

# What's Different: At a Glance

## Then

```
circle* p = new circle( 42 );  
vector<shape*> vw = load_shapes();  
for( vector<circle*>::iterator i = vw.begin(); i != vw.end(); ++i ) {  
    if( *i && **i == *p )  
        cout << **i << " is a match\n";  
}  
for( vector<circle*>::iterator i = vw.begin();  
    i != vw.end(); ++i ) {  
    delete *i;  
}  
delete p;
```

**not exception-safe**  
missing try/catch,  
\_\_try/\_\_finally

auto type deduction

## Now

```
auto p = make_shared<circle>( 42 );  
vector<shared_ptr<shape>> vw = load_shapes();  
for_each( begin(vw), end(vw), [&]( shared_ptr<circle>& s ) {  
    if( s && *s == *p )  
        cout << *s << " is a match\n";  
});
```

no need for "delete"  
automatic lifetime management  
exception-safe

T\* → shared\_ptr<T>  
new → make\_shared

for/while/do →  
std:: algorithms  
[&] lambda functions



# Heap Lifetime: Standard Smart Pointers

```
class gadget;
```

```
class widget {  
private:
```

```
    shared_ptr<gadget> g;  
};
```

**shared ownership**  
still keeps gadget alive  
w/auto lifetime mgmt  
no leak, exception safe

```
class gadget {  
private:
```

```
    weak_ptr<widget> w;  
};
```

use `weak_ptr` to break  
reference-count cycles

```
class node {
```

```
    vector<unique_ptr<node>> children;
```

```
    node* parent;
```

```
    :::
```

```
public:
```

```
    node( node* parent_ )
```

```
        : parent( parent_ )
```

```
    {
```

```
        children.push_back( new node( ... ) );
```

```
        :::
```

```
    }
```

```
};
```

**unique ownership**

node **owns** its children  
no leak, exception safe

node **observes** its  
parent

plain "new" should  
immediately initialize  
another object that owns it,  
usually a `unique_ptr`



If/when performance optimization is needed, consider *well-encapsulated* uses of owning \*'s and delete (e.g., hidden inside objects).

Example: writing your own low-level data structure.