pair of the deleted pair or zero, if the last pair was deleted. The referenced value object remains unchanged.

`t_Position DelLastKeyCond (t_Key o_key):`

Deletes the last key-pointer pair whose key is equal to `o_key` or returns zero if no equal key was found. If an equal key was found the method returns the position of the next pair of the deleted pair or zero, if the last pair was deleted. The referenced value object remains unchanged.

Delete Pairs and Referenced Objects

`t_Position DelKeyAndValue (t_Position o_pos):`

This method works like `DelKey` and deletes the referenced value object.

`void DelAllKeyAndValue ():`

This method works like `DelAllKey` and deletes the referenced value objects.

Delete Found Pairs and Referenced Objects

`t_Position DelFirstKeyAndValue (t_Key o_key):`

This method works like `DelFirstKey` and deletes the referenced value object.

`t_Position DelLastKeyAndValue (t_Key o_key):`

This method works like `DelLastKey` and deletes the referenced value object.

Delete Found Pairs and Referenced Objects Conditionally

`t_Position DelFirstKeyAndValueCond (t_Key o_key):`

This method works like `DelFirstKeyCond` and deletes the referenced value object.

`t_Position DelLastKeyAndValueCond (t_Key o_key):`

This method works like `DelLastKeyCond` and deletes the referenced value object.

2.6 Pointer Container Instances

2.6.1 Pointer Array Instances (tuning/xxx/ptrarray.h)

Some template instances are predefined to easily use pointer array containers. The macro `PTR_ARRAY_DCLS(Obj)` generates for each wrapper class of a global store one pointer array template.

The macro

```
PTR_ARRAY_DCLS (Any)
```

expands to:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any_PtrArray:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any_Array <void *> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any8_PtrArray:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any8Array <void *> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any16_PtrArray:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any16Array <void *> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any32_PtrArray:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any32Array <void *> > { };
```

Every directory of a global store contains a file 'ptrarray.h'.

The file 'tuning/std/ptrarray.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std_PtrArray;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std8_PtrArray;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std16_PtrArray;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std32_PtrArray;
```

The file 'tuning/rnd/ptrarray.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd_PtrArray;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd8_PtrArray;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd16_PtrArray;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd32_PtrArray;
```

The file 'tuning/chn/ptrarray.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn_PtrArray;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn8_PtrArray;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn16_PtrArray;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn32_PtrArray;
```

2.6.2 Pointer List Instances (tuning/xxx/ptrdlist.h)

Some template instances are predefined to easily use pointer list containers. The macro `PTR_DLIST_DCLS(Obj)` generates for each wrapper class of a global store one pointer list template.

The macro

```
PTR_DLIST_DCLS (Any)
```

expands to:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any_PtrDList:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any_DList <void *> > { };
```

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Any8PtrDList:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any8DList <void *> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any16PtrDList:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any16DList <void *> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any32PtrDList:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any32DList <void *> > { };

```

Every directory of a global store contains a file 'ptrdlist.h'.

The file 'tuning/std/ptrdlist.h' contains the following declarations:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Std_PtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std8PtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std16PtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std32PtrDList;

```

The file 'tuning/rnd/ptrdlist.h' contains the following declarations:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd_PtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd8PtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd16PtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd32PtrDList;

```

The file 'tuning/chn/ptrdlist.h' contains the following declarations:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn_PtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn8PtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn16PtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn32PtrDList;

```

2.6.3 Pointer Sorted Array Instances (tuning/xxx/ptrsortedarray.h)

Some template instances are predefined to easily use pointer sorted array containers. The macro PTR_SORTEDARRAY_DCLS(Obj) generates for each wrapper class of a global store one pointer sorted array template.

The macro

```
PTR_SORTEDARRAY_DCLS (Any)
```

expands to:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Any_PtrSortedArray:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any_SortedArray <gct_SortedArrayRef <t_obj> > > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any8PtrSortedArray:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any8SortedArray <gct_SortedArrayRef <t_obj> > > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any16PtrSortedArray:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any16SortedArray <gct_SortedArrayRef <t_obj> > > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any32PtrSortedArray:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any32SortedArray <gct_SortedArrayRef <t_obj> > > { };

```

Every directory of a global store contains a file 'ptrsortedarray.h'.

The file 'tuning/std/ptrsortedarray.h' contains the following declarations:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Std_PtrSortedArray;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std8PtrSortedArray;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std16PtrSortedArray;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std32PtrSortedArray;

```

The file 'tuning/rnd/ptrsortedarray.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd_PtrSortedArray;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd8PtrSortedArray;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd16PtrSortedArray;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd32PtrSortedArray;
```

The file 'tuning/chn/ptrsortedarray.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn_PtrSortedArray;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn8PtrSortedArray;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn16PtrSortedArray;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn32PtrSortedArray;
```

2.6.4 Pointer Hash Table Instances (tuning/xxx/ptrhashtable.h)

Some template instances are predefined to easily use pointer hash table containers. The macro `PTR_HASHTABLE_DCLS(Obj)` generates for each wrapper class of a global store one pointer hash table template.

The macro

```
PTR_HASHTABLE_DCLS (Any)
```

expands to:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any_PtrHashTable:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any_HashTable <gct_HashTableRef <t_obj> > > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any8PtrHashTable:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any8HashTable <gct_HashTableRef <t_obj> > > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any16PtrHashTable:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any16HashTable <gct_HashTableRef <t_obj> > > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any32PtrHashTable:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any32HashTable <gct_HashTableRef <t_obj> > > { };
```

Every directory of a global store contains a file 'ptrhashtable.h'.

The file 'tuning/std/ptrhashtable.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std_PtrHashTable;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std8PtrHashTable;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std16PtrHashTable;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std32PtrHashTable;
```

The file 'tuning/rnd/ptrhashtable.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd_PtrHashTable;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd8PtrHashTable;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd16PtrHashTable;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd32PtrHashTable;
```

The file 'tuning/chn/ptrhashtable.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn_PtrHashTable;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn8PtrHashTable;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn16PtrHashTable;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn32PtrHashTable;
```

2.6.5 Block Pointer List Instances (tuning/xxx/blockptrdlist.h)

Some template instances are predefined to easily use block pointer list containers. The macro `BLOCKPTR_DLIST_DCLS(Obj)` generates for each wrapper class of a global store one block pointer list template.

The macro

```
BLOCKPTR_DLIST_DCLS (Any)
```

expands to:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any_BlockPtrDList:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any_BlockDList <void *> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any8BlockPtrDList:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any8BlockDList <void *> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any16BlockPtrDList:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any16BlockDList <void *> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any32BlockPtrDList:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any32BlockDList <void *> > { };
```

Every directory of a global store contains a file '`blockptrdlist.h`'.

The file '`tuning/std/blockptrdlist.h`' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std_BlockPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std8BlockPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std16BlockPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std32BlockPtrDList;
```

The file '`tuning/rnd/blockptrdlist.h`' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd_BlockPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd8BlockPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd16BlockPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd32BlockPtrDList;
```

The file '`tuning/chn/blockptrdlist.h`' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn_BlockPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn8BlockPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn16BlockPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn32BlockPtrDList;
```

2.6.6 Ref Pointer List Instances (tuning/xxx/refptrdlist.h)

Some template instances are predefined to easily use ref pointer list containers. The macro `REFPTR_DLIST_DCLS(Obj)` generates for each wrapper class of a global store one ref pointer list template.

The macro

```
REFPTR_DLIST_DCLS (Any)
```

expands to:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any_RefPtrDList:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any_RefDList <void *> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any8RefPtrDList:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any8RefDList <void *> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any16RefPtrDList:
```

```

public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any16RefDList <void *> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any32RefPtrDList:
public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any32RefDList <void *> > { };

```

Every directory of a global store contains a file 'refptrdlist.h'.

The file 'tuning/std/refptrdlist.h' contains the following declarations:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Std_RefPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std8RefPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std16RefPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std32RefPtrDList;

```

The file 'tuning/rnd/refptrdlist.h' contains the following declarations:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd_RefPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd8RefPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd16RefPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd32RefPtrDList;

```

The file 'tuning/chn/refptrdlist.h' contains the following declarations:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn_RefPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn8RefPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn16RefPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn32RefPtrDList;

```

2.6.7 Block-Ref Pointer List Instances (tuning/xxx/blockrefptrdlist.h)

Some template instances are predefined to easily use block-ref pointer list containers. The macro `BLOCKREFPTR_DLIST_DCLS(Obj)` generates for each wrapper class of a global store one block-ref pointer list template.

The macro

```
BLOCKREFPTR_DLIST_DCLS (Any)
```

expands to:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Any_BlockRefPtrDList: public
gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any_BlockRefDList <void *> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any8BlockRefPtrDList: public
gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any8BlockRefDList <void *> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any16BlockRefPtrDList: public
gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any16BlockRefDList <void *> > { };
template <class t_obj> class gct_Any32BlockRefPtrDList: public
gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Any32BlockRefDList <void *> > { };

```

Every directory of a global store contains a file 'blockrefptrdlist.h'.

The file 'tuning/std/blockrefptrdlist.h' contains the following declarations:

```

template <class t_obj> class gct_Std_BlockRefPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std8BlockRefPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std16BlockRefPtrDList;
template <class t_obj> class gct_Std32BlockRefPtrDList;

```

The file 'tuning/rnd/blockrefptrdlist.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd_BlockRefPtrDList;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd8BlockRefPtrDList;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd16BlockRefPtrDList;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Rnd32BlockRefPtrDList;
```

The file 'tuning/chn/blockrefptrdlist.h' contains the following declarations:

```
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn_BlockRefPtrDList;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn8BlockRefPtrDList;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn16BlockRefPtrDList;  
template <class t_obj> class gct_Chn32BlockRefPtrDList;
```

2.7 Overview of Container Instances

2.7.1 Predefined Template Instances

This section describes the naming convention of predefined template instances. A predefined template name consists of 7 parts.

1. Prefix

A predefined container name begins with the prefix `gct_`.

2. Global Store

Predefined containers allocate memory from one of the global store objects: `Std`, `Rnd` or `Chn`.

3. Length Type

The nested type `t_Length` describes the number of contained objects, examples are `t_UInt`, `t_UInt8`, `t_UInt16` and `t_UInt32`. The corresponding abbreviations are `_`, `8`, `16` and `32`.

4. Optional Block

If a block store is used to implement a list container, the name will contain the abbreviation `Block`.

5. Optional Ref

If a ref-store is used to implement a list container, the name will contain the abbreviation `Ref`.

6. Optional Ptr

If the container is a pointer container, the name will contain the abbreviation `Ptr`.

7. Container Type

A predefined container name ends with the abbreviation for the container type: `Array`, `DList`, `SortedArray` or `HashTable`.

The following table summarizes the naming convention.

Prefix	Glob. Store	t_Length	Opt. Block	Opt. Ref	Opt. Ptr	Cont. Type
gct_	Std	_	Block	Ref	Ptr	Array
	Rnd	8	-	-	-	DList
	Chn	16				SortedArray
		32				HashTable

2.7.2 User Defined Container Templates

In addition to the predefined containers, various other container templates can be defined. Predefined containers are based on the block template `gct_Block`. The alternative block implementations `gct_FixBlock`, `gct_Miniblock` and `gct_ResBlock` can also be used. It is recommended to use the same naming convention as the predefined containers. The following sample code demonstrates how to use the block template `gct_Miniblock` to implement some container templates.

```
typedef gct_EmptyBaseMiniBlock <ct_Chn_Store> ct_Chn_Miniblock;
typedef gct_EmptyBaseMiniBlock <ct_Chn32Store> ct_Chn32Miniblock;
typedef gct_BlockStore <ct_PageBlock, gct_CharBlock <ct_Chn_Miniblock, char> > ct_Chn_PageBlockStore;

template <class t_obj>
class gct_Chn_MiniblockArray: public gct_ExtContainer
    <gct_FixItemArray <t_obj, ct_Chn_Miniblock> > { };

template <class t_obj>
class gct_Chn_MiniblockSortedArray: public gct_ExtContainer
    <gct_FixItemSortedArray <t_obj, ct_Chn_Miniblock> > { };

template <class t_obj>
class gct_Chn_MiniblockPtrArray:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Chn_MiniblockArray <void *> > { };

template <class t_obj>
class gct_Chn32MiniblockHashTable:
    public gct_ExtContainer <gct_HashTable <t_obj, ct_Chn32Miniblock> > { };

template <class t_obj>
class gct_Chn32MiniblockPtrHashTable:
    public gct_PtrContainer <t_obj, gct_Chn32MiniblockHashTable
        <gct_HashTableRef <t_obj> > > { };
```

2.8 Collections

2.8.1 Abstract Object (tuning/object.hpp)

Containers and collections are two different concepts to manage sets of C++ objects. A container manages a uniform set of objects. It also contains the objects itself, i.e. the underlying memory. A collection can manage a polymorphic set of objects which are derived from a common base class. All objects to be used by the **Spirick** collection classes must inherit from the abstract base class `ct_Object`.

Class Declaration

```
class ct_Object
```

```

{
public:
    virtual          ~ct_Object ();
    virtual bool     operator < (const ct_Object & co_comp) const;
    virtual t_UInt   GetHash () const;
};

```

Methods

`~ct_Object ()`:

The virtual destructor ensures type-safe destruction of derived classes.

`bool operator < (const ct_Object & co_comp) const`:

The comparison function 'operator <' is used by the collection class `ct_SortedArray`.

`t_UInt GetHash () const`:

The method `GetHash` is used by hash table containers.

2.8.2 Abstract Collection (tuning/collection.hpp)

The collection interface is identical to the pointer container interface (see above 'Pointer Containers'). The following differences exist between pointer containers and collections:

- Pointer containers are templates, collections are classes.
- Pointer containers can manage pointers of arbitrary type, collections manage pointers to `ct_Object`.

All collections are derived from the abstract base class `ct_Collection`, all methods are virtual. A specific collection class is implemented by using the methods of a specific pointer container.

Base Class

`ct_Object` (see above 'Abstract Object')

Class Declaration

```

class ct_Collection: public ct_Object
{
public:
    typedef t_UInt      t_Length;
    typedef t_UInt      t_Position;

    virtual bool        IsEmpty () const = 0;
    virtual t_Length    GetLen () const = 0;

    virtual t_Position  First () const = 0;
    virtual t_Position  Last () const = 0;
    virtual t_Position  Next (t_Position o_pos) const = 0;
    virtual t_Position  Prev (t_Position o_pos) const = 0;
    virtual t_Position  Nth (t_Length u_idx) const = 0;

    virtual ct_Object * GetPtr (t_Position o_pos) const = 0;
    virtual ct_Object * GetFirstPtr () const = 0;
    virtual ct_Object * GetLastPtr () const = 0;
    virtual ct_Object * GetNextPtr (t_Position o_pos) const = 0;
    virtual ct_Object * GetPrevPtr (t_Position o_pos) const = 0;
    virtual ct_Object * GetNthPtr (t_Length u_idx) const = 0;

    virtual t_Position  AddPtr (const ct_Object * po_obj) = 0;
    virtual t_Position  AddPtrBefore (t_Position o_pos, const ct_Object * po_obj) = 0;
    virtual t_Position  AddPtrAfter (t_Position o_pos, const ct_Object * po_obj) = 0;

```



```

virtual t_Position AddPtrBeforeFirst (const ct_Object * po_obj) = 0;
virtual t_Position AddPtrAfterLast (const ct_Object * po_obj) = 0;
virtual t_Position AddPtrBeforeNth (t_Length u_idx, const ct_Object * po_obj) = 0;
virtual t_Position AddPtrAfterNth (t_Length u_idx, const ct_Object * po_obj) = 0;

virtual t_Position DelPtr (t_Position o_pos) = 0;
virtual t_Position DelFirstPtr () = 0;
virtual t_Position DelLastPtr () = 0;
virtual t_Position DelNextPtr (t_Position o_pos) = 0;
virtual t_Position DelPrevPtr (t_Position o_pos) = 0;
virtual t_Position DelNthPtr (t_Length u_idx) = 0;
virtual void DelAllPtr () = 0;

virtual t_Position DelPtrAndObj (t_Position o_pos) = 0;
virtual t_Position DelFirstPtrAndObj () = 0;
virtual t_Position DelLastPtrAndObj () = 0;
virtual t_Position DelNextPtrAndObj (t_Position o_pos) = 0;
virtual t_Position DelPrevPtrAndObj (t_Position o_pos) = 0;
virtual t_Position DelNthPtrAndObj (t_Length u_idx) = 0;
virtual void DelAllPtrAndObj () = 0;

virtual bool ContainsPtr (const ct_Object * po_obj) const = 0;
virtual t_Length CountPtrs (const ct_Object * po_obj) const = 0;

virtual t_Position SearchFirstPtr (const ct_Object * po_obj) const = 0;
virtual t_Position SearchLastPtr (const ct_Object * po_obj) const = 0;
virtual t_Position SearchNextPtr (t_Position o_pos, const ct_Object * po_obj) const = 0;
virtual t_Position SearchPrevPtr (t_Position o_pos, const ct_Object * po_obj) const = 0;

virtual t_Position AddPtrCond (const ct_Object * po_obj) = 0;
virtual t_Position AddPtrBeforeFirstCond (const ct_Object * po_obj) = 0;
virtual t_Position AddPtrAfterLastCond (const ct_Object * po_obj) = 0;

virtual t_Position DelFirstEqualPtr (const ct_Object * po_obj) = 0;
virtual t_Position DelLastEqualPtr (const ct_Object * po_obj) = 0;
virtual t_Position DelFirstEqualPtrCond (const ct_Object * po_obj) = 0;
virtual t_Position DelLastEqualPtrCond (const ct_Object * po_obj) = 0;

virtual t_Position DelFirstEqualPtrAndObj (const ct_Object * po_obj) = 0;
virtual t_Position DelLastEqualPtrAndObj (const ct_Object * po_obj) = 0;
virtual t_Position DelFirstEqualPtrAndObjCond (const ct_Object * po_obj) = 0;
virtual t_Position DelLastEqualPtrAndObjCond (const ct_Object * po_obj) = 0;
};

```

2.8.3 Collection Operations

Insert, Copy and Delete Objects

The following sample code demonstrates some simple collection operations. The class `ct_Int` is described in the section 'Sample Programs'.

```

ct_Int co_int = 1;
ct_Int * pco_int;
ct_AnyCollection co_collection;
ct_AnyCollection::t_Position o_pos;

// Add a new object by calling the default constructor
o_pos = co_collection. AddPtr (new ct_Int);

// Access the object and initialize it
pco_int = dynamic_cast <ct_Int *> (co_collection. GetPtr (o_pos));
(* pco_int) = 2;

```

```
// Copy an existing object into the collection
o_pos = co_collection. AddPtr (new ct_Int (co_int));

// Delete a single pointer and the referenced object
co_collection. DelPtrAndObj (o_pos);
```

Iterate Forward

The following sample code demonstrates a forward iteration over a collection.

```
ct_AnyCollection co_collection;
ct_AnyCollection::t_Position o_pos;

for (o_pos = co_collection. First ();
    o_pos != 0;
    o_pos = co_collection. Next (o_pos))
{
    ct_Object * pco_object = co_collection. GetPtr (o_pos);
    // ...
}
```

Iterate Backward

The following sample code demonstrates a backward iteration over a collection.

```
ct_AnyCollection co_collection;
ct_AnyCollection::t_Position o_pos;

for (o_pos = co_collection. Last ();
    o_pos != 0;
    o_pos = co_collection. Prev (o_pos))
{
    ct_Object * pco_object = co_collection. GetPtr (o_pos);
    // ...
}
```

Iterate and Modify

The following sample code demonstrates how to iterate and modify a collection.

```
ct_AnyCollection co_collection;
ct_AnyCollection::t_Position o_pos;

for (o_pos = co_collection. First ();
    o_pos != 0;
    o_pos = /* delete entry ? */ ?
        co_collection. DelPtrAndObj (o_pos) :
        co_collection. Next (o_pos))
{
    ct_Object * pco_object = co_collection. GetPtr (o_pos);
    // ...
}
```

Alternatively a while loop can be used.

```
ct_AnyCollection co_collection;
ct_AnyCollection::t_Position o_pos;

o_pos = co_collection. First ();

while (o_pos != 0)
{
    ct_Object * pco_object = co_collection. GetPtr (o_pos);
```

```

// ...
if ( /* delete entry ? */ )
    o_pos = co_collection. DelPtrAndObj (o_pos);
else
    o_pos = co_collection. Next (o_pos);
}

```

2.8.4 Abstract Ref-Collection (tuning/refcollection.hpp)

The ref-collection interface is identical to the ref-list interface (see above 'Ref-Lists', template `gct_RefDList`). A specific ref-collection class is implemented by using the methods of a specific ref pointer list, e.g. `gct_Chn_RefPtrDList <ct_Object>`.

Base Classes

`ct_Object` (see above 'Abstract Object')
`ct_Collection` (see above 'Abstract Collection')

Class Declaration

```

class ct_RefCollection: public ct_Collection
{
public:
    virtual void      IncRef (t_Position o_pos) = 0;
    virtual void      DecRef (t_Position o_pos) = 0;
    virtual t_RefCount GetRef (t_Position o_pos) const = 0;
    virtual bool      IsAlloc (t_Position o_pos) const = 0;
    virtual bool      IsFree (t_Position o_pos) const = 0;
};

```

2.8.5 Predefined Collections

Some collection classes are predefined to easily use the collection and ref-collection interfaces. The macro `COLLMAP_DCL` declares a collection class. The macro `COLLMAP_DEF` generates the implementation of the class methods using a pointer container ('`tuning/collmap.hpp`'). The macros `REFCOLLMAP_DCL` and `REFCOLLMAP_DEF` are used to declare and implement ref-collections ('`tuning/refcollmap.hpp`'). The header file of a collection class does not include any container header file.

	Implementation	Compile	Runtime
Container	templates, inline methods	slower	faster
Collection	virtual methods	faster	slower

The macro

`COLLMAP_DCL` (Array)

is located in a header file and expands to:

```

class ct_Array: public ct_Collection
{
// ...
};

```

The macro `COLLMAP_DEF` is located in a `cpp` file. Predefined collection and ref-collection classes are based on pointer containers of type `gct_Chn_...`

```
#include "tuning/chn/ptrarray.h"  
COLLMAP_DEF (Array, gct_Chn_PtrArray)
```

The file 'tuning/array.hpp' contains the following declaration:

```
class ct_Array: public ct_Collection { /*...*/ };
```

The file 'tuning/dlist.hpp' contains the following declaration:

```
class ct_DList: public ct_Collection { /*...*/ };
```

The file 'tuning/sortedarray.hpp' contains the following declaration:

```
class ct_SortedArray: public ct_Collection { /*...*/ };
```

The file 'tuning/blockdlist.hpp' contains the following declaration:

```
class ct_BlockDList: public ct_Collection { /*...*/ };
```

The file 'tuning/refdlist.hpp' contains the following declaration:

```
class ct_RefDList: public ct_RefCollection { /*...*/ };
```

The file 'tuning/blockrefdlist.hpp' contains the following declaration:

```
class ct_BlockRefDList: public ct_RefCollection { /*...*/ };
```

3 STRINGS AND UTILITIES

3.1 System Interface

3.1.1 Resource Errors (tuning/sys/creserror.hpp)

This enum defines different resource errors.

Enumeration

```
enum et_ResError
{
    ec_ResOK = 0,
    ec_ResUnknownError,
    ec_ResUninitialized,
    ec_ResAlreadyInitialized,
    ec_ResInvalidKey,
    ec_ResInvalidValue,
    ec_ResNoKey,
    ec_ResAlreadyExists,
    ec_ResAccessDenied,
    ec_ResNotFound,
    ec_ResLockCountMismatch,
    ec_ResLockFailed,
    ec_ResUnlockFailed,
    ec_ResMemMapFailed,
    ec_ResUnmapFailed,
    ec_ResQuerySizeFailed
};
```

ec_ResOK

No errors occurred.

ec_ResUnknownError

Unknown error.

ec_ResUninitialized

Attempt to use an uninitialized object.

ec_ResAlreadyInitialized

Attempt to reinitialize an initialized object.

ec_ResInvalidKey

Invalid key.

ec_ResInvalidValue

Invalid function parameter.

ec_ResNoKey

Attempt to use an object without a key.

ec_ResAlreadyExists

Object with a specific key already exists.

ec_ResAccessDenied

Access denied.

ec_ResNotFound

Object with a specific key not found.

ec_ResLockCountMismatch

Mutex lock/unlock mismatch.

ec_ResLockFailed

Mutex lock failed.

ec_ResUnlockFailed

Mutex unlock failed.

ec_ResMemMapFailed

Shared memory mapping failed.

ec_ResUnmapFailed

Shared memory unmapping failed.

ec_ResQuerySizeFailed

Query shared memory size failed.

3.1.2 Character and String Conversion (tuning/sys/cstring.hpp)

This section describes several character and string conversion functions. Each 8-bit character function has a matching wide character version. Length parameters refer to the number of characters, not to the size in bytes.

The character case conversion functions are implemented in two different ways. The first implementation (`t1_ToUpper/t1_ToLower`) is very fast. It uses the Windows-1252 character set (this is a superset of ISO 8859-1 (Latin-1)). These functions use a static conversion table independent of the current locale. This implementation is not compatible with UTF strings.

The second implementation (`t1_ToUpper2/t1_ToLower2`) uses fast, wide character based system calls (MS Windows: `CharUpperW`, Linux: `towupper`). The matching 8-bit character versions use a temporary wide character string. This implementation is partially compatible with UTF strings (see also next section).

Multibyte strings (`char`) are partially compatible with UTF-8. Wide character strings (`wchar_t`) are partially compatible with UTF-16 (MS Windows: 16 bit, Linux: 16 or 32 bit). See next section for full UTF compatible functions. The conversion between multibyte and wide character strings consists of two steps: calculate the size of the target buffer and perform the conversion. The conversion functions rely on corresponding system functions (e.g. MS Windows: `MultiByteToWideChar`, Linux: `mbstowcs`).

Functions

`char t1_ToUpper (char c);`

`wchar_t t1_ToUpper (wchar_t c);`

Converts a single character to upper case (Windows-1252).

```
char t1_ToLower (char c);
wchar_t t1_ToLower (wchar_t c);
```

Converts a single character to lower case (Windows-1252).

```
bool t1_ToUpper (char * pc_str);
bool t1_ToUpper (wchar_t * pc_str);
```

Converts a null-terminated string to upper case (Windows-1252).

```
bool t1_ToLower (char * pc_str);
bool t1_ToLower (wchar_t * pc_str);
```

Converts a null-terminated string to lower case (Windows-1252).

```
wchar_t t1_ToUpper2 (wchar_t c);
```

Converts a single character to upper case (partially UTF compatible).

```
wchar_t t1_ToLower2 (wchar_t c);
```

Converts a single character to lower case (partially UTF compatible).

```
bool t1_ToUpper2 (char * pc_str);
bool t1_ToUpper2 (wchar_t * pc_str);
```

Converts a null-terminated string to upper case (partially UTF compatible).

```
bool t1_ToLower2 (char * pc_str);
bool t1_ToLower2 (wchar_t * pc_str);
```

Converts a null-terminated string to lower case (partially UTF compatible).

```
t_UInt t1_StringLength (const char * pc);
t_UInt t1_StringLength (const wchar_t * pc);
```

Calculates the length of a string up to, but not including the terminating null character.

```
unsigned t1_StringHash (const char * pc, t_UInt u_length);
unsigned t1_StringHash (const wchar_t * pc, t_UInt u_length);
```

Calculates the string's hash value.

```
t_UInt t1_MbConvertCount (wchar_t *, const char * pc_src);
```

Counts the number of wide characters inclusive the terminating null character to convert a null-terminated multibyte string. The type of the first parameter is used to resolve overloaded functions, the parameter value is not used.

```
bool t1_MbConvert (wchar_t * pc_dst, const char * pc_src, t_UInt u_count);
```

Converts a null-terminated multibyte string to a null-terminated wide character string. `u_count` is the wide character size of the destination buffer.

```
t_UInt t1_MbConvertCount (char *, const wchar_t * pc_src);
```

Counts the number of 8-bit characters inclusive the terminating null character to convert a null-terminated wide character string. The type of the first parameter is used to resolve overloaded functions, the parameter value is not used.

```
bool t1_MbConvert (char * pc_dst, const wchar_t * pc_src, t_UInt u_count);
```

Converts a null-terminated wide character string to a null-terminated multibyte string. `u_count` is the 8-bit character size of the destination buffer.

Appropriate Classes

The classes `ct_String` and `ct_wString` rely on the global functions of this section.

3.1.3 Unicode (UTF) (tuning/sys/cutf.hpp)

The implementation of multibyte and wide character functions (previous section) relies on corresponding system functions (e.g. MS Windows: `MultiByteToWideChar`, Linux: `mbstowcs`). These functions are partially compatible with UTF strings, and the runtime behavior is OS and locale dependent.

The conversion functions of this section don't use any external resources. The algorithms are fully compatible with the UTF encodings, and the runtime behavior is OS and locale independent. They work on null-terminated and non-null-terminated strings. In case of an UTF format error, a precise error code and the precise error position are returned.

Enumeration

```
enum et_UtfError
{
    ec_UtfOK = 0,
    ec_UtfMissingNull,      // Missing null character
    ec_UtfNullInside,      // Null character inside of string
    ec_UtfMbMissingStart,  // Multibyte (10xx xxxx) without startbyte (11xx xxxx)
    ec_UtfMbInvalidStart,  // Invalid startbyte (1111 1xxx)
    ec_UtfMbExpected,      // Multibyte (10xx xxxx) expected
    ec_UtfMbEnd,           // String end in multibyte sequence
    ec_UtfWideRange,      // Wide character out of range
    ec_UtfSurrogate,       // UTF-16 surrogate in wide character
    ec_UtfHighSurrExpected, // High surrogate expected
    ec_UtfLowSurrExpected,  // Low surrogate expected
    ec_UtfSurrEnd,         // String end in surrogate
    ec_UtfDestTooSmall,    // Destination buffer size too small
    ec_UtfDestTooLarge,    // Destination buffer size too large
    ec_UtfEOS,             // End of string
    ec_UtfLastError
};
```

An UTF-8 character is of type `t_UInt8`, an UTF-16 character is of type `t_UInt16`, and an UTF-32 character is of type `t_UInt32`. Length parameters refer to the number of characters, not to the size in bytes.

The following UTF conversions are implemented: UTF-8 <-> UTF-32, UTF-16 <-> UTF-32 and UTF-8 <-> UTF-16. A string conversion consists of two steps: calculate the size of the target buffer and perform the conversion. If the parameter `b_null` equals `true`, the conversion includes the terminating null character.

The length functions count the number of UTF characters (inclusive the terminating null character, if the parameter `b_null` equals `true`). The upper/lower functions convert UTF strings to upper/lower case. The conversion is done for UTF characters of the Basic Multilingual Plane (< 0x10000) which don't change the size.

If the source pointer `pu_src` is of type 'reference to pointer', the parameter is used to store the error position in case of an UTF error. If the parameter `b_null` equals `true`, the string must be terminated by a null character, and inside of the string null characters are not allowed.

Functions

`et_UtfError t1_UtfConvertCount (t_UIntY *, t_UInt & u_dstLen, const t_UIntX * & pu_src, t_UInt u_srcLen, bool b_null = true);`

Counts the number of UInt-Y characters to convert the UTF-X string (`pu_src`, `u_srcLen`) to UTF-Y, and stores the result in `u_dstLen`. The type of the first parameter is used to resolve overloaded functions, the parameter value is not used.

`et_UtfError t1_UtfConvert (t_UIntY * pu_dst, t_UInt u_dstLen, const t_UIntX * pu_src, t_UInt u_srcLen, bool b_null = true);`

Converts the UTF-X string (`pu_src`, `u_srcLen`) to the destination buffer (`pu_dst`, `u_dstLen`) of type UTF-Y.

`et_UtfError t1_UtfLength (t_UInt & u_len, const t_UIntX * & pu_src, t_UInt u_srcLen, bool b_null = true);`

Counts the number of UTF characters of the UTF-X string (`pu_src`, `u_srcLen`) and store the result in `u_len`.

`et_UtfError t1_UtfToUpper (t_UIntX * & pu_src, t_UInt u_srcLen);`

Converts the UTF-X string (`pu_src`, `u_srcLen`) to upper case.

`et_UtfError t1_UtfToLower (t_UIntX * & pu_src, t_UInt u_srcLen);`

Converts the UTF-X string (`pu_src`, `u_srcLen`) to lower case.

3.1.4 Unicode Const Iterator (tuning/utfcit.h)

The UTF const iterator is a utility to iterate over constant UTF-8, UTF-16 and UTF-32 strings without converting the data into a temporary UTF-32 buffer. The iterator converts the current (possibly multiword) UTF character to UTF-32 and provides some position and length information. An UTF-8 character is of type `t_UInt8`, an UTF-16 character is of type `t_UInt16`, and an UTF-32 character is of type `t_UInt32`. Length parameters refer to the number of characters, not to the size in bytes. The UTF string may contain null characters. Modifying the string while iterating it is not allowed.

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_char>
class gct_UtfCit
{
public:
    typedef t_char          t_Char;

    inline                  gct_UtfCit ();
    inline                  gct_UtfCit (const t_Char * pu_src, t_UInt u_srcLen);

    void                    First (const t_Char * pu_src, t_UInt u_srcLen);
    bool                    Ready () const;
    void                    Next ();

    t_UInt32                GetChar () const;
    t_UInt                  GetCharPos () const;
    t_UInt                  GetRawPos () const;
    t_UInt                  GetRawLen () const;
    et_UtfError             GetError () const;
};
```

Methods

`gct_UtfCit ();`

Initializes an empty iterator.

`gct_UtfCit` (const t_UIntX * pu_src, t_UInt u_srcLen);

Initializes the iterator and reads the first UTF character from the UTF-X string (pu_src, u_srcLen).

void `First` (const t_UIntX * pu_src, t_UInt u_srcLen);

Reads the first UTF character from the UTF-X string (pu_src, u_srcLen).

bool `Ready` () const;

Returns true if an UTF character was read successfully.

void `Next` ();

Reads the next UTF character from the source string.

t_UInt32 `GetChar` () const;

Returns the current UTF character in UTF-32 format.

t_UInt `GetCharPos` () const;

Returns the sequential number of the current UTF character.

t_UInt `GetRawPos` () const;

Returns the position of the current UTF character in t_UIntX format.

t_UInt `GetRawLen` () const;

Returns the length of the current UTF character in t_UIntX format.

et_UtfError `GetError` () const;

Returns the error code of the current UTF character.

ec_UtfOK: UTF character was read successfully.

ec_UtfEOS: End of string.

Other error: UTF format error. Iteration aborted.

Sample Code

The following sample code demonstrates a forward iteration over an UTF-X string.

```
gct_UtfCit <t_UIntX> co_cit;

for (co_cit. First (pu_src, u_srcLen);
     co_cit. Ready ();
     co_cit. Next ())
{
    t_UInt32 u_char = co_cit. GetChar ();
    // ...
}

if (co_cit. GetError () != ec_UtfEOS)
{
    // error handling
}
```

3.1.5 Precision Time (tuning/sys/ctimedate.hpp)

The system time (next section) is inaccurate in the microsecond range. The following function provides a more precise measurement.

Data Types

```
typedef t_Int64 t_MicroTime;
```

Data type for precision time values.

Functions

```
t_MicroTime t1_QueryPrecisionTime ();
```

Returns the time in microseconds since the first call of the function.

3.1.6 Time and Date (tuning/sys/ctimedate.hpp)

The following functions can be used for calendar and time calculations. Time values are expressed in microseconds since 1/1/1970. The current time can be queried in UTC and local time.

Data Types, Constants

```
typedef t_Int64 t_MicroTime;
```

Time values are expressed in microseconds since 1/1/1970.

```
const t_MicroTime co_MicroSecondFactor = 111;  
const t_MicroTime co_MilliSecondFactor = 100011;  
const t_MicroTime co_SecondFactor = 100000011;  
const t_MicroTime co_MinuteFactor = 6000000011;  
const t_MicroTime co_HourFactor = 360000000011;  
const t_MicroTime co_DayFactor = 8640000000011;
```

These constants are conversion factors from microseconds to milliseconds, seconds, minutes, hours and days.

Functions

```
t_MicroTime t1_QueryUTCTime ();
```

Returns the current time, as reported by the system clock, in UTC.

```
t_MicroTime t1_QueryLocalTime ();
```

Returns the current time, as reported by the system clock, in the local time zone.

```
t_MicroTime t1_UTCToLocalTime (t_MicroTime i_time);
```

Converts UTC to local time.

```
t_MicroTime t1_LocalToUTCTime (t_MicroTime i_time);
```

Converts local time to UTC.

Appropriate Class

The class `ct_TimeDate` relies on the global functions of this section.

3.1.7 CPU Time (tuning/sys/ctimedate.hpp)

The following functions retrieve timing information for a process or thread.

Structure Declaration

```
struct st_UserKernelTime
{
    t_MicroTime    o_UserTime;
    t_MicroTime    o_KernelTime;
};
```

This struct contains two microsecond values.

`o_UserTime`: Amount of time that the process/thread has executed in user mode.

`o_KernelTime`: Amount of time that the process/thread has executed in kernel mode.

Functions

```
bool t1_QueryProcessTimes (st_UserKernelTime * pso_times);
```

Retrieves timing information for the current process.

```
bool t1_QueryThreadTimes (st_UserKernelTime * pso_times);
```

Retrieves timing information for the current thread.

3.1.8 Thread Utilities (tuning/sys/cprocess.hpp)

The following functions can be used for multithreading.

Functions

```
t_Int32 t1_InterlockedRead (volatile t_Int32 * pi_value);
```

Returns a 32-bit value, loaded as an atomic operation.

```
t_Int32 t1_InterlockedWrite (volatile t_Int32 * pi_value, t_Int32 i_new);
```

Writes a 32-bit value as an atomic operation.

```
t_Int32 t1_InterlockedAdd (volatile t_Int32 * pi_value, t_Int32 i_add);
```

Performs an atomic addition operation on a 32-bit value and returns the result.

```
t_Int32 t1_InterlockedIncrement (volatile t_Int32 * pi_value);
```

```
t_Int32 t1_InterlockedDecrement (volatile t_Int32 * pi_value);
```

Increments/decrements a 32-bit value as an atomic operation and returns the result.

```
void t1_Delay (int i_milliSec);
```

Suspends the current thread for the specified number of milliseconds.

```
void t1_RelinquishTimeSlice ();
```

The current thread relinquishes the remainder of its time slice to any other thread.

```
ct_String t1_GetEnv (const char * pc_name);
```

Returns the value of the environment variable specified by the null-terminated string `pc_name`.

```
ct_String t1_GetTempPath ();
```

Returns the path for temporary files.

3.1.9 Threads (tuning/sys/cthread.hpp)

The following functions can be used to create and terminate threads.

Data Types

```
typedef void (* ft_ThreadFunc) (void *);
```

Pointer to the thread function.

Functions

```
bool t1_BeginThread (ft_ThreadFunc fo_func, void * pv_param, t_UInt u_stackSize = 8u * 1024u);
```

Creates and starts a new thread and returns true on success. The parameter `fo_func` points to the thread function. The parameter `pv_param` is passed to this function. Optionally the stack size of the new thread can be specified. The thread is terminated by returning from the thread function or by calling `t1_EndThread`.

```
void t1_EndThread ();
```

Terminates the current thread. The MS Windows implementation does not call destructors of local objects.

```
t_UInt64 t1_ThreadId ();
```

Returns an OS dependent thread id.

3.1.10 Processes (tuning/sys/cprocess.hpp)

The following functions can be used to create and terminate processes.

Functions

```
int t1_Exec (const char * pc_path, unsigned u_params, const char * * ppc_params, bool b_wait = false);
```

Creates and starts a new process. The parameter `pc_path` specifies the path to the executable file. Optionally `u_params` string parameters can be passed to the new process. The parameter `ppc_params` must point to an array containing `u_params` pointers. A string parameter pointer must be equal to the null pointer or it must point to a null-terminated string. Null pointers are replaced by pointers to an empty string. A string parameter may contain whitespace, and it may begin and end with `''`.

On error the function returns -1. If the parameter `b_wait` equals false, the function returns an OS dependent id of the new process. Otherwise the function waits for termination of the new process and returns its exit code. See also the sample programs 'texec' and 'texechelper'.

```
void t1_EndProcess (unsigned u_exitCode);
```

Terminates the current process without calling destructors. The parameter `u_exitCode` is passed to the operating system.

```
int t1_ProcessId ();
```

Returns an OS dependent process id.

```
bool t1_IsProcessRunning (int i_processId);
```

Returns true if the process specified by `i_processId` was started successfully and is still running.

3.1.11 Thread Mutex (tuning/sys/cthmutex.hpp)

A thread mutex is an object to synchronize multiple threads of a process.

Class Declaration

```
class ct_ThMutex
{
public:
    bool          GetInitSuccess () const;
    et_ResError   TryLock (bool & b_success);
    et_ResError   Lock ();
    et_ResError   Unlock ();
};
```

The class `ct_ThMutex` can be used to protect access to a shared resource (mutual exclusion). If a thread locks a mutex, the same thread must unlock the mutex. The implementation is recursive, i.e. a thread may lock an already locked mutex. Mutex objects must not be copied by a copy constructor, an assignment operator, `memcpy` or `memmove`.

Methods

`bool GetInitSuccess ();`

Returns true if the mutex object was initialized successfully.

`et_ResError TryLock (bool & b_success);`

Tries to lock the mutex and stores true or false in `b_success`. The method returns immediately without blocking the thread.

`et_ResError Lock ();`

Locks the mutex and returns immediately on success. If another thread has locked the mutex the current thread will be blocked until the mutex is unlocked.

`et_ResError Unlock ();`

Unlocks the mutex.

Functions

The following functions use a predefined global mutex object.

`bool t1_CriticalSectionInitSuccess ();`

Returns true if the global mutex object was initialized successfully.

`void t1_DeleteCriticalSection ();`

Deletes the global mutex object. This function may be called optionally at the end of the program.

`et_ResError t1_TryEnterCriticalSection (bool & b_success);`

Tries to lock the global mutex object and stores true or false in `b_success`. The method returns immediately without blocking the thread.

`et_ResError t1_EnterCriticalSection ();`

Locks the global mutex object and returns immediately on success. If another thread has locked the mutex the current thread will be blocked until the mutex is unlocked.

```
et_ResError t1_LeaveCriticalSection ();
```

Unlocks the global mutex object.

3.1.12 Thread Semaphore (tuning/sys/cthsemaphore.hpp)

A thread semaphore is an object to synchronize multiple threads of a process.

Class Declaration

```
class ct_ThSemaphore
{
public:
    ct_ThSemaphore (t_Int32 i_initValue = 1);
    ~ct_ThSemaphore ();

    bool GetInitSuccess () const;
    et_ResError TryAcquire (bool & b_success, t_UInt32 u_milliSec = 0);
    et_ResError Acquire ();
    et_ResError Release ();
};
```

The class `ct_ThSemaphore` implements a counting semaphore. A semaphore can be acquired and released by multiple threads in arbitrary order. The method `Acquire` decrements the internal counter, `Release` increments the counter. If the counter becomes zero, the current thread will be blocked until another thread releases the semaphore.

If the counter initially equals 1, a counting semaphore can be used like a mutex. In this case the method `Acquire` works like `Lock`, and `Release` works like `Unlock`. If the counter initially equals zero, a counting semaphore can be used to implement a message queue (see sample program 'tsemaphore'). Semaphore objects must not be copied by a copy constructor, an assignment operator, `memcpy` or `memmove`.

Methods

```
ct_ThSemaphore (t_Int32 i_initValue = 1);
```

Initializes the object and sets the internal counter to `i_initValue`.

```
bool GetInitSuccess ();
```

Returns true if the semaphore object was initialized successfully.

```
et_ResError TryAcquire (bool & b_success, t_UInt32 u_milliSec = 0);
```

Tries to acquire the semaphore and stores true or false in `b_success`. The method will wait for at most `u_milliSec` milliseconds.

```
et_ResError Acquire ();
```

Acquires the semaphore (i.e. decrement the counter) and returns immediately on success. If the counter becomes zero, the current thread will be blocked until another thread releases the semaphore.

```
et_ResError Release ();
```

Releases the semaphore (i.e. increments the counter).

3.1.13 Shared Resource (tuning/sys/csharedres.hpp)

The class `ct_SharedResource` is the base class for objects which can be shared by multiple processes. A shared resource is identified by a key (an 8-bit character string).

Before using a shared resource, a key must be assigned and the object must be initialized by calling `Open` or `Create` of a derived class. Once a shared resource has been initialized, the key must not be changed.

Class Declaration

```
class ct_SharedResource
{
public:
    ct_SharedResource ();
    ct_SharedResource (const char * pc_key);
    ct_SharedResource (const char * pc_key, unsigned u_idx);
    virtual ~ct_SharedResource ();

    bool GetInitSuccess () const;
    const char * GetKey () const;
    et_ResError SetKey (const char * pc_key);
    et_ResError SetKey (const char * pc_key, unsigned u_idx);
};
```

Methods

`ct_SharedResource ()`;

Constructs a shared resource without a key.

`ct_SharedResource (const char * pc_key)`;

Constructs a shared resource identified by `pc_key`.

`ct_SharedResource (const char * pc_key, unsigned u_idx)`;

Constructs a shared resource identified by `pc_key` and `u_idx`. The value of `u_idx` is converted to a string and appended to `pc_key`.

`virtual ~ct_SharedResource ()`;

The virtual destructor ensures type-safe destruction of derived classes.

`bool GetInitSuccess ()`;

Returns true if the shared resource was initialized successfully.

`const char * GetKey () const`;

Returns the key.

`et_ResError SetKey (const char * pc_key)`;

Sets the key to `pc_key`.

`et_ResError SetKey (const char * pc_key, unsigned u_idx)`;

Sets the key to `pc_key`. The value of `u_idx` is converted to a string and appended to `pc_key`.

3.1.14 Process Mutex (tuning/sys/cprmutex.hpp)

A process mutex is an object to synchronize multiple processes.

Base Class

ct_SharedResource (see above 'Shared Resource')

Class Declaration

```
class ct_PrMutex: public ct_SharedResource
{
public:
    ct_PrMutex ();
    ct_PrMutex (const char * pc_key);
    ct_PrMutex (const char * pc_key, unsigned u_idx);
    ~ct_PrMutex ();

    et_ResError    Open ();
    et_ResError    Create (bool b_createNew = false);
    et_ResError    Close ();

    et_ResError    TryLock (bool & b_success, t_UInt32 u_milliSec = 0);
    et_ResError    Lock ();
    et_ResError    Unlock ();
};
```

The class `ct_PrMutex` can be used to protect access to a shared resource (mutual exclusion). A process mutex is fully initialized if the key has been set and `Open` or `Create` has returned `ec_ResOK`. If a process locks a mutex, the same process must unlock the mutex. The MS Windows implementation is recursive, i.e. a process may lock an already locked mutex. The Linux implementation is not recursive. The methods `TryLock`, `Lock` and `Unlock` are thread-safe. Mutex objects must not be copied by a copy constructor or an assignment operator.

Methods

`ct_PrMutex ()`;

Constructs a process mutex using a predefined key.

`ct_PrMutex (const char * pc_key)`;

Constructs a process mutex identified by `pc_key`.

`ct_PrMutex (const char * pc_key, unsigned u_idx)`;

Constructs a process mutex identified by `pc_key` and `u_idx`. The value of `u_idx` is converted to a string and appended to `pc_key`.

`~ct_PrMutex ()`;

The destructor closes the mutex.

`et_ResError Open ()`;

Opens an existing process mutex.

`et_ResError Create (bool b_createNew = false)`;

Creates a new process mutex. Returns `ec_ResAlreadyExists` if `b_createNew` equals `true` and a process mutex with the same key already exists.

`et_ResError Close ()`;

Closes an open process mutex.

`et_ResError TryLock (bool & b_success, t_UInt32 u_milliSec = 0)`;

Tries to lock the process mutex and stores `true` or `false` in `b_success`. The method will wait for at most `u_milliSec` milliseconds.

et_ResError Lock ();

Locks the process mutex and returns immediately on success. If another process has locked the mutex the current thread will be blocked until the mutex is unlocked.

et_ResError Unlock ();

Unlocks the process mutex.

Functions

The following functions use a predefined global mutex object.

bool t1_CriticalPrSectionInitSuccess ();

Returns true if the global mutex object was initialized successfully.

void t1_DeleteCriticalPrSection ();

Deletes the global mutex object. This function may be called optionally at the end of the program.

et_ResError t1_TryEnterCriticalPrSection (bool & b_success, t_UInt32 u_milliSec = 0);

Tries to lock the global mutex object and stores true or false in b_success. The method will wait for at most u_milliSec milliseconds.

et_ResError t1_EnterCriticalPrSection ();

Locks the global mutex object and returns immediately on success. If another process has locked the mutex the current thread will be blocked until the mutex is unlocked.

et_ResError t1_LeaveCriticalPrSection ();

Unlocks the global mutex object.

3.1.15 Process Semaphore (tuning/sys/cprsemaphore.hpp)

A process semaphore is an object to synchronize multiple processes.

Base Class

ct_SharedResource (see above 'Shared Resource')

Class Declaration

```
class ct_PrSemaphore: public ct_SharedResource
{
public:
    ct_PrSemaphore ();
    ct_PrSemaphore (const char * pc_key);
    ct_PrSemaphore (const char * pc_key, unsigned u_idx);
    ~ct_PrSemaphore ();

    et_ResError Open ();
    et_ResError Create (t_Int32 i_initValue = 1, bool b_createNew = false);
    et_ResError Close ();

    et_ResError TryAcquire (bool & b_success, t_UInt32 u_milliSec = 0);
    et_ResError Acquire ();
    et_ResError Release ();
};
```

The class `ct_PrSemaphore` implements a counting semaphore. A process semaphore is fully initialized if the key has been set and `Open` or `Create` has returned `ec_ResOK`. A semaphore can be acquired and released by multiple processes in arbitrary order. The method `Acquire` decrements the internal counter, `Release` increments the counter. If the counter becomes zero, the current thread will be blocked until another process releases the semaphore.

If the counter initially equals 1, a counting semaphore can be used like a mutex. In this case the method `Acquire` works like `Lock`, and `Release` works like `Unlock`. If the counter initially equals zero, a counting semaphore can be used to implement a message queue (see sample program 'tsemaphore'). The methods `TryAcquire`, `Acquire` and `Release` are thread-safe. Semaphore objects must not be copied by a copy constructor or an assignment operator.

Methods

`ct_PrSemaphore ()`;

Constructs a process semaphore using a predefined key.

`ct_PrSemaphore (const char * pc_key)`;

Constructs a process semaphore identified by `pc_key`.

`ct_PrSemaphore (const char * pc_key, unsigned u_idx)`;

Constructs a process semaphore identified by `pc_key` and `u_idx`. The value of `u_idx` is converted to a string and appended to `pc_key`.

`~ct_PrSemaphore ()`;

The destructor closes the semaphore.

`et_ResError Open ()`;

Opens an existing process semaphore.

`et_ResError Create (t_Int32 i_initValue = 1, bool b_createNew = false)`;

Creates a new process semaphore and sets the internal counter to `i_initValue`. Returns `ec_ResAlreadyExists` if `b_createNew` equals `true` and a process semaphore with the same key already exists.

`et_ResError Close ()`;

Closes an open process semaphore.

`et_ResError TryAcquire (bool & b_success, t_UInt32 u_milliSec = 0)`;

Tries to acquire the semaphore and stores `true` or `false` in `b_success`. The method will wait for at most `u_milliSec` milliseconds.

`et_ResError Acquire ()`;

Acquires the semaphore (i.e. decrement the counter) and returns immediately on success. If the counter becomes zero, the current thread will be blocked until another process releases the semaphore.

`et_ResError Release ()`;

Releases the semaphore (i.e. increments the counter).

3.1.16 Shared Memory (tuning/sys/csharedmem.hpp)

The class `ct_SharedMemory` provides access to a shared memory block by multiple processes. A shared memory object is fully initialized if the key has been set and `Open` or `Create` has returned `ec_ResOK`.

Base Class

ct_SharedResource (see above 'Shared Resource')

Class Declaration

```
class ct_SharedMemory: public ct_SharedResource
{
public:
    ct_SharedMemory ();
    ct_SharedMemory (const char * pc_key);
    ct_SharedMemory (const char * pc_key, unsigned u_idx);
    ~ct_SharedMemory ();

    et_ResError    Open (bool b_readOnly);
    et_ResError    Create (t_UInt u_size, bool b_createNew = false);
    et_ResError    Close ();

    t_UInt         GetSize () const;
    void *         GetData () const;
};
```

Methods

ct_SharedMemory ();

Constructs a shared memory object using a predefined key.

ct_SharedMemory (const char * pc_key);

Constructs a shared memory object identified by pc_key.

ct_SharedMemory (const char * pc_key, unsigned u_idx);

Constructs a shared memory object identified by pc_key and u_idx. The value of u_idx is converted to a string and appended to pc_key.

~ct_SharedMemory ();

The destructor closes the shared memory object.

et_ResError Open (bool b_readOnly);

Opens an existing shared memory object. The parameter b_readOnly determines the access mode.

et_ResError Create (t_UInt u_size, bool b_createNew = false);

Creates a new shared memory block of u_size bytes. Returns ec_ResAlreadyExists if b_createNew equals true and a shared memory object with the same key already exists.

et_ResError Close ();

Closes an open shared memory object.

t_UInt GetSize () const;

Returns the size of the shared memory block.

void * GetData () const;

Returns a pointer to the contents of the shared memory block.

3.1.17 File I/O (tuning/sys/cfile.hpp)

Within the **Spirick Tuning** library all file and directory paths are interpreted as UTF-8 strings. The Linux implementation passes the path names unchanged to the corresponding system functions. The MS Windows implementation converts the path names temporarily to UTF-16.

The following functions are based on operating system related functions. In most cases, the OS API functions perform better than the compiler's runtime system (fopen etc.). The functions `t1_OpenFile` and `t1_CreateFile` are protected against race conditions. All functions return `true` on success and `false` on failure, no exceptions are thrown.

Data Types, Constants

```
typedef ... t_FileId;
const t_FileId co_InvalidFileId = ...;
typedef t_Int64 t_FileSize;
```

A file id is an OS dependent identification number that references an open file. The constant `co_InvalidFileId` is invalid by definition. `t_FileSize` is used for size and position values.

Functions

```
bool t1_OpenFile (const char * pc_name, t_FileId & o_file, bool b_readOnly = true, bool b_sequential = true);
```

Opens the existing file `pc_name`. The parameter `b_readOnly` determines the access mode. The parameter `b_sequential` is a hint to optimize file caching (sequential or random access). Set `o_file` to `co_InvalidFileId` before calling the function. Returns `true` on success and stores the file id in `o_file`.

```
bool t1_CreateFile (const char * pc_name, t_FileId & o_file, bool b_createNew = false);
```

Creates the new file `pc_name` and opens it for read/write access. Returns `false` if `b_createNew` equals `true` and the specified file already exists. Otherwise the function overwrites the existing file. Set `o_file` to `co_InvalidFileId` before calling the function. Returns `true` on success and stores the file id in `o_file`.

```
bool t1_CloseFile (t_FileId o_file);
```

Closes the file `o_file`.

```
bool t1_ExistsFile (const char * pc_name);
```

Returns `true` if the file `pc_name` exists.

```
bool t1_MoveFile (const char * pc_old, const char * pc_new);
```

Moves (renames) a file either in the same directory or across directories.

```
bool t1_CopyFile (const char * pc_old, const char * pc_new, bool b_overwrite = true);
```

Copies an existing file to a new file. Returns `false` if `b_overwrite` equals `false` and the specified file already exists.

```
bool t1_DeleteFile (const char * pc_name);
```

Deletes an existing file.

```
bool t1_QuerySize (t_FileId o_file, t_FileSize & o_size);
```

Retrieves the size of the specified file and stores the result in `o_size`.

```
bool t1_QueryPos (t_FileId o_file, t_FileSize & o_pos);
```

Retrieves the file pointer of the specified file and stores the result in `o_pos`.

```
bool t1_SeekAbs (t_FileId o_file, t_FileSize o_pos);
```

Moves the file pointer of the specified file to the absolute position `o_pos` (an offset from the beginning of the file).

```
bool t1_SeekRel (t_FileId o_file, t_FileSize o_pos);
```

Moves the file pointer of the specified file to the relative position `o_pos` (relative to the current position).

```
bool t1_Truncate (t_FileId o_file, t_FileSize o_size);
```

Sets the size for the specified file to `o_size`.

```
bool t1_Read (t_FileId o_file, void * pv_dst, t_FileSize o_len);
```

Reads `o_len` bytes from the specified file to the buffer `pv_dst` and moves the file pointer.

```
bool t1_Write (t_FileId o_file, const void * pv_src, t_FileSize o_len);
```

Writes `o_len` bytes from the buffer `pv_src` to the specified file and moves the file pointer.

Appropriate Class

The class `ct_File` relies on the global functions of this section.

3.1.18 Directory (tuning/sys/cdir.hpp)

Within the **Spirick Tuning** library all file and directory paths are interpreted as UTF-8 strings. The Linux implementation passes the path names unchanged to the corresponding system functions. The MS Windows implementation converts the path names temporarily to UTF-16.

The following functions can be used to create, move and delete directories. All functions return `true` on success and `false` on failure, no exceptions are thrown.

Functions

```
bool t1_QueryCurrentDirectory (const char * pc_drive, t_UInt u_driveLen, ct_String & co_currentDirectory);
```

Retrieves the current directory and stores the result in `co_currentDirectory`. **MS Windows only:** Retrieves the current directory of the drive (`pc_drive`, `u_driveLen`). If `u_driveLen` equals zero the current drive is used.

```
bool t1_CreateDirectory (const char * pc_name);
```

Creates the new directory `pc_name`.

```
bool t1_MoveDirectory (const char * pc_old, const char * pc_new);
```

Moves (renames) a directory either in the same directory or across directories.

```
bool t1_DeleteDirectory (const char * pc_name);
```

Deletes the existing directory `pc_name`.

Appropriate Class

The class `ct_Directory` relies on the global functions of this section.

3.1.19 System-Related Information (tuning/sys/cinfo.hpp)

The following functions retrieve several system-related information. Strings are static allocated.

Structure Declaration

```
struct st_FileSystemInfo
{
    t_UInt64          u_TotalBytes;
    t_UInt64          u_FreeBytes;
    t_UInt64          u_AvailableBytes;
};
```

The struct `st_FileSystemInfo` provides information about a mounted filesystem (a disk volume).

`u_TotalBytes`: The total number of bytes on a filesystem.

`u_FreeBytes`: The total number of free bytes on a filesystem.

`u_AvailableBytes`: The total number of free bytes on a filesystem that are available to the curr. user.

Structure Declaration

```
struct st_HardwareInfo
{
    t_UInt64          u_TotalBytes;
    t_UInt64          u_AvailableBytes;
    unsigned          u_TotalProcessors;
    unsigned          u_AvailableProcessors;
    const char *      pc_CPUName;
};
```

The struct `st_HardwareInfo` provides information about hardware components.

`u_TotalBytes`: The amount of physical memory.

`u_AvailableBytes`: The amount of physical memory currently available.

`u_TotalProcessors`: The number of logical processors (CPU cores).

`u_AvailableProcessors`: The number of logical processors (CPU cores) currently available.

`pc_CPUName`: The name of the CPU.

Note that if a 32-bit process is running in a 64-bit environment, the reported memory size may be greater than 4 GB.

Structure Declaration

```
struct st_ProcessMemoryInfo
{
    t_UInt            u_VMBytes;
    t_UInt            u_RSSBytes;
};
```

The struct `st_ProcessMemoryInfo` provides information about the memory usage of the current process.

`u_VMBytes`: The virtual memory size (memory that is committed for the process).

`u_RSSBytes`: The resident set size (memory that is currently resident in physical memory).

Note that the calculation of these values is OS dependent, e.g. the inclusion of shared memory.

Structure Declaration

```
enum et_Compiler
{
    ec_CompilerMSVC,
    ec_CompilerGCC
};

struct st_CompilerInfo
{
    et_Compiler        eo_Compiler;
};
```

```

const char *    pc_CompilerVersion;
const char *    pc_RuntimeVersion;
};

```

The struct `st_CompilerInfo` provides information about the compiler and the runtime system.

`eo_Compiler`: The compiler type.

`pc_CompilerVersion`: The compiler version.

`pc_RuntimeVersion`: The runtime version.

Structure Declaration

```

enum et_System
{
    ec_SystemMSWindows,
    ec_SystemLinux
};

struct st_SystemInfo
{
    et_System          eo_System;
    const char *      pc_SystemVersion;
    const char *      pc_ComputerName;
    const char *      pc_UserName;
};

```

The struct `st_SystemInfo` provides information about the operating system.

`eo_System`: The operating system type.

`pc_SystemVersion`: The operating system version.

`pc_ComputerName`: The name of the computer.

`pc_UserName`: The name of the current user.

Structure Declaration

```

struct st_BatteryInfo
{
    bool          b_ACLine;
    bool          b_BatteryFound;
    int           i_LifePercent;
};

```

The struct `st_BatteryInfo` provides information about the power supply.

`b_ACLine`: Is the system running on line power?

`b_BatteryFound`: Does the system contain a battery?

`i_LifePercent`: The percentage of full battery charge remaining.

Functions

```
bool t1_QueryFileSystemInfo (const char * pc_path, st_FileSystemInfo * pso_info);
```

Retrieves information about the specified filesystem and stores the result in `pso_info`.

```
bool t1_QueryHardwareInfo (st_HardwareInfo * pso_info);
```

Retrieves information about hardware components and stores the result in `pso_info`.

```
bool t1_QueryProcessMemoryInfo (st_ProcessMemoryInfo * pso_info);
```

Retrieves information about the memory usage and stores the result in `pso_info`.

```
bool t1_QueryCompilerInfo (st_CompilerInfo * pso_info);
```

Retrieves information about the compiler and stores the result in `pso_info`.


```
bool t1_QuerySystemInfo (st_SystemInfo * pso_info);
```

Retrieves information about the operating system and stores the result in `pso_info`.

```
bool t1_QueryBatteryInfo (st_BatteryInfo * pso_info);
```

Retrieves information about the power supply and stores the result in `pso_info`.

3.2 Strings and Filenames

3.2.1 String Template (tuning/string.h)

The **Spirick** string classes manage null-terminated strings and contain additionally a length attribute. The terminating null character ensures compatibility with many other API's. The redundant length attribute speeds up string operations. Position values are zero-based. The string length does not count the terminating null character. Length values refer to the number of characters, not to the size in bytes.

The class template `gct_String` is the base class of all other string classes. The first template parameter `t_block` must at least contain the character block interface, e.g. `gct_CharBlock <ct_Chn32Block, char>`. To reduce the memory consumption of empty strings, it is recommended to use the template `gct_NullDataBlock`, e.g. `gct_CharBlock <gct_NullDataBlock <ct_Chn32Block, char>, char>`. The second template parameter `t_staticStore` must be a store class with static methods, e.g. `ct_Chn32Store`. It is used for temporary data inside of the method `ReplaceAll`.

Base Class

`gct_CharBlock` (see above 'Character Block')

Template Declaration

```
template <class t_block, class t_staticStore>
class gct_String: public t_block
{
public:
    typedef t_block      t_Block;
    typedef t_staticStore t_StaticStore;
    typedef t_block::t_Char t_Char;
    typedef t_block::t_Size t_Size;

    inline          gct_String ();
    inline          gct_String (t_Char c_init);
    inline          gct_String (t_Char c_init, t_Size o_len);
    inline          gct_String (const t_Char * pc_init);
    inline          gct_String (const t_Char * pc_init, t_Size o_len);
    inline          gct_String (const gct_String & co_init);

    inline t_UInt    GetHashCode () const;
    inline bool     IsEmpty () const;
    inline t_Size    GetMaxLen () const;
    inline t_Size    GetLen () const;
    inline const t_Char * GetStr () const;
    inline const t_Char * operator () () const;
    inline const t_Char * GetStr (t_Size o_pos) const;
    inline const t_Char * operator () (t_Size o_pos) const;
    inline t_Char & GetChar (t_Size o_pos) const;
    inline t_Char & operator [] (t_Size o_pos) const;
    inline t_Char & GetRevChar (t_Size o_pos) const;
    gct_String      SubStr (t_Size o_len) const;
    gct_String      RevSubStr (t_Size o_len) const;
```

```

gct_String      SubStr (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_len) const;
gct_String      operator () (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_len) const;

t_Int           First (t_Char c_search, t_Size o_pos = 0) const;
t_Int           First (const t_Char * pc_search, t_Size o_pos = 0) const;
t_Int           First (const gct_String & co_search, t_Size o_pos = 0) const;

t_Int           Last (t_Char c_search, t_Size o_pos = 0) const;
t_Int           Last (const t_Char * pc_search, t_Size o_pos = 0) const;
t_Int           Last (const gct_String & co_search, t_Size o_pos = 0) const;

inline int      CompSubStr (t_Size o_pos, t_Char c_comp) const;
inline int      CompSubStr (t_Size o_pos, const t_Char * pc_comp) const;
inline int      CompSubStr (t_Size o_pos, const t_Char * pc_comp, t_Size o_len) const;
inline int      CompSubStr (t_Size o_pos, const gct_String & co_comp) const;

inline int      CompTo (t_Char c_comp) const;
inline int      CompTo (const t_Char * pc_comp) const;
inline int      CompTo (const t_Char * pc_comp, t_Size o_len) const;
inline int      CompTo (const gct_String & co_comp) const;

inline void     Clear ();
inline void     Assign (t_Char c_asgn);
inline void     Assign (t_Char c_asgn, t_Size o_len);
void           Assign (const t_Char * pc_asgn);
inline void     Assign (const t_Char * pc_asgn, t_Size o_len);
void           Assign (const gct_String & co_asgn);
inline void     Append (t_Char c_app);
inline void     Append (t_Char c_app, t_Size o_len);
void           Append (const t_Char * pc_app);
inline void     Append (const t_Char * pc_app, t_Size o_len);
void           Append (const gct_String & co_app);

inline void     Insert (t_Size o_pos, t_Char c_ins);
inline void     Insert (t_Size o_pos, t_Char c_ins, t_Size o_len);
inline void     Insert (t_Size o_pos, const t_Char * pc_ins);
inline void     Insert (t_Size o_pos, const t_Char * pc_ins, t_Size o_len);
inline void     Insert (t_Size o_pos, const gct_String & co_ins);
inline void     Delete (t_Size o_pos);
inline void     Delete (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_len);
inline void     DeleteRev (t_Size o_len);
void           Replace (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_delLen, t_Char c_ins);
void           Replace (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_delLen, t_Char c_ins, t_Size o_insLen);
void           Replace (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_delLen, const t_Char * pc_ins);
void           Replace (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_delLen, const t_Char * pc_ins, t_Size o_insLen);
void           Replace (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_delLen, const gct_String & co_ins);
t_Size         ReplaceAll (const gct_String & co_search, const gct_String & co_replace);

int            AssignF (const t_Char * pc_format, ...);
int            AppendF (const t_Char * pc_format, ...);
int            InsertF (t_Size o_pos, const t_Char * pc_format, ...);
int            ReplaceF (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_delLen, const t_Char * pc_format, ...);

inline bool     ToUpper ();
inline bool     ToLower ();
inline bool     ToUpper2 ();
inline bool     ToLower2 ();

inline bool     operator == (const t_Char * pc_comp) const;
inline bool     operator == (const gct_String & co_comp) const;
inline bool     operator != (const t_Char * pc_comp) const;
inline bool     operator != (const gct_String & co_comp) const;
inline bool     operator < (const t_Char * pc_comp) const;
inline bool     operator < (const gct_String & co_comp) const;
inline bool     operator <= (const t_Char * pc_comp) const;
inline bool     operator <= (const gct_String & co_comp) const;

```

```

inline bool      operator > (const t_Char * pc_comp) const;
inline bool      operator > (const gct_String & co_comp) const;
inline bool      operator >= (const t_Char * pc_comp) const;
inline bool      operator >= (const gct_String & co_comp) const;

inline gct_String & operator = (t_Char c_asgn);
inline gct_String & operator = (const t_Char * pc_asgn);
inline gct_String & operator = (const gct_String & co_asgn);
inline gct_String & operator += (t_Char c_app);
inline gct_String & operator += (const t_Char * pc_app);
inline gct_String & operator += (const gct_String & co_app);

inline gct_String operator + (t_Char c_app) const;
inline gct_String operator + (const t_Char * pc_app) const;
inline gct_String operator + (const gct_String & co_app) const;

friend inline gct_String operator + (t_Char c_init, const gct_String & co_app);
friend inline gct_String operator + (const t_Char * pc_init, const gct_String & co_app);
template <class t_string>
void Convert (const t_string & co_asgn);
template <class t_string>
bool MbConvert (const t_string & co_asgn);
template <class t_asgnChar>
bool MbConvert (const t_asgnChar * po_asgn);
};

```

Kinds of String Parameters

1. **Single character** (t_Char c): The character is interpreted as a string of length 1.
2. **Multiple characters** (t_Char c, t_Size o_len): The parameter list is interpreted as a string of length o_len filled with the character c.
3. **Null-terminated string** (const t_Char * pc): The string is processed up to the null character.
4. **String with length information** (const t_Char * pc, t_Size o_len): The first o_len characters of the string are processed. The string must not contain null characters.
5. **String object** (const gct_String & co): The complete string co is processed.
6. **Formatted string** (const t_Char * pc_format, ...): The parameter list is interpreted like a printf parameter list. This kind of string parameters can't be used by overloaded methods.

Self-Assignment

Some frequently used string methods check for self-assignment. In some cases, a check for self-assignment is very expensive, e.g. while processing substrings. Please refer to the description of the respective methods.

Data Types

```
typedef t_block::t_Size t_Size;
```

The nested type t_Size is used for position and length values.

Constructors

```
gct_String ();
```

Initializes an empty string object.

```
gct_String (t_Char c_init);
```

Initializes a string object of length 1 containing the character c_init.

```
gct_String (t_Char c_init, t_Size o_len);
```

Initializes a string object of length o_len containing o_len characters c_init.

`gct_String` (`const t_Char * pc_init`);

Initializes a string object containing a copy of the null-terminated string `pc_init`.

`gct_String` (`const t_Char * pc_init, t_Size o_len`);

Initializes a string object of length `o_len` containing a copy of the first `o_len` characters of `pc_init`.

`gct_String` (`const gct_String & co_init`);

Initializes a string object containing a copy of the string object `co_init`.

Access to Length and Contents

`t_UInt` `GetHash` () `const`;

Calculates the string's hash value.

`bool` `IsEmpty` () `const`;

Returns true if the string is empty.

`t_Size` `GetMaxLen` () `const`;

Returns the maximum length (without the terminating null character).

`t_Size` `GetLen` () `const`;

Returns the current length (without the terminating null character).

`const t_Char *` `GetStr` () `const`;

`const t_Char *` `operator` () () `const`;

Returns a pointer to the first character. If the string is empty, the methods return a pointer to the terminating null character.

`const t_Char *` `GetStr` (`t_Size o_pos`) `const`;

`const t_Char *` `operator` () (`t_Size o_pos`) `const`;

Returns a pointer to the character at position `o_pos` (`o_pos <= GetLen ()`). If `o_pos` equals `GetLen ()`, the methods return a pointer to the terminating null character.

`t_Char &` `GetChar` (`t_Size o_pos`) `const`;

`t_Char &` `operator` [] (`t_Size o_pos`) `const`;

Returns a reference to the character at position `o_pos` (`o_pos < GetLen ()`).

`t_Char &` `GetRevChar` (`t_Size o_pos`) `const`;

Returns a reference to the character at position `GetLen () - 1 - o_pos` (`o_pos < GetLen ()`). If `o_pos` equals zero, the method returns a reference to the last character.

`gct_String` `SubStr` (`t_Size o_len`) `const`;

Returns a string object containing a copy of the first `o_len` characters (`o_len <= GetLen ()`).

`gct_String` `RevSubStr` (`t_Size o_len`) `const`;

Returns a string object containing a copy of the last `o_len` characters (`o_len <= GetLen ()`).

`gct_String` `SubStr` (`t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_len`) `const`;

`gct_String` `operator` () (`t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_len`) `const`;

Returns a string object containing a copy of the `o_len` characters beginning at position `o_pos` (`o_pos + o_len <= GetLen ()`).

Search for Characters and Strings

`t_Int First (t_Char c_search, t_Size o_pos = 0) const;`

If successful, it returns the position of the first occurrence of `c_search` starting at position `o_pos`. Otherwise it returns a negative value.

`t_Int First (const t_Char * pc_search, t_Size o_pos = 0) const;`

If successful, it returns the position of the first occurrence of `pc_search` starting at position `o_pos`. Otherwise it returns a negative value.

`t_Int First (const gct_String & co_search, t_Size o_pos = 0) const;`

If successful, it returns the position of the first occurrence of `co_search` starting at position `o_pos`. Otherwise it returns a negative value.

`t_Int Last (t_Char c_search, t_Size o_pos = 0) const;`

If successful, it returns the position of the last occurrence of `c_search` starting at position `o_pos`. Otherwise it returns a negative value.

`t_Int Last (const t_Char * pc_search, t_Size o_pos = 0) const;`

If successful, it returns the position of the last occurrence of `pc_search` starting at position `o_pos`. Otherwise it returns a negative value.

`t_Int Last (const gct_String & co_search, t_Size o_pos = 0) const;`

If successful, it returns the position of the last occurrence of `co_search` starting at position `o_pos`. Otherwise it returns a negative value.

Compare Substrings

The return value of the following methods is less than zero if `this < param`, equal to zero if `this == param`, and greater than zero if `this > param`. The characters are compared as unsigned values.

The following methods compare a substring beginning at position `o_pos` to the string specified by the arguments. In contrast to the full string comparison (see below), a substring comparison ends at the end of the shorter string.

`int CompSubStr (t_Size o_pos, t_Char c_comp) const;`

Compares the substring beginning at position `o_pos` to the character `c_comp`.

`int CompSubStr (t_Size o_pos, const t_Char * pc_comp) const;`

Compares the substring beginning at position `o_pos` to the null-terminated string `pc_comp`.

`int CompSubStr (t_Size o_pos, const t_Char * pc_comp, t_Size o_len) const;`

Compares the substring beginning at position `o_pos` to the first `o_len` characters of the string `pc_comp`.

`int CompSubStr (t_Size o_pos, const gct_String & co_comp) const;`

Compares the substring beginning at position `o_pos` to the string object `co_comp`.

Compare Strings

The return value of the following methods is less than zero if `this < param`, equal to zero if `this == param`, and greater than zero if `this > param`. The characters are compared as unsigned values.

The following methods compare this string to the string specified by the arguments. If the strings are equal when compared up to the shortest length, the longer string is considered greater than the shorter one.

int **CompTo** (t_Char c_comp) const;

Compares this string to the character c_comp.

int **CompTo** (const t_Char * pc_comp) const;

Compares this string to the null-terminated string pc_comp.

int **CompTo** (const t_Char * pc_comp, t_Size o_len) const;

Compares this string to the first o_len characters of the string pc_comp.

int **CompTo** (const gct_String & co_comp) const;

Compares this string to the string object co_comp.

Assignment

void **Clear** ();

Clears the string.

void **Assign** (t_Char c_asgn);

Replaces the contents with the character c_asgn.

void **Assign** (t_Char c_asgn, t_Size o_len);

Replaces the contents with o_len characters c_asgn.

void **Assign** (const t_Char * pc_asgn);

Replaces the contents with a copy of the null-terminated string pc_asgn (**check for self-assignment**).

void **Assign** (const t_Char * pc_asgn, t_Size o_len);

Replaces the contents with a copy of the first o_len characters of the string pc_asgn (**no** check for self-assignment).

void **Assign** (const gct_String & co_asgn);

Replaces the contents with a copy of the string object co_asgn (**check for self-assignment**).

Append

void **Append** (t_Char c_app);

Appends the character c_app.

void **Append** (t_Char c_app, t_Size o_len);

Appends o_len characters c_app.

void **Append** (const t_Char * pc_app);

Appends a copy of the null-terminated string pc_app (**check for self-assignment**).

void **Append** (const t_Char * pc_app, t_Size o_len);

Appends a copy of the first o_len characters of the string pc_app (**no** check for self-assignment).

void **Append** (const gct_String & co_app);

Appends a copy of the string object co_app (**check for self-assignment**).

Insert

void **Insert** (t_Size o_pos, t_Char c_ins);

Inserts the character c_ins at the position o_pos (o_pos <= GetLen ()).

void **Insert** (t_Size o_pos, t_Char c_ins, t_Size o_len);

Inserts o_len characters c_ins at the position o_pos (o_pos <= GetLen ()).

void **Insert** (t_Size o_pos, const t_Char * pc_ins);

Inserts a copy of the null-terminated string pc_ins at the position o_pos (o_pos <= GetLen ()).

void **Insert** (t_Size o_pos, const t_Char * pc_ins, t_Size o_len);

Inserts a copy of the first o_len characters of the string pc_ins at the position o_pos (o_pos <= GetLen ()).

void **Insert** (t_Size o_pos, const gct_String & co_ins);

Inserts a copy of the string object co_ins at the position o_pos (o_pos <= GetLen ()).

Delete

void **Delete** (t_Size o_pos);

Deletes the characters from the position o_pos to the end of the string (o_pos <= GetLen ()).

void **Delete** (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_len);

Deletes o_len characters starting at the position o_pos (o_pos + o_len <= GetLen ()).

void **DeleteRev** (t_Size o_len);

Deletes the last o_len characters (o_len <= GetLen ()).

Replace

void **Replace** (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_delLen, t_Char c_ins);

Replaces o_delLen characters starting at position o_pos with the character c_ins (o_pos + o_delLen <= GetLen ()).

void **Replace** (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_delLen, t_Char c_ins, t_Size o_insLen);

Replaces o_delLen characters starting at position o_pos with o_insLen characters c_ins (o_pos + o_delLen <= GetLen ()).

void **Replace** (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_delLen, const t_Char * pc_ins);

Replaces o_delLen characters starting at position o_pos with a copy of the null-terminated string pc_ins (o_pos + o_delLen <= GetLen ()).

void **Replace** (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_delLen, const t_Char * pc_ins, t_Size o_insLen);

Replaces o_delLen characters starting at position o_pos with a copy of the first o_insLen characters of the string pc_ins (o_pos + o_delLen <= GetLen ()).

void **Replace** (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_delLen, const gct_String & co_ins);

Replaces o_delLen characters starting at position o_pos with a copy of the string object co_ins (o_pos + o_delLen <= GetLen ()).

Replace All

`t_Size ReplaceAll (const gct_String & co_search, const gct_String & co_replace):`

Replaces all occurrences of `co_search` with a copy of `co_replace` and returns the number of replacements done. The implementation is optimized for minimal reallocations.

Formatted String Parameters

The following methods work like `Assign`, `Append`, `Insert` and `Replace`, but the parameter list is interpreted like a `printf` parameter list. All methods return the length of the resulting string parameter. On failure, a negative number is returned (see below 'Formatted Strings').

`int AssignF (const t_Char * pc_format, ...):`

Replaces the contents with the formatted string parameter.

`int AppendF (const t_Char * pc_format, ...):`

Appends the formatted string parameter.

`int InsertF (t_Size o_pos, const t_Char * pc_format, ...):`

Inserts the formatted string parameter at the position `o_pos` (`o_pos <= GetLen ()`).

`int ReplaceF (t_Size o_pos, t_Size o_delLen, const t_Char * pc_format, ...):`

Replaces `o_delLen` characters starting at position `o_pos` with the formatted string parameter (`o_pos + o_delLen <= GetLen ()`).

Upper/Lower Case

The following methods use global system interface functions (see above 'Character and String Conversion').

`bool ToUpper ():`

Converts the string to upper case (Windows-1252).

`bool ToLower ():`

Converts the string to lower case (Windows-1252).

`bool ToUpper2 ():`

Converts the string to upper case (partially UTF compatible).

`bool ToLower2 ():`

Converts the string to lower case (partially UTF compatible).

Comparison Operators

The following comparison functions are based on the method `CompTo` (see above).


```

bool operator == (const t_Char * pc_comp) const;
bool operator == (const gct_String & co_comp) const;
bool operator != (const t_Char * pc_comp) const;
bool operator != (const gct_String & co_comp) const;
bool operator < (const t_Char * pc_comp) const;
bool operator < (const gct_String & co_comp) const;
bool operator <= (const t_Char * pc_comp) const;
bool operator <= (const gct_String & co_comp) const;
bool operator > (const t_Char * pc_comp) const;
bool operator > (const gct_String & co_comp) const;
bool operator >= (const t_Char * pc_comp) const;
bool operator >= (const gct_String & co_comp) const;

```

Assignment Operators

```
gct_String & operator = (t_Char c_asgn);
```

Replaces the contents with the character `c_asgn`.

```
gct_String & operator = (const t_Char * pc_asgn);
```

Replaces the contents with a copy of the null-terminated string `pc_asgn` (check for self-assignment).

```
gct_String & operator = (const gct_String & co_asgn);
```

Replaces the contents with a copy of the string object `co_asgn` (check for self-assignment).

Append Operators

```
gct_String & operator += (t_Char c_app);
```

Appends the character `c_app`.

```
gct_String & operator += (const t_Char * pc_app);
```

Appends a copy of the null-terminated string `pc_app` (check for self-assignment).

```
gct_String & operator += (const gct_String & co_app);
```

Appends a copy of the string object `co_app` (check for self-assignment).

Concatenation Operators

The following concatenation operators return a temporary object containing the concatenation of the two operands. The two operands remain unchanged.

```

gct_String operator + (t_Char c_app) const;
gct_String operator + (const t_Char * pc_app) const;
gct_String operator + (const gct_String & co_app) const;
friend gct_String operator + (t_Char c_init, const gct_String & co_app);
friend gct_String operator + (const t_Char * pc_init, const gct_String & co_app);

```

Conversion

The following methods use global system interface functions to convert `char` and `wchar_t` strings (see above 'Character and String Conversion').

```
template <class t_string> void Convert (const t_string & co_asgn);
```

Replaces the contents with a copy of the string object `co_asgn` (no multibyte conversion).

```
template <class t_string> bool MbConvert (const t_string & co_asgn);
```

Replaces the contents with a copy of the string object `co_asgn` (multibyte conversion).

```
template <class t_asgnChar> bool MbConvert (const t_asgnChar * po_asgn);
```

Replaces the contents with a copy of the null-terminated string `pc_asgn` (multibyte conversion).

3.2.2 String Instances (tuning/xxx/[w]string.h)

Some template instances are predefined to easily use the string interface. The macros `STRING_DCL(t_Block, StoreSpec)` and `WSTRING_DCL(t_Block, StoreSpec)` generate for a wrapper class of a global store one string class.

The macro

```
STRING_DCL (gct_AnyBlock, ct_Any32)
```

expands to:

```
typedef gct_String <gct_CharBlock <gct_NullDataBlock  
<gct_AnyBlock <ct_Any32Store>, char>, char>, ct_Any32Store> ct_Any32String;
```

The macro

```
WSTRING_DCL (gct_AnyBlock, ct_Any32)
```

expands to:

```
typedef gct_String <gct_CharBlock <gct_NullDataBlock  
<gct_AnyBlock <ct_Any32Store>, wchar_t>, wchar_t>, ct_Any32Store> ct_Any32WString;
```

Every directory of a global store contains the files `'string.h'` and `'wstring.h'`.

The file `'tuning/std/[w]string.h'` contains the following declaration:

```
typedef ... ct_Std_[W]String;
```

The file `'tuning/rnd/[w]string.h'` contains the following declaration:

```
typedef ... ct_Rnd_[W]String;
```

The file `'tuning/chn/[w]string.h'` contains the following declaration:

```
typedef ... ct_Chn_[W]String;
```

3.2.3 Polymorphic String Classes (tuning/[w]string.hpp)

Polymorphic string classes are derived from the abstract base class `ct_Object`. They can be managed by polymorphic collections and used by other polymorphic API's. The two string classes `ct_String` and `ct_WString` are predefined, other polymorphic string classes can be defined if necessary. The macro `OBJ_STRING_DCL(StoreSpec)` generates a string class using a predefined template instance.

The macro

```
OBJ_STRING_DCL(ct_Chn_Obj)
```

expands to:

```
class ct_Chn_ObjectString: public ct_Chn_ObjString  
{  
public:  
    inline ct_Chn_ObjectString ();  
    inline ct_Chn_ObjectString (t_Char c_init);
```

```

inline ct_Chn_ObjectString (t_Char c_init, t_Size o_len);
inline ct_Chn_ObjectString (const t_Char * pc_init);
inline ct_Chn_ObjectString (const t_Char * pc_init, t_Size o_len);
inline ct_Chn_ObjectString (const ct_Chn_ObjString & co_init);
inline ct_Chn_ObjectString (const ct_Chn_ObjectString & co_init);
TL_CLASSID (ct_Chn_ObjectString)
virtual bool operator < (const ct_Object & co_comp) const;
virtual t_UInt GetHashCode () const;
inline ct_Chn_ObjectString & operator = (t_Char c_asgn);
inline ct_Chn_ObjectString & operator = (const t_Char * pc_asgn);
inline ct_Chn_ObjectString & operator = (const ct_Chn_ObjectString & co_asgn);
};
...

```

Additional Methods

```
bool operator < (const ct_Object & co_comp) const;
```

This comparison operator is used by sorted array collections.

The file 'tuning/string.hpp' contains the following declaration:

```
OBJ_STRING_DCL(ct_Chn_Obj)
typedef ct_Chn_ObjectString ct_String;
```

The file 'tuning/wstring.hpp' contains the following declaration:

```
OBJ_STRING_DCL(ct_Chn_WObj)
typedef ct_Chn_WObjectString ct_WString;
```

3.2.4 Filename (tuning/filename.hpp)

The class `ct_FileName` provides several methods to manipulate filenames. A filename is stored as a null-terminated string. Filename components are determined by offset values stored in the filename object.

A filename consists of four components: Drive, Path, Name and Ext. The combination of Drive and Path is called `DrivePath`, the combination of Name and Ext is called `NameExt`. The path component always includes a terminating [back]slash. A Path without the terminating [back]slash is called `PurePath`, a `DrivePath` without the terminating [back]slash is called `PureDrivePath`.

The class `ct_FileName` supports the Universal Naming Convention (UNC). The `Drive` component can contain a drive specification (e.g. "C:") or a network path (e.g. "\\server\share"). The methods `HasDrive` and `HasUNC` can be used to distinguish between these two cases.

The MS Windows implementation automatically replaces slash characters with backslash characters (Linux impl. vice versa). The terminating [back]slash of a path component is appended if necessary. The extension component does not include a period.

There are two different assignment methods. The method 'Assign as Name' tries to locate the name and extension components at the end of the string. The method 'Assign as Path' interprets the whole string as a drive-path component.

Base Classes

```
ct_Object (see above 'Abstract Object')
ct_String (see above 'Polymorphic String')
```

Class Declaration

```
class ct_FileName: public ct_String
{
```

```

ct_FileName &
ct_FileName &
inline void
void
inline void
inline void
void
inline void

bool
bool
bool
bool
bool
bool
bool
bool
bool

inline t_Size
inline t_Size
inline t_Size
inline t_Size
inline t_Size
inline t_Size
inline t_Size
inline t_Size
inline t_Size
inline t_Size

inline t_Size
inline t_Size
inline t_Size
inline t_Size

inline const char *
inline const char *
inline const char *
inline const char *
inline const char *

inline ct_String
inline ct_String
inline ct_String
inline ct_String
inline ct_String
inline ct_String
inline ct_String

inline void
void
inline void
inline void
void
inline void
inline void
void
inline void
inline void
void

```

```

ct_FileName ();
ct_FileName (const char * pc_init);
operator = (const char * pc_asgn);
operator = (const ct_FileName & co_asgn);

AssignAsPath (const char * pc_path);
AssignAsPath (const char * pc_path, t_Size u_len);
AssignAsPath (const ct_String & co_path);
AssignAsName (const char * pc_name);
AssignAsName (const char * pc_name, t_Size u_len);
AssignAsName (const ct_String & co_name);

HasDriveOrUNC () const;
HasDrive () const;
HasUNC () const;
HasPath () const;
HasName () const;
HasExt () const;
HasDot () const;
HasWildCards () const;

GetDriveLen () const;
GetPathLen () const;
GetPurePathLen () const;
GetDrivePathLen () const;
GetPureDrivePathLen () const;
GetNameLen () const;
GetExtLen () const;
GetNameExtLen () const;
GetDotLen () const;
GetAllLen () const;

GetDriveOffs () const;
GetPathOffs () const;
GetNameOffs () const;
GetExtOffs () const;

GetDriveStr () const;
GetPathStr () const;
GetNameStr () const;
GetExtStr () const;
GetAllStr () const;

GetDrive () const;
GetPath () const;
GetPurePath () const;
GetDrivePath () const;
GetPureDrivePath () const;
GetName () const;
GetExt () const;
GetNameExt () const;

SetDrive (const char * pc);
SetDrive (const char * pc, t_Size u_len);
SetDrive (const ct_String & co);
SetPath (const char * pc);
SetPath (const char * pc, t_Size u_len);
SetPath (const ct_String & co);
SetDrivePath (const char * pc);
SetDrivePath (const char * pc, t_Size u_len);
SetDrivePath (const ct_String & co);
SetName (const char * pc);
SetName (const char * pc, t_Size u_len);
SetName (const ct_String & co);
SetExt (const char * pc);
SetExt (const char * pc, t_Size u_len);

```

```

inline void      SetExt (const ct_String & co);
inline void      SetNameExt (const char * pc);
void            SetNameExt (const char * pc, t_Size u_len);
inline void      SetNameExt (const ct_String & co);

inline void      CopyDriveFrom (const ct_FileName * pco_copy);
inline void      CopyPathFrom (const ct_FileName * pco_copy);
inline void      CopyDrivePathFrom (const ct_FileName * pco_copy);
inline void      CopyNameFrom (const ct_FileName * pco_copy);
inline void      CopyExtFrom (const ct_FileName * pco_copy);
inline void      CopyNameExtFrom (const ct_FileName * pco_copy);

inline void      InsertPath (const char * pc_path);
void            InsertPath (const char * pc_path, t_Size u_len);
inline void      InsertPath (const ct_String & co_path);
inline void      InsertDrivePath (const char * pc_path);
void            InsertDrivePath (const char * pc_path, t_Size u_len);
inline void      InsertDrivePath (const ct_String & co_path);
inline void      AppendPath (const char * pc_path);
void            AppendPath (const char * pc_path, t_Size u_len);
inline void      AppendPath (const ct_String & co_path);
void            CompressPath ();
bool            IsAbs () const;
bool            IsRel () const;
void            ToAbs (const char * pc_currDrivePath, bool b_withDrive = true);
void            ToRel (const char * pc_currDrivePath, bool b_withDrive = false);
};

```

Methods

`ct_FileName ()`;

Initializes an empty filename object.

`ct_FileName (const char * pc_init)`;

Initializes a filename object by calling the method `AssignAsName`.

`ct_FileName & operator = (const char * pc_asgn)`;

Calls the method `AssignAsName`.

`ct_FileName & operator = (const ct_FileName & co_asgn)`;

Replaces the contents with a copy of the filename object `co_asgn`.

`void AssignAsPath (const char * pc_path)`;

`void AssignAsPath (const char * pc_path, t_Size u_len)`;

`void AssignAsPath (const ct_String & co_path)`;

Replace the contents with a copy of the arguments. These methods interpret the whole string as a drive-path component.

`void AssignAsName (const char * pc_name)`;

`void AssignAsName (const char * pc_name, t_Size u_len)`;

`void AssignAsName (const ct_String & co_name)`;

Replace the contents with a copy of the arguments. These methods try to locate the name and extension components at the end of the string.

```
bool HasDriveOrUNC () const;
bool HasDrive () const;
bool HasUNC () const;
bool HasPath () const;
bool HasName () const;
bool HasExt () const;
```

These methods return true if a specific component exists.

```
bool HasDot () const;
```

Returns true if there is a period (dot) between name and extension.

```
bool HasWildCards () const;
```

Returns true if name or extension contain wildcard characters ('*' or '?').

```
t_Size GetDriveLen () const;
t_Size GetPathLen () const;
t_Size GetPurePathLen () const;
t_Size GetDrivePathLen () const;
t_Size GetPureDrivePathLen () const;
t_Size GetNameLen () const;
t_Size GetExtLen () const;
t_Size GetNameExtLen () const;
```

These methods return the length of a specific component.

```
t_Size GetDotLen () const;
```

Returns 1 if there is a period (dot) between name and extension, otherwise zero is returned.

```
t_Size GetAllLen () const;
```

Returns the length of the whole filename.

```
t_Size GetDriveOffs () const;
t_Size GetPathOffs () const;
t_Size GetNameOffs () const;
t_Size GetExtOffs () const;
```

These methods return the position (offset) of a specific component.

```
const char * GetDriveStr () const;
const char * GetPathStr () const;
const char * GetNameStr () const;
const char * GetExtStr () const;
const char * GetAllStr () const;
```

These methods return a pointer to the beginning of a specific component.

```
ct_String GetDrive () const;
ct_String GetPath () const;
ct_String GetPurePath () const;
ct_String GetDrivePath () const;
ct_String GetPureDrivePath () const;
ct_String GetName () const;
ct_String GetExt () const;
ct_String GetNameExt () const;
```

These methods return a specific component as a string object.

```

void SetDrive (const char * pc);
void SetDrive (const char * pc, t_Size u_len);
void SetDrive (const ct_String & co);
void SetPath (const char * pc);
void SetPath (const char * pc, t_Size u_len);
void SetPath (const ct_String & co);
void SetDrivePath (const char * pc);
void SetDrivePath (const char * pc, t_Size u_len);
void SetDrivePath (const ct_String & co);
void SetName (const char * pc);
void SetName (const char * pc, t_Size u_len);
void SetName (const ct_String & co);
void SetExt (const char * pc);
void SetExt (const char * pc, t_Size u_len);
void SetExt (const ct_String & co);
void SetNameExt (const char * pc);
void SetNameExt (const char * pc, t_Size u_len);
void SetNameExt (const ct_String & co);

```

Replace the contents of a specific component with a copy of the arguments.

```

void CopyDriveFrom (const ct_FileName * pco_copy);
void CopyPathFrom (const ct_FileName * pco_copy);
void CopyDrivePathFrom (const ct_FileName * pco_copy);
void CopyNameFrom (const ct_FileName * pco_copy);
void CopyExtFrom (const ct_FileName * pco_copy);
void CopyNameExtFrom (const ct_FileName * pco_copy);

```

Copy the contents of a specific component from another filename object.

```

void InsertPath (const char * pc_path);
void InsertPath (const char * pc_path, t_Size u_len);
void InsertPath (const ct_String & co_path);

```

Insert a copy of the arguments at the beginning of the path component.

```

void InsertDrivePath (const char * pc_path);
void InsertDrivePath (const char * pc_path, t_Size u_len);
void InsertDrivePath (const ct_String & co_path);

```

Insert a copy of the arguments at the beginning of the path component and replace the drive component.

```

void AppendPath (const char * pc_path);
void AppendPath (const char * pc_path, t_Size u_len);
void AppendPath (const ct_String & co_path);

```

Append a copy of the arguments at the end of the path component.

```

void CompressPath ();

```

Compresses the path component, i.e. deletes ".\" and "path\\.\" patterns.

```

bool IsAbs () const;

```

Returns true if the path component is an absolute path (beginning with a [back]slash).

```

bool IsRel () const;

```

Returns true if the path component is a relative path (not beginning with a [back]slash).

```

void ToAbs (const char * pc_currDrivePath, bool b_withDrive = true);

```

Converts the path component, which is relative to the directory pc_currDrivePath, to an absolute path. If b_withDrive equals true, the drive component is copied from pc_currDrivePath, otherwise the drive component is cleared.

```
void ToRel (const char * pc_currDrivePath, bool b_withDrive = false);
```

Converts the path component, which is an absolute path, to a path relative to the directory `pc_currDrivePath`. If `b_withDrive` equals true, the drive component is copied from `pc_currDrivePath`, otherwise the drive component is cleared.

3.2.5 Formatted Strings (tuning/printf.hpp)

The `char` and `wchar_t` versions of `t1_Vsprintf` interpret the parameter list like a `printf` parameter list. The destination buffer is dynamically allocated. It is recommended to use the `gct_String` methods `AssignF`, `AppendF`, `InsertF` and `ReplaceF` instead of `t1_Vsprintf`. See also the sample program 'tstring'.

Functions

```
int t1_Vsprintf (char ** ppc_buffer, const char * pc_format, va_list o_argList);  
int t1_Vsprintf (wchar_t ** ppc_buffer, const wchar_t * pc_format, va_list o_argList);
```

Formats the string `pc_format` with the parameters `o_argList` and writes the resulting string to a destination buffer which is allocated by `malloc`. On success, the length of the resulting string is returned (without the terminating null character), and the buffer `* ppc_buffer` must be released by `free`. On failure, a negative number is returned, and the pointer `* ppc_buffer` can be ignored.

3.2.6 String Sort Algorithm (tuning/stringSort.hpp)

This section describes an optimized string sort algorithm. Strings consist of characters, and characters have a value range from 0 to 255. To sort values in this range, no special sort algorithm is required. The values can be entered into an array of size 256. Afterwards the array can be iterated, and the values will appear in sorted order. This method can be applied to the first, the second, the third etc. character of a set of strings.

The sort order can be changed by a 'sort page' of size 256. The first entry of a sort page must be equal to zero. The private method `GetDefaultSortPage` returns a sort page containing consecutive numbers.

To sort `N` null-terminated strings, an array of `N` pointers to strings (`const char ** ppc_strings`) must be prepared by the caller of the algorithm. The results are written to an array of `N` `t_Int` values (`t_Int * pi_sortedIndex`) allocated by the caller. At the end of the calculation, this array will contain indices into the string array in sorted order.

The computing time depends on the maximum number of leading equal characters. The sort algorithm requires the following memory:

1. The input array `char * apc [n]` and the output array `t_Int ai [n]`.
2. The array `t_Int ai_temp [n]` to store temporary chains.
3. `x * 256 * sizeof (t_Int)` bytes to store temporary order data. `x` is the maximum number of leading equal characters.

Class Declaration

```
class ct_StringSort  
{  
public:  
    bool Sort (const char ** ppc_strings, t_Int * pi_sortedIndex, t_Int i_numOfStrings,  
               const char * pc_sortPage = GetDefaultSortPage ());  
};
```


Methods

```
bool Sort (const char * * ppc_strings, t_Int * pi_sortedIndex, t_Int i_numOfStrings, const char * pc_sortPage =
GetDefaultSortPage ());
```

Sorts the input data `ppc_strings` and stores the result in `pi_sortedIndex`. Temporary data are allocated and released automatically.

3.2.7 Number Sort Algorithm (tuning/stringSort.hpp)

The string sort algorithm (see above) can be modified to sort unsigned integer values. A `t_UInt32` value can be interpreted as a sequence of 4 unsigned characters. The implementation of the number sort algorithm supports little-endian hardware.

Class Declaration

```
class ct_UInt32Sort
{
public:
    bool Sort (const t_UInt32 * pu_ints, t_Int * pi_sortedIndex,
              t_Int i_numOfInts);
};
```

Methods

```
bool Sort (const t_UInt32 * pu_ints, t_Int * pi_sortedIndex, t_Int i_numOfInts);
```

Sorts the input data `pu_ints` and stores the result in `pi_sortedIndex`. Temporary data are allocated and released automatically.

3.3 Files and Directories

3.3.1 Files (tuning/file.hpp)

Within the **Spirick Tuning** library all file and directory paths are interpreted as UTF-8 strings. The Linux implementation passes the path names unchanged to the corresponding system functions. The MS Windows implementation converts the path names temporarily to UTF-16.

The class `ct_File` provides an object oriented interface for the global file functions (see above 'File I/O'). The methods `TryOpen`, `Open`, `Create`, `Load`, `Save`, `Exists`, `Move`, `Copy` and `Delete` must not be called while the file is open.

Base Classes

```
ct_Object      (see above 'Abstract Object')
ct_String      (see above 'Polymorphic String')
ct_FileName    (see above 'Filename')
```

Class Declaration

```
class ct_File: public ct_FileName
{
public:
    ct_File ();
    ct_File (const char * pc_init);
```

```

        ct_File (const ct_FileName & co_init);
        ~ct_File ();
ct_File & operator = (const char * pc_asgn);
ct_File & operator = (const ct_FileName & co_asgn);

bool TryOpen (bool b_readOnly = true, bool b_sequential = true,
              t_UInt32 u_milliSec = 0);
bool Open (bool b_readOnly = true, bool b_sequential = true);
bool Create (bool b_createNew = false);
bool Close ();

bool Load (ct_String * pco_str);
bool Save (const ct_String * pco_str);

bool Exists ();
bool Move (const char * pc_new);
bool Copy (const char * pc_new, bool b_overwrite = true);
bool Delete ();

bool QuerySize (t_FileSize & o_size) const;
bool QueryPos (t_FileSize & o_pos) const;
bool EndOfFile (bool & b_eof) const;
bool SeekAbs (t_FileSize o_pos) const;
bool SeekRel (t_FileSize o_pos) const;
bool Truncate (t_FileSize o_size) const;
bool Read (void * pv_dst, t_FileSize o_len) const;
bool Write (const void * pv_src, t_FileSize o_len) const;
};

```

Methods

`ct_File ()`;

Initializes an empty file object.

`ct_File (const char * pc_init)`;

Initializes a file object by calling the method `ct_FileName::AssignAsName`.

`ct_File (const ct_FileName & co_init)`;

Initializes a file object by calling the copy constructor of `ct_FileName`.

`~ct_File ()`;

The destructor closes the file object.

`ct_File & operator = (const char * pc_asgn)`;

Calls `ct_FileName::AssignAsName (pc_asgn)`.

`ct_File & operator = (const ct_FileName & co_asgn)`;

Assigns a new filename.

`bool TryOpen (bool b_readOnly = true, bool b_sequential = true, t_UInt32 u_milliSec = 0)`;

Tries to open an existing file. The method will wait for at most `u_milliSec` milliseconds. The parameter `b_readOnly` determines the access mode. The parameter `b_sequential` is a hint to optimize file caching (sequential or random access).

`bool Open (bool b_readOnly = true, bool b_sequential = true)`;

Opens an existing file. The parameter `b_readOnly` determines the access mode. The parameter `b_sequential` is a hint to optimize file caching (sequential or random access).

`bool Create (bool b_createNew = false);`

Creates a new file and opens it for read/write access. Returns false if `b_createNew` equals true and the specified file already exists. Otherwise the function overwrites the existing file.

`bool Close ();`

Closes an open file.

`bool Load (ct_String * pco_str);`

Loads the entire contents of the file into the string object `pco_str` (open, read, close). The file must not contain null characters.

`bool Save (const ct_String * pco_str);`

Saves the entire contents of the string object `pco_str` into the file (open, write, close).

`bool Exists ();`

Returns true if the file exists.

`bool Move (const char * pc_new);`

Moves (renames) the file either in the same directory or across directories. On success the own filename (base class `ct_FileName`) is changed as well.

`bool Copy (const char * pc_new, bool b_overwrite = true);`

Copies the existing file to a new file. Returns false if `b_overwrite` equals false and the specified file already exists.

`bool Delete ();`

Deletes the existing file.

`bool QuerySize (t_FileSize & o_size) const;`

Retrieves the size of the open file and stores the result in `o_size`.

`bool QueryPos (t_FileSize & o_pos) const;`

Retrieves the file pointer of the open file and stores the result in `o_pos`.

`bool EndOfFile (bool & b_eof) const;`

Sets `b_eof` to true if the file pointer is located at the end of the file.

`bool SeekAbs (t_FileSize o_pos) const;`

Moves the file pointer of the open file to the absolute position `o_pos` (an offset from the beginning of the file).

`bool SeekRel (t_FileSize o_pos) const;`

Moves the file pointer of the open file to the relative position `o_pos` (relative to the current position).

`bool Truncate (t_FileSize o_size);`

Sets the size for the open file to `o_size`.

`bool Read (void * pv_dst, t_FileSize o_len) const;`

Reads `o_len` bytes from the open file to the buffer `pv_dst` and moves the file pointer.

`bool Write (const void * pv_src, t_FileSize o_len) const;`

Writes `o_len` bytes from the buffer `pv_src` to the open file and moves the file pointer.

3.3.2 Directories (tuning/dir.hpp)

Within the **Spirick Tuning** library all file and directory paths are interpreted as UTF-8 strings. The Linux implementation passes the path names unchanged to the corresponding system functions. The MS Windows implementation converts the path names temporarily to UTF-16.

The class `ct_Directory` provides an object oriented interface for the global directory functions (see above 'sys/cdir.hpp'). This class uses the drive and path components of the base class `ct_FileName` (`PureDrivePath`), the name and extension components of the filename are ignored.

Base Classes

`ct_Object` (see above 'Abstract Object')
`ct_String` (see above 'Polymorphic String')
`ct_FileName` (see above 'Filename')

Class Declaration

```
class ct_Directory: public ct_FileName
{
public:
    ct_Directory ();
    ct_Directory (const char * pc_init);
    ct_Directory (const ct_FileName & co_init);
    ct_Directory & operator = (const char * pc_asgn);
    ct_Directory & operator = (const ct_FileName & co_asgn);

    bool QueryCurrentDrive ();
    bool QueryCurrentDirectory ();
    bool QueryCurrentDriveDirectory ();

    bool Create ();
    bool Exists ();
    bool Move (const char * pc_new);
    bool Delete ();
};
```

Methods

`ct_Directory ()`;

Initializes an empty directory object.

`ct_Directory (const char * pc_init)`;

Initializes a directory object by calling the method `ct_FileName::AssignAsPath`.

`ct_Directory (const ct_FileName & co_init)`;

Initializes a directory object by calling the copy constructor of `ct_FileName`.

`ct_Directory & operator = (const char * pc_asgn)`;

Calls `ct_FileName::AssignAsPath (pc_asgn)`.

`ct_Directory & operator = (const ct_FileName & co_asgn)`;

Assigns a new filename.

`bool QueryCurrentDrive ()`;

Retrieves the current drive and stores the result in the drive component of the filename.

```
bool QueryCurrentDirectory ();
```

Retrieves the current directory of the drive specified by the drive component and stores the result in the path component of the filename.

```
bool QueryCurrentDriveDirectory ();
```

Retrieves the current directory and stores the result in the drive-path component of the filename.

```
bool Create ();
```

Creates a directory.

```
bool Exists ();
```

Returns true if the directory exists.

```
bool Move (const char * pc_new);
```

Moves (renames) the directory either in the same directory or across directories. On success the own filename (base class `ct_FileName`) is changed as well.

```
bool Delete ();
```

Deletes an empty directory.

3.3.3 Directory Scan (tuning/dirscan.hpp)

Within the **Spirick Tuning** library all file and directory paths are interpreted as UTF-8 strings. The Linux implementation passes the path names unchanged to the corresponding system functions. The MS Windows implementation converts the path names temporarily to UTF-16.

The class `ct_DirScan` is derived from `ct_Directory`. The drive and path components of the filename determine the directory to scan. The name and extension components are used for input and output data. *Before* scanning a directory, these components contain the search pattern. *While* scanning a directory, these components contain the name and extension of the current directory entry.

Note that changing the contents of a directory while scanning it can lead to unpredictable results. It is recommended to cache the results of a directory scan in a data structure before changing the contents of the directory.

The class `ct_DirScan` can also be used to retrieve information about a single file or directory. If the search pattern does not contain any wildcard characters ('*' or '?'), multiple information about a directory entry are retrieved by a single function call. The `FindOnce` methods consist of three steps: abort an active scan, assign a new search pattern and start a new scan.

Base Classes

```
ct_Object      (see above 'Abstract Object')
ct_String      (see above 'Polymorphic String')
  ct_FileName  (see above 'Filename')
    ct_Directory (see above 'Directory')
```

Data Types, Constants

```
typedef unsigned t_FileAttributes;

const t_FileAttributes co_AttrArchive   = 0x01;
const t_FileAttributes co_AttrDirectory = 0x02;
const t_FileAttributes co_AttrHidden   = 0x04;
const t_FileAttributes co_AttrReadOnly = 0x08;
```

```
const t_FileAttributes co_AttrSystem = 0x10;
```

Values of the integer type `t_FileAttributes` can combine multiple attribute flags via an OR operation.

Class Declaration

```
class ct_DirScan: public ct_Directory
{
public:
    ct_DirScan ();
    ct_DirScan (const char * pc_init);
    ct_DirScan (const ct_FileName & co_init);
    ~ct_DirScan ();
    ct_DirScan & operator = (const char * pc_asgn);
    ct_DirScan & operator = (const ct_FileName & co_asgn);

    bool FindOnce ();
    bool FindOnce (const char * pc_find);
    bool FindOnce (const ct_FileName & co_find);
    bool FindOncePath ();
    bool FindOncePath (const ct_FileName & co_find);

    bool FindFirst ();
    bool FindFirstFile ();
    bool FindFirstDirectory ();
    bool FindNext ();
    bool FindNextFile ();
    bool FindNextDirectory ();
    void AbortFind ();
    bool Found ();

    t_MicroTime GetCreationTime () const;
    t_MicroTime GetLastAccessTime () const;
    t_MicroTime GetLastWriteTime () const;
    t_FileSize GetSize () const;
    t_FileAttributes GetAttributes () const;
    bool IsArchive () const;
    bool IsDirectory () const;
    bool IsHidden () const;
    bool IsReadOnly () const;
    bool IsSystem () const;
};
```

Methods

`ct_DirScan ()`;

Initializes an empty dirscan object.

`ct_DirScan (const char * pc_init)`;

Initializes a dirscan object by calling the method `ct_FileName::AssignAsName`.

`ct_DirScan (const ct_FileName & co_init)`;

Initializes a dirscan object by calling the copy constructor of `ct_FileName`.

`~ct_DirScan ()`;

Releases all temporary data.

`ct_DirScan & operator = (const char * pc_asgn)`;

Calls `ct_FileName::AssignAsName (pc_asgn)`.

```
ct_DirScan & operator = (const ct_FileName & co_asgn);
```

Assigns a new filename.

```
bool FindOnce ();
```

Aborts an active scan and starts a new scan using the current filename.

```
bool FindOnce (const char * pc_find);
```

Aborts an active scan, calls `ct_FileName::AssignAsName (pc_find)` and starts a new scan.

```
bool FindOnce (const ct_FileName & co_find);
```

Aborts an active scan, calls `ct_FileName::AssignAsName (co_find)` and starts a new scan.

```
bool FindOncePath ();
```

Aborts an active scan, calls `ct_FileName::AssignAsName (GetPureDrivePath ())` and starts a new scan, i.e. the method retrieves information about the drive-path component.

```
bool FindOncePath (const ct_FileName & co_find);
```

Aborts an active scan, calls `ct_FileName::AssignAsName (co_find. GetPureDrivePath ())` and starts a new scan, i.e. the method retrieves information about the drive-path component of `co_find`.

```
bool FindFirst ();
```

Starts a new scan (files and directories) using the current filename and retrieves information about the first directory entry.

```
bool FindFirstFile ();
```

Starts a new scan (files only) using the current filename and retrieves information about the first directory entry.

```
bool FindFirstDirectory ();
```

Starts a new scan (directories only) using the current filename and retrieves information about the first directory entry.

```
bool FindNext ();
```

Iterates to the next directory entry (files and directories) and retrieves information about it.

```
bool FindNextFile ();
```

Iterates to the next directory entry (files only) and retrieves information about it.

```
bool FindNextDirectory ();
```

Iterates to the next directory entry (directories only) and retrieves information about it.

```
void AbortFind ();
```

Aborts an active scan and releases all temporary data.

```
bool Found ();
```

Returns true if the previous call of `FindFirst` or `FindNext` has returned true.

```
t_MicroTime GetCreationTime () const;
```

Returns the creation time of the current directory entry in UTC (see above 'Time and Date').

```
t_MicroTime GetLastAccessTime () const;
```

Returns the last access time of the current directory entry in UTC (see above 'Time and Date').

t_MicroTime GetLastWriteTime () const;

Returns the last write time of the current directory entry in UTC (see above 'Time and Date').

t_FileSize GetSize () const;

Returns the size of the current directory entry.

t_FileAttributes GetAttributes () const;

Returns the attributes of the current directory entry.

bool IsArchive () const;

bool IsDirectory () const;

bool IsHidden () const;

bool IsReadOnly () const;

bool IsSystem () const;

Returns true if a specific flag is set.

Search Patterns

The class `ct_DirScan` is derived from `ct_Directory`. The drive and path components of the filename determine the directory to scan. The method `ct_Directory::Exists` can be used to check if the directory exists.

```
ct_DirScan co_dirScan;
co_dirScan. SetDrivePath ("c:\\spirick\\tuning");

if (co_dirScan. Exists ())
    // ...
```

The name and extension components are used for input and output data. *Before* scanning a directory, these components contain the search pattern.

```
co_dirScan. SetNameExt ("*");
```

The search pattern "*" starts an unfiltered directory scan.

```
co_dirScan. SetNameExt ("*.?pp");
```

MS Windows only: The search pattern can be a combination of literal and wildcard characters ('*' or '?').

```
co_dirScan. SetNameExt ("dirscan.hpp");
```

If the search pattern is a unique name of a file or directory, multiple information about the directory entry are retrieved by a single function call.

Sample Code

The following sample code demonstrates an unfiltered directory scan.

```
ct_DirScan co_dirScan ("c:\\spirick\\tuning\\*");

for (co_dirScan. FindFirst ();
     co_dirScan. Found ();
     co_dirScan. FindNext ())
{
    // ...
}
```

Scan files only:


```

ct_DirScan co_dirScan ("c:\\spirick\\tuning\\*");

for (co_dirScan. FindFirstFile ();
     co_dirScan. Found ();
     co_dirScan. FindNextFile ())
{
    // ...
}

```

Scan directories only:

```

ct_DirScan co_dirScan ("c:\\spirick\\tuning\\*");

for (co_dirScan. FindFirstDirectory ();
     co_dirScan. Found ();
     co_dirScan. FindNextDirectory ())
{
    // ...
}

```

3.4 Additional Utilities

3.4.1 Time and Date (tuning/timedate.hpp)

The class `ct_TimeDate` provides an object oriented interface for the global time and date functions (see above 'sys/ctimedate.hpp'). Time values are expressed in microseconds since 1/1/1970. The current time can be queried in UTC and local time.

Class Declaration

```

class ct_TimeDate
{
public:
    ct_TimeDate ();
    ct_TimeDate (t_MicroTime i_time);

    void Clear ();
    t_MicroTime GetTime () const;
    void SetTime (t_MicroTime i_time);

    void QueryUTCTime ();
    void QueryLocalTime ();

    inline unsigned GetYear () const;
    inline unsigned GetMonth () const;
    inline unsigned GetDay () const;
    inline unsigned GetDayOfWeek () const;
    inline unsigned GetHour () const;
    inline unsigned GetMinute () const;
    inline unsigned GetSecond () const;
    inline unsigned GetMicroSecond () const;

    inline void SetYear (unsigned u);
    inline void SetMonth (unsigned u);
    inline void SetDay (unsigned u);
    inline void SetDayOfWeek (unsigned u);
    inline void SetHour (unsigned u);
    inline void SetMinute (unsigned u);
    inline void SetSecond (unsigned u);
}

```

```

inline void          SetMicroSecond (unsigned u);

inline bool         operator == (const ct_TimeDate & co_td) const;
inline bool         operator != (const ct_TimeDate & co_td) const;
inline bool         operator <  (const ct_TimeDate & co_td) const;
inline bool         operator <= (const ct_TimeDate & co_td) const;
inline bool         operator >  (const ct_TimeDate & co_td) const;
inline bool         operator >= (const ct_TimeDate & co_td) const;
};

```

Methods

`ct_TimeDate ()`;

Initializes an empty time-date object.

`ct_TimeDate (t_MicroTime i_time)`;

Converts a microsecond value to time-date components.

`void Clear ()`;

Clears the time-date object.

`t_MicroTime GetTime () const`;

Converts time-date components to a microsecond value.

`void SetTime (t_MicroTime i_time)`;

Converts a microsecond value to time-date components.

`void QueryUTCTime ()`;

Retrieves the current time, as reported by the system clock, in UTC.

`void QueryLocalTime ()`;

Retrieves the current time, as reported by the system clock, in the local time zone.

`unsigned GetYear () const`;

`unsigned GetMonth () const`;

`unsigned GetDay () const`;

`unsigned GetDayOfWeek () const`;

`unsigned GetHour () const`;

`unsigned GetMinute () const`;

`unsigned GetSecond () const`;

`unsigned GetMicroSecond () const`;

These methods return a specific component as an unsigned integer value.

`void SetYear (unsigned u)`;

`void SetMonth (unsigned u)`;

`void SetDay (unsigned u)`;

`void SetDayOfWeek (unsigned u)`;

`void SetHour (unsigned u)`;

`void SetMinute (unsigned u)`;

`void SetSecond (unsigned u)`;

`void SetMicroSecond (unsigned u)`;

These methods set a specific component to an unsigned integer value.

```

bool operator == (const ct_TimeDate & co_td) const;
bool operator != (const ct_TimeDate & co_td) const;
bool operator < (const ct_TimeDate & co_td) const;
bool operator <= (const ct_TimeDate & co_td) const;
bool operator > (const ct_TimeDate & co_td) const;
bool operator >= (const ct_TimeDate & co_td) const;

```

These methods compare two time-date objects.

3.4.2 MD5 Sum (tuning/md5.hpp)

The class `ct_MD5` can be used for a single MD5 sum calculation. The source data can be located in a single memory block, or they can consist of several parts. The results of the calculation can be retrieved in a textual and a binary format.

Class Declaration

```

typedef t_UInt8 t_MD5Result [16];

class ct_MD5
{
public:
    ct_MD5 ();
    ct_MD5 (const t_MD5Result & ac_init);
    ct_MD5 (const void * pv_data, t_UInt u_len);

    void Update (const void * pv_data, t_UInt u_len);
    void Finalize ();
    const t_MD5Result & GetResult () const;
    const char * GetResultStr ();
    bool operator == (const ct_MD5 & co_comp) const;
};

```

Methods

`ct_MD5 ()`;

Initializes an empty MD5 object.

`ct_MD5 (const t_MD5Result & ac_init)`;

Copies the MD5 results from another MD5 object.

`ct_MD5 (const void * pv_data, t_UInt u_len)`;

Initializes a MD5 object and calls the methods `Update` and `Finalize`.

`void Update (const void * pv_data, t_UInt u_len)`;

Processes a single part of the source data. Location and length of the data block are determined by `pv_data` and `u_len`.

`void Finalize ()`;

Stops the MD5 sum calculation. Afterwards the results can be retrieved.

`const t_MD5Result & GetResult () const`;

Returns the result in a binary format.

`const char * GetResultStr ()`;

Returns the result in a textual format. The string consists of 32 lower case hexadecimal characters and a terminating null character.

```
bool operator == (const ct_MD5 & co_comp) const;
```

Compares the results of two MD5 objects.

3.4.3 Universally Unique Identifier (tuning/uuid.hpp)

The class `ct_UUID` provides an interface to create and process Universally Unique Identifiers.

Class Declaration

```
typedef t_UInt8 t_UUID [16];

class ct_UUID
{
public:
    ct_UUID ();
    ct_UUID (const ct_UUID & co_init);
    ct_UUID (const t_UUID & ao_init);
    ct_UUID & operator = (const ct_UUID & co_asgn);

    bool IsEmpty () const;
    t_UInt GetHashCode () const;
    const t_UUID & GetUUID () const;
    void Clear ();
    bool Create ();
    bool ToString (char * pc_dst, t_UInt u_len, bool b_upperCase) const;
    bool FromStr (const char * pc_src, t_UInt u_len);

    bool operator == (const ct_UUID & co_comp) const;
    bool operator != (const ct_UUID & co_comp) const;
};
```

Methods

```
ct_UUID ();
```

Initializes an empty UUID object.

```
ct_UUID (const ct_UUID & co_init);
```

Copies the data from another UUID object.

```
ct_UUID (const t_UUID & ao_init);
```

Copies the binary UUID data.

```
ct_UUID & operator = (const ct_UUID & co_asgn);
```

Copies the data from another UUID object.

```
bool IsEmpty () const;
```

Returns true if the UUID object is empty.

```
t_UInt GetHashCode () const;
```

Returns a hash value.

```
const t_UUID & GetUUID () const;
```

Returns a reference to the binary UUID data.

void **Clear** ();

Clears the UUID object.

bool **Create** ();

Creates a new Universally Unique Identifier.

bool **ToStr** (char * pc_dst, t_UInt u_len, bool b_upperCase) const;

Converts the binary UUID to a string and writes the result to the buffer (pc_dst, u_len) (u_len >= 36). The formatted string consists of 36 characters without a terminating null character. If b_upperCase equals true upper case characters are used.

bool **FromStr** (const char * pc_src, t_UInt u_len);

Converts a formatted string to a binary UUID. The first 36 characters of the buffer (pc_src, u_len) (u_len >= 36) are interpreted as a textual UUID.

bool **operator ==** (const ct_UUID & co_comp) const;

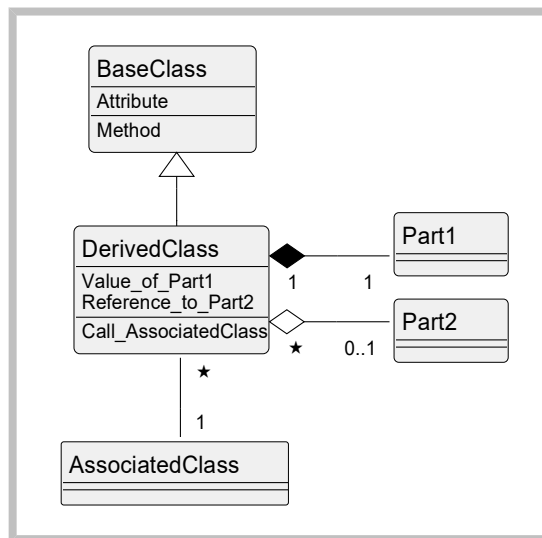
bool **operator !=** (const ct_UUID & co_comp) const;

Compare two UUID objects.



4 DESIGN DIAGRAMS

4.1 Notation

The following sections contain some design diagrams describing the interaction of several components of the **Spirick Tuning** library. The diagrams are based on the 'Unified Modeling Language' (UML). The following diagram shows some important parts of UML class diagrams.



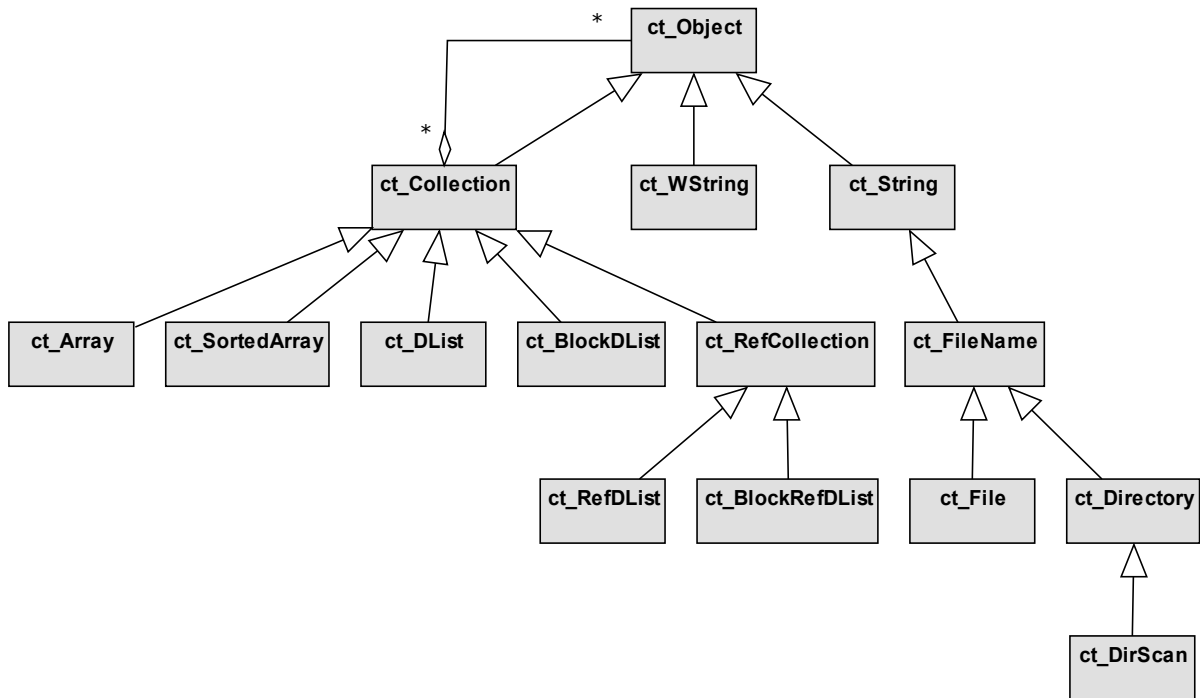
Classes are represented by rectangles which show the name of the class and optionally the attributes and methods. The following relationships can be used:

- Inheritance 
- Composition 
- Aggregation 
- Association 

Some connectors may include cardinality at each end.

4.2 Polymorphic Class Hierarchy

The following diagram shows all classes which inherit from the abstract base class `ct_Object`.



4.3 An Array Container

The following (partially simplified) diagram shows all classes which are used to implement an array container. The container instance was defined by the following sample code:

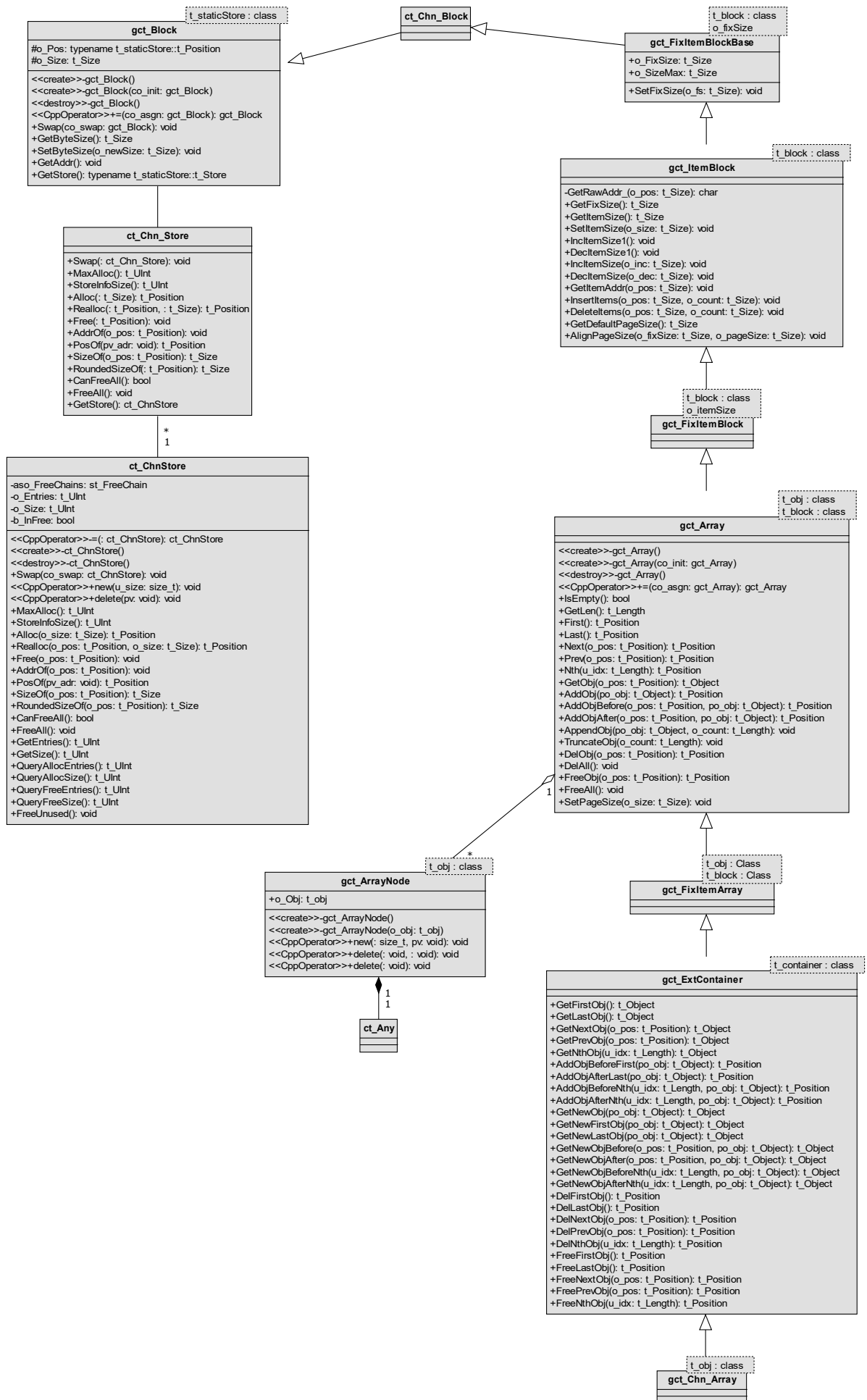
```
#include "tuning/chn/array.h"
class ct_Any { /* ... */ };
gct_Chn_Array <ct_Any> co_AnyArray;
```

The array container allocates memory using the store class `ct_ChnStore`. The wrapper class `ct_Chn_Store` maps methods of the global store object to static class methods. The abbreviation `_` determines the nested size type `t_UInt`.

The class `ct_Chn_Block` is a predefined instance of the block template `gct_Block` using the wrapper class `ct_Chn_Store`. The class template `gct_ItemBlock` is an extension of the common block interface. The helper templates `gct_FixItemBlockBase` and `gct_FixItemBlock` are used for compile time configuration of the item size.

The container template `gct_Array` is instantiated using the parameters `ct_Any` and `gct_FixItemBlock` `<t_block, sizeof (gct_ArrayNode <ct_Any>)>`. The helper template `gct_ArrayNode` is used to construct and destruct the contained objects. The helper template `gct_FixItemArray` passes the size of an object to the template `gct_FixItemBlock`.

The class template `gct_ExtContainer` enhances the usability of the basic container interface. The template `gct_Chn_Array` is a predefined shortcut for `gct_ExtContainer <gct_FixItemArray <t_obj, ct_Chn_Block> >`.



4.4 A Pointer Array Container

The following (partially simplified) diagram shows all classes which are used to implement a pointer array container. The container instance was defined by the following sample code:

```
#include "tuning/chn/ptrarray.h"
class ct_Any { /* ... */ };
gct_Chn_PtrArray <ct_Any> co_AnyPtrArray;
```

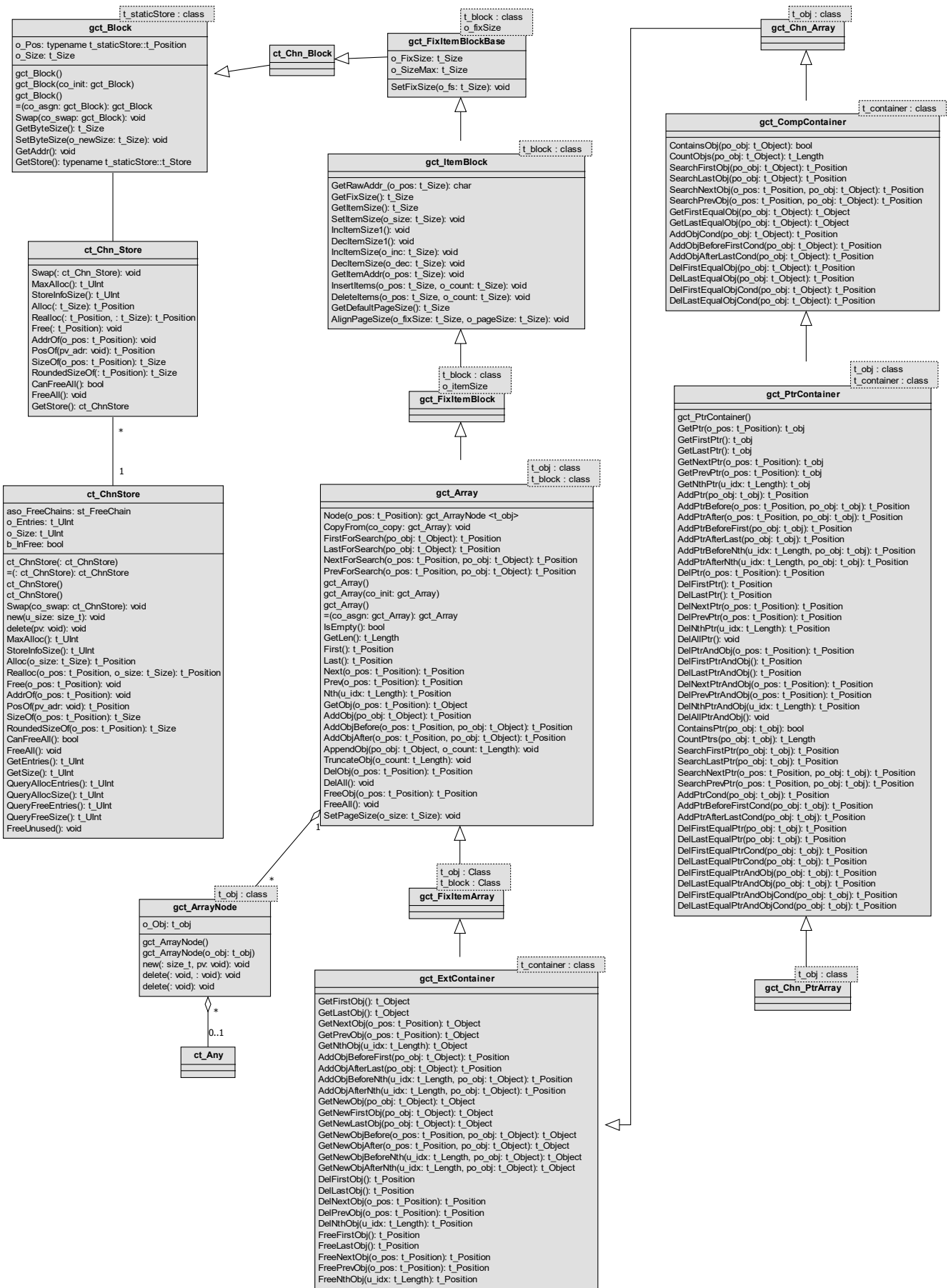
The pointer array container allocates memory using the store class `ct_ChnStore`. The wrapper class `ct_Chn_Store` maps methods of the global store object to static class methods. The abbreviation `_` determines the nested size type `t_UInt`.

The class `ct_Chn_Block` is a predefined instance of the block template `gct_Block` using the wrapper class `ct_Chn_Store`. The class template `gct_ItemBlock` is an extension of the common block interface. The helper templates `gct_FixItemBlockBase` and `gct_FixItemBlock` are used for compile time configuration of the item size.

The container template `gct_Array` is instantiated using the parameters `void *` and `gct_FixItemBlock <t_block, sizeof (gct_ArrayNode <void *>>`. The helper template `gct_ArrayNode` is used to construct and destruct the contained pointers. The helper template `gct_FixItemArray` passes the size of a pointer to the template `gct_FixItemBlock`.

The class template `gct_ExtContainer` enhances the usability of the basic container interface. The template `gct_Chn_Array` is a predefined shortcut for `gct_ExtContainer <gct_FixItemArray <t_obj, ct_Chn_Block> >`.

The class template `gct_CompContainer` implements some count, search and conditional methods. The class template `gct_PtrContainer` provides a comfortable interface for pointer containers. It maps many methods of the basic, extended and comp-container interface and provides some additional methods. The template `gct_Chn_PtrArray` is a predefined shortcut for `gct_PtrContainer <ct_Any, gct_Chn_Array <void *> >`.



4.5 A List Container

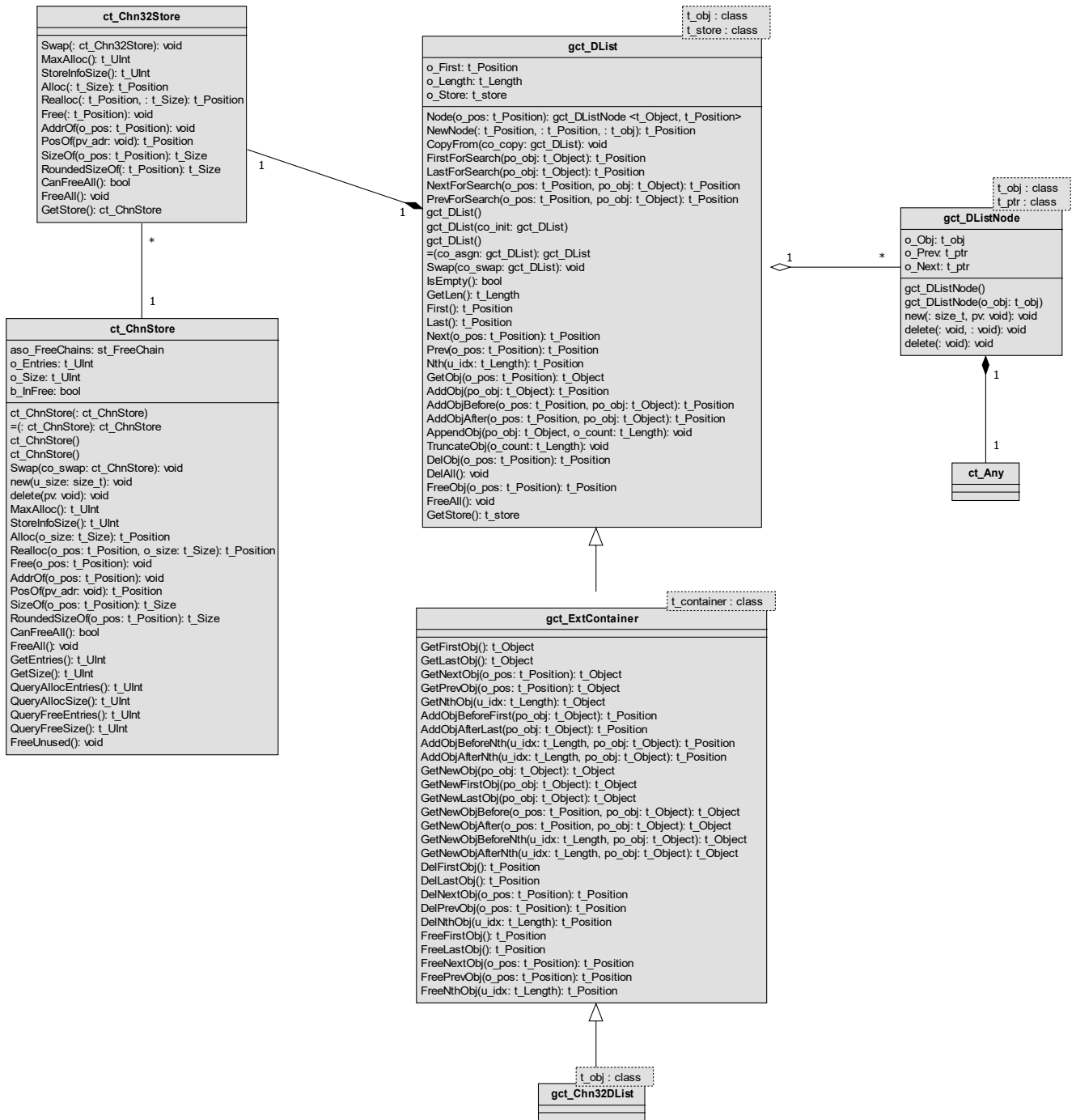
The following (partially simplified) diagram shows all classes which are used to implement a list container. The container instance was defined by the following sample code:

```
#include "tuning/chn/dlist.h"
class ct_Any { /* ... */ };
gct_Ch32DList <ct_Any> co_AnyDList;
```

The list container allocates memory using the store class `ct_Ch32Store`. The wrapper class `ct_Ch32Store` maps methods of the global store object to static class methods. The abbreviation `32` determines the nested size type `t_UInt32`.

The container template `gct_DList` is instantiated using the parameters `ct_Any` and `ct_Ch32Store`. The list class contains a data member of type `t_store`. The helper template `gct_DListNode` is used to construct and destruct the contained objects. Every list node contains references (position values) to the direct neighbors.

The class template `gct_ExtContainer` enhances the usability of the basic container interface. The template `gct_Ch32DList` is a predefined shortcut for `gct_ExtContainer <gct_DList <ct_Any, ct_Ch32Store> >`.



4.6 A Block List Container

The following (partially simplified) diagram shows all classes which are used to implement a block list container. The container instance was defined by the following sample code:

```
#include "tuning/chn/blockdlist.h"
class ct_Any { /* ... */ };
gct_Ch32BlockDList <ct_Any> co_AnyBlockDList;
```

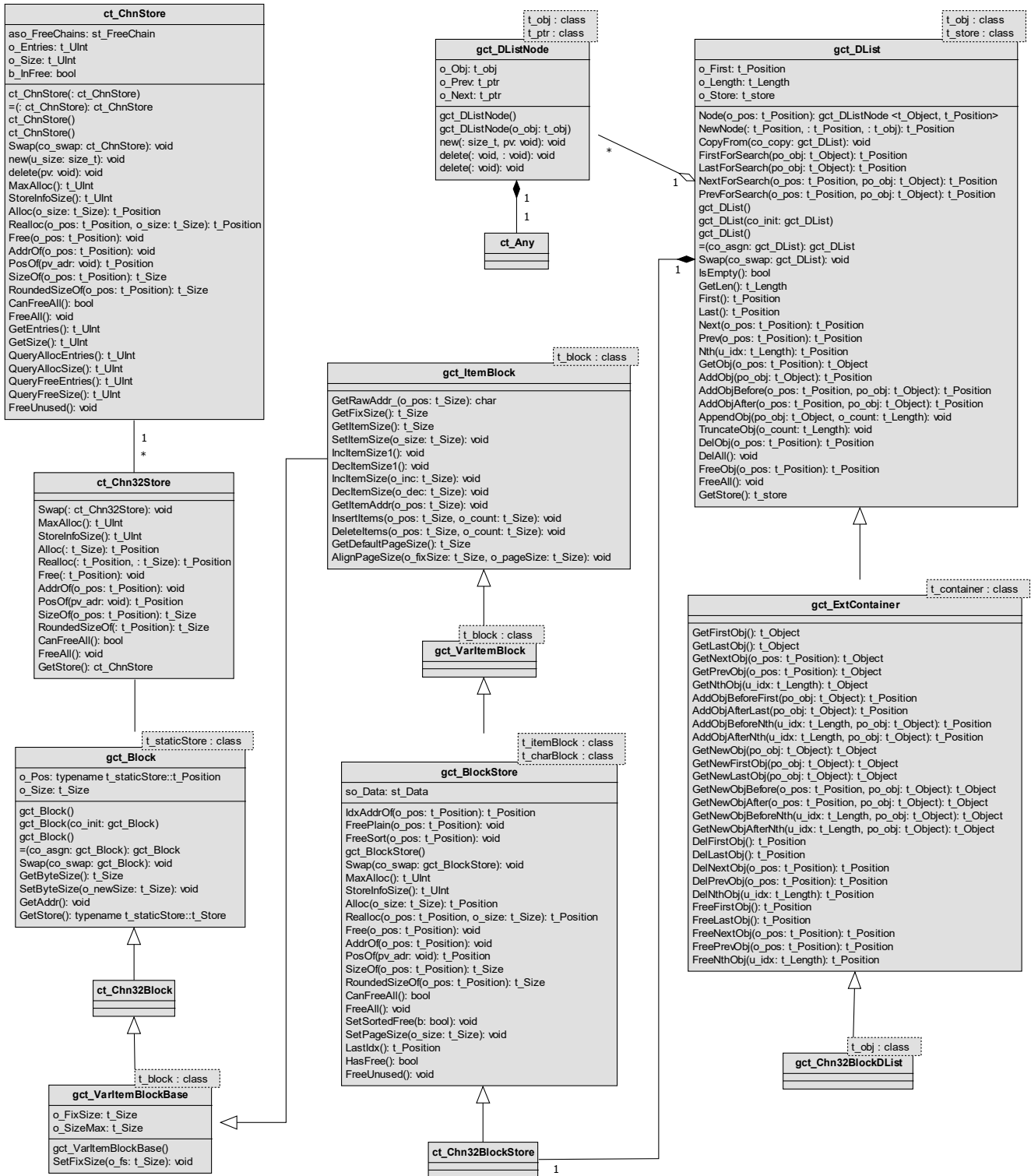
The block list container allocates memory using the store class `ct_ChnStore`. The wrapper class `ct_Chn32Store` maps methods of the global store object to static class methods. The abbreviation 32 determines the nested size type `t_UInt32`.

The class `ct_Chn32Block` is a predefined instance of the block template `gct_Block` using the wrapper class `ct_Chn32Store`. The class template `gct_ItemBlock` is an extension of the common block interface. The helper templates `gct_VarItemBlockBase` and `gct_VarItemBlock` are used for runtime configuration of the item size.

A block store uses an item block for compact storage of smaller, equal-sized memory blocks. The store template `gct_BlockStore` is instantiated using the parameters `gct_VarItemBlock <ct_Chn32Block>` and `gct_CharBlock <ct_Chn32Block, char>`. The template `ct_Chn32BlockStore` is a predefined shortcut for `gct_BlockStore <gct_Var..., gct_Char...>`.

The container template `gct_DList` is instantiated using the parameters `ct_Any` and `ct_Chn32BlockStore`. The list class contains a data member of type `t_store`. The helper template `gct_DListNode` is used to construct and destruct the contained objects. Every list node contains references (position values) to the direct neighbors.

The class template `gct_ExtContainer` enhances the usability of the basic container interface. The template `gct_Ch32BlockDList` is a predefined shortcut for `gct_ExtContainer <gct_DList <ct_Any, ct_Chn32BlockStore> >`.



5 INSTALLATION

5.1 Installation

5.1.1 Available Platforms

The **Spirick Tuning** library is currently available for the following operating systems: MS Windows XP, MS Windows 7, MS Windows 10 and Linux (x86/x86-64, kernel 2.6.32 to 6.2.0). The library can be used in 32-bit and 64-bit environments, in single-threaded or multi-threaded mode. The source code is developed and tested for the following compilers: MS Visual C++ 8.0 (2005) to 17.0 (2022) and g++ 4.4.5 to 12.2.0.

5.1.2 Dependencies

The **Spirick Tuning** library uses the compiler runtime system and OS dependent low-level functions. On Linux platforms the library Pthreads is used for multithreading. There are no dependencies or interactions to other libraries.

5.1.3 Makefiles

The source code of the **Spirick Tuning** library can be integrated in any existing build system. Alternatively the **Spirick** makefiles can be used. These makefiles automatically detect the make utility (MS Windows: nmake, Linux: gmake). The **Spirick** makefiles use the following environment variables:

TL_PROJECT_TARGETDIR: The compiler and linker target directory.
TL_COMPILER: A shortcut for the compiler version, e.g. "msc192164".
TL_RELEASE: Switch between debug and release build.
MSDEVDIR: MS Windows only: Detect the MSVC compiler.
TL_BUILD_DLL: MSVC only: Switch between `_declspec (dllexport)` and `_declspec (dllimport)`.

The **Spirick** makefiles use the sd utility (Spirick Source Dependencies). The source code of the sd utility is included in the **Spirick Tuning** library. Bootstrap method: If the sd executable is not available, use an empty sd script file (MS Windows: sd.bat, Linux: sd.sh).

5.1.4 Global Objects

Each global store object (see above 'Global Stores') has its own global access function. The global object is created in the first call of the access function. This technique ensures safe access to store objects from constructors of global C++ objects. A global store object may be created directly by a `global Create` function.

Global store objects are not destroyed automatically during program termination. This technique ensures safe access to store objects from destructors of global C++ objects. The destruction of global store objects is not necessary. They manage raw memory blocks, and this memory is released by the OS automatically. A global store object may be destroyed directly by a `global Delete` function.

Note that a heap walker may report the global store objects as memory leaks at the end of the program. This problem can be avoided by explicitly deleting these objects. Please ensure that a global store object is not used after deleting it.

The file '**tuning/sys/cprocess.cpp**' contains access functions for two global mutex objects (see above 'Thread Mutex' and 'Process Mutex'). These objects are created in the first call of the access functions or before starting the first thread. At the end of the program the global mutex objects can be destroyed by calling a global `Delete` function.

5.1.5 Exception Handling

Exception handling can be enabled or disabled by compiler options. In some C++ projects exception handling is disabled to improve performance. The **Spirick Tuning** library can be used with or without exception handling. All functions return `true` on success and `false` or an error code on failure, no exceptions are thrown.

While working with containers, exceptions may occur inside of constructors and destructors of contained objects. **Spirick** container classes contain minimal exception handlers. These handlers ensure the consistency of the container object and pass the exception unchanged to a higher-level handler (see above 'Container Interface').

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