

Unspecialized `std::tuple_size` should be defined

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Introduction

This paper is wording for issue [LWG 2446](#) / [LEWG 42](#).

Discussion

In [N4296](#) [tuple.general] paragraph 2, the unspecialized `std::tuple_size` is undefined. It would be a lot more useful with SFINAE if it were defined as an empty struct; that way, it can be used with `enable_if` for determining whether or not it is valid to use `tuple_size`, `tuple_element` and `get` on the corresponding data structure.

Proposed resolution (relative to [N4296](#))

Change 20.4.1 [tuple.general] p2, header `<tuple>` synopsis, as indicated

```
[...]  
// 20.4.2.5, tuple helper classes:  
template <class T> class tuple_size; // undefined  
[...]
```

Change 20.4.2.5 [tuple.helper] as indicated

```
[...]  
template <class T> struct tuple_size { };
```

Remarks: All specializations of `tuple_size<T>` shall meet the `UnaryTypeTrait` requirements (20.10.1) with a `BaseCharacteristic` of `integral_constant<size_t, N>` for some `N`.

In addition to being available via inclusion of the `<tuple>` header, the primary template definition is available when either of the headers `<array>` or `<utility>` are included.

```
[...]
```