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A Cooperatively Interruptible Joining Thread, Rev 6

New in R6

- User condition_variable_any instead of consition_variable to avoid all possible races, deadlocks, and unintended undefined behavior.
- Clarify future binary compatibility for interrupt handling (mention requirements for future callback support and allow bad_alloc exceptions on waits.

New in R5

As requested at the SG1 meeting in Seattle 2018:

- Removed exception class std::interrupted and the throw_if_interrupted() API.
- Removed all TLS extensions and extensions to std::this thread.
- Added support to let jhread call a callable that either takes the interrupt token as additional first argument or doesn't get it (taking just all passed arguments).

New in R4

- Removed interruptible CV waiting members that don't take a predicate.
- Removed adding a new cv_status value interrupted.
- Added CV members for interruptible timed waits.
- Renamed CV members that wait interruptible.
- Several minor fixes (e.g. on noexcept) and full proposed wording.

Purpose

This is the proposed wording for a cooperatively interruptible joining thread.

For a full discussion fo the motivation, see www.wg21.link/p0660r0 and www.wg21.link/p0660r1.

A default implementation exists at: http://github.com/josuttis/jthread. Note that the proposed functionality can be fully implemented on top of the existing C++ standard library without special OS support.

Basis examples

— A jthread automatically signals an interrupt at the end of its lifetime to the started thread (if still joinable) and joins:

} // jthread destructor signals interrupt and therefore ends the started thread and joins

The interrupt could also be explicitly signaled with t.interrupt().

— If the started thread doesn't take an interrupt token, the destructor still has the benefit of calling join() (if still joinable):

This is a significant improvement over std::thread where you had to program the following to get the same behavior (which is common in many scenarios):

— An extended CV API enables to interrupt CV waits using the passed interrupt token (i.e. interrupting the CV wait without polling):

```
void testInterruptibleCVWait()
{
  bool ready = false;
  std::mutex readyMutex;
  std::condition_variable_any readyCV;
  std::jthread t([&ready, &readyMutex, &readyCV] (std::interrupt_token it) {
                    while (...) {}
                         std::unique_lock lg{readyMutex};
                         readyCV.wait_until(lg,
                                             [&ready] {
                                               return ready;
                                            },
                                            it); // also ends wait if it interrupted
                      }
                    }
                  });
```

} // jthread destructor signals interrupt and therefore unblocks the CV wait and ends the started thread

Feature Test Macro

This is a new feature so that it shall have the following feature macro:

```
__cpp_lib_jthread
```

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Proposed Wording

All against N4762.

[Editorial note: This proposal uses the LaTeX macros of the draft standard. To adopt it please ask for the LaTeX source code of the proposed wording.]

30 Thread support library

[thread]

30.1 General [jthread.general]

¹ The following subclauses describe components to create and manage threads (??), perform mutual exclusion, and communicate conditions and values between threads, as summarized in Table 1.

Table 1 — Thread support library summary

	Subclause	Header(s)
30.2	Requirements	
30.3	Threads	<thread></thread>
30.4	Interrupt Tokens	<pre><interrupt_token></interrupt_token></pre>
30.5	Joining Threads	<jthread></jthread>
30.6	Mutual exclusion	<mutex></mutex>
		<pre><shared_mutex></shared_mutex></pre>
30.7	Condition variables	<pre><condition_variable></condition_variable></pre>
30.8	Futures	<future></future>

30.2 Requirements [thread.req]

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30.3 Threads [thread.threads]

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30.4 Interrupt Tokens

[thread.interrupt_token]

¹ 30.4 describes components that can be used to asynchonously signal an interrupt. The interrupt can only be signaled once.

30.4.1 Header <interrupt_token> synopsis

[thread.interrupt_token.syn]

```
namespace std {
    // 30.4.2 class interrupt_token
    class interrupt_token;
}
```

30.4.2 Class interrupt_token

[interrupt_token]

¹ The class interrupt_token implements semantics of shared ownership of an interrupt state (an atomic token to signal an interrupt). An interrupt can only be signaled once. All owners can signal an interrupt, provided the token is valid. All owners can check whether an interrupt was signaled. The last remaining owner of the interrupt state automatically releases the resources associated with the interrupt state.

```
namespace std {
  class interrupt_token {
 public:
    // 30.4.2.1 create, copy, destroy:
    explicit interrupt_token() noexcept;
    explicit interrupt_token(bool initial_state);
    interrupt_token(const interrupt_token&) noexcept;
    interrupt_token(interrupt_token&&) noexcept;
    interrupt_token& operator=(const interrupt_token&) noexcept;
    interrupt_token& operator=(interrupt_token&&) noexcept;
    ~interrupt_token();
    void swap(interrupt_token&) noexcept;
    // 30.4.2.5 interrupt handling:
    bool valid() const noexcept;
    bool is_interrupted() const noexcept;
    bool interrupt();
 }
}
bool operator== (const interrupt_token& lhs, const interrupt_token& rhs);
bool operator!= (const interrupt_token& lhs, const interrupt_token& rhs);
```

Calls to interrupt() and is_interrupted() are atomic operations (6.8.2.1p3 ??) on the interrupt state contained in the interrupt_token object. Hence concurrent calls to these functions do not introduce data races. A call to interrupt() synchronizes with any call to interrupt() and is_interrupted() that observes the interrupt.

[Note: Implementations are expected to implement interruption in terms of a type-erased facility that allows any destructible and invocable object to be called by interruption_token::interrupt() in a future version of C++. — end note]

30.4.2.1 interrupt_token constructors

 $[interrupt_token.constr]$

interrupt_token() noexcept;

Effects: Constructs a new interrupt_token object that can't be used to signal interrupts. [Note: Therefore, no resources have to be associated for the state. $-end\ note$]

Ensures: valid() == false.

interrupt_token(bool initial_state) noexcept;

- 3 Effects: Constructs a new interrupt_token object that can signal interrupts via an atomic associated interrupt state.
- 4 Ensures: valid() == true and is_interrupted() == initial_state.

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```
interrupt_token(const interrupt_token& rhs) noexcept;
5
        Effects: If rhs is not valid, constructs an interrupt_token object that is not valid; otherwise, constructs
       an interrupt_token that shares the ownership of the interrupt state with rhs.
6
        Ensures: valid() == rhs.valid() and is_interrupted() == rhs.is_interrupted() and *this
        == rhs.
  interrupt_token(interrupt_token&& rhs) noexcept;
       Effects: Move constructs an object of type interrupt_token from rhs.
        Ensures: *this shall contain the old value of rhs and rhs.valid() == false.
                                                                              [interrupt_token.destr]
  30.4.2.2 interrupt_token destructor
  ~interrupt_token();
        Effects: If valid() and *this is the last owner of the interrupt state, releases the resources associated
       with the interrupt state.
                                                                             [interrupt_token.assign]
  30.4.2.3 interrupt_token assignment
  interrupt_token& operator=(const interrupt_token& rhs) noexcept;
1
        Effects: Equivalent to: interrupt_token(rhs).swap(*this);
2
        Returns: *this.
  interrupt_token& operator=(interrupt_token&& rhs) noexcept;
3
        Effects: Equivalent to: interrupt_token(std::move(rhs)).swap(*this);
4
        Returns: *this.
  30.4.2.4 interrupt_token swap
                                                                              [interrupt_token.swap]
  void swap(interrupt_token& rhs) noexcept;
        Effects: Swaps the state of *this and rhs.
                                                                              [interrupt_token.mem]
  30.4.2.5 interrupt_token members
  bool valid() const noexcept;
        Returns: true if the interrupt token can be used to signal interrupts.
  bool is_interrupted() const noexcept;
2
        Returns: true if initialized with true or initialized with false and interrupt() was called by one of
       the owners.
  bool interrupt();
       Effects: If !valid() or is_interrupted() the call has no effect. Otherwise, signals an interrupt
       so that is_interrupted() == true. [Note: Signaling an interrupt includes notifying all condition
       variables of type condition_variable_any temporarily registered during an interruptable wait (??)
       -end note
4
       Ensures: !valid() || is_interrupted()
        Returns: The value of is_interrupted() prior to the call.
  30.4.2.6 interrupt_token comparisons
                                                                               [interrupt_token.cmp]
  bool operator== (const interrupt_token& lhs, const interrupt_token& rhs);
1
        Returns: !lhs.valid() && !rhs.valid() or whether lhs and rhs refer to the same interrupt state
       (copied or moved from the same initial interrupt_token object).
  bool operator!= (const interrupt_token& lhs, const interrupt_token& rhs);
2
        Returns: !(lhs==rhs).
```

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30.5 Joining Threads

[thread.jthreads]

¹ 30.5 describes components that can be used to create and manage threads with the ability to signal interrupts to cooperatively cancel the running thread.

30.5.1 Header <jthread> synopsis

[thread.jthread.syn]

```
#include <interrupt_token>
namespace std {
    // 30.5.2 class jthread
    class jthread;

    void swap(jthread& x, jthread& y) noexcept;
}
```

30.5.2 Class jthread

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[thread.jthread.class]

¹ The class jthread provides a mechanism to create a new thread of execution. The functionality is the same as for class thread (??) with the additional ability to signal an interrupt and to automatically join() the started thread.

```
[Editorial note: This color signals differences to class std::thread.]
 namespace std {
   class jthread {
   public:
      // types
      using id = thread::id;
      using native_handle_type = thread::native_handle_type;
      //\ construct/copy/destroy
      jthread() noexcept;
      template<class F, class... Args> explicit jthread(F&& f, Args&&... args);
      ~jthread();
      jthread(const jthread&) = delete;
      jthread(jthread&&) noexcept;
      jthread& operator=(const jthread&) = delete;
      jthread& operator=(jthread&&) noexcept;
      // members
      void swap(jthread&) noexcept;
      bool joinable() const noexcept;
      void join();
      void detach();
      id get_id() const noexcept;
      native_handle_type native_handle();
      // interrupt token handling
      interrupt_token get_original_interrupt_token() const noexcept;
      bool interrupt() noexcept;
      // static members
      static unsigned int hardware_concurrency() noexcept;
   private:
      interrupt_token itoken;
                                               // exposition only
    };
                                                                              [thread.jthread.constr]
30.5.2.1
         jthread constructors
jthread() noexcept;
     Effects: Constructs a jthread object that does not represent a thread of execution.
     Ensures: get id() == id() and itoken.valid() == false.
```

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```
template<class F, class... Args> explicit jthread(F&& f, Args&&... args);
  3
          Requires: F and each T_i in Args shall satisfy the Cpp17MoveConstructible requirements. INVOKE(
          DECAY_COPY(std::forward<F>(f)), itoken, DECAY_COPY(std::forward<Args>(args))...) or
          INVOKE(DECAY_COPY(std::forward<F>(f)), DECAY_COPY(std::forward<Args>(args))...) (??) shall
          be a valid expression.
  4
          Remarks: This constructor shall not participate in overload resolution if remove cvref t<F> is the
          same type as std::jthread.
  5
          Effects: Initializes itoken with false and constructs an object of type jthread. The new thread of exe-
          cution executes INVOKE(DECAY_COPY(std::forward<F>(f)), itoken, DECAY_COPY(std::forward<Args>(
          args))...) if that expression is well-formed, otherwise INVOKE(DECAY_COPY(std::forward<F>(f)),
          DECAY_COPY(std::forward<Args>(args))...) with the calls to DECAY_COPY being evaluated in the
          constructing thread. Any return value from this invocation is ignored. [Note: This implies that any
          exceptions not thrown from the invocation of the copy of f will be thrown in the constructing thread,
          not the new thread. — end note If the invocation with INVOKE() terminates with an uncaught
          exception, terminate() shall be called.
  6
          Synchronization: The completion of the invocation of the constructor synchronizes with the beginning
          of the invocation of the copy of f.
  7
          Ensures: get_id() != id(). itoken.valid() == true. *this represents the newly started thread.
          [Note: Note that the calling thread can signal an interrupt only once, because it can't replace this
          interrupt token. -end note
  8
          Throws: system_error if unable to start the new thread.
  9
          Error conditions:
(9.1)
            — resource_unavailable_try_again — the system lacked the necessary resources to create another
               thread, or the system-imposed limit on the number of threads in a process would be exceeded.
     jthread(jthread&& x) noexcept;
 10
          Effects: Constructs an object of type jthread from x, and sets x to a default constructed state.
 11
          Ensures: x.get_id() == id() and get_id() returns the value of x.get_id() prior to the start of con-
          struction. itoken yields the value of x.itoken prior to the start of construction and x.itoken.valid()
          == false.
     30.5.2.2 jthread destructor
                                                                                   [thread.jthread.destr]
     ~jthread();
  1
          If joinable(), calls interrupt() and join(). Otherwise, has no effects. [Note: Operations on *this
          are not synchronized. -end note
     30.5.2.3 jthread assignment
                                                                                  [thread.jthread.assign]
     jthread& operator=(jthread&& x) noexcept;
  1
          Effects: If joinable(), calls interrupt() and join(). Assigns the state of x to *this and sets x to
          a default constructed state.
          Ensures: x.get_id() == id() and get_id() returns the value of x.get_id() prior to the assignment.
          itoken yields the value of x.itoken prior to the assignment and x.itoken.valid() == false.
          Returns: *this.
     30.5.2.4 jthread interrupt members
                                                                               [thread.jthread.interrupt]
     interrupt_token get_original_interrupt_token() const noexcept
          Effects: Equivalent to: return itoken;
     bool interrupt() noexcept;
          Effects: Equivalent to: return itoken.interrupt();
```

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30.6
      Mutual exclusion
                                                                                 [thread.mutex]
       Condition variables
                                                                              [thread.condition]
30.7
         Header <condition_variable> synopsis
                                                                      [condition_variable.syn]
30.7.1
30.7.2
        Non-member functions
                                                               [thread.condition.nonmember]
30.7.3
         Class condition variable
                                                                    [thread.condition.condvar]
                                                                [thread.condition.condvarany]
30.7.4
         Class condition_variable_any
 namespace std {
   class condition_variable_any {
   public:
     condition_variable_any();
     ~condition_variable_any();
     condition_variable_any(const condition_variable_any&) = delete;
     condition_variable_any& operator=(const condition_variable_any&) = delete;
     void notify_one() noexcept;
     void notify_all() noexcept;
     // 30.7.4.1 noninterruptable waits:
     template<class Lock>
       void wait(Lock& lock);
     template < class Lock, class Predicate >
       void wait(Lock& lock, Predicate pred);
     template<class Lock, class Clock, class Duration>
       cv_status wait_until(Lock& lock, const chrono::time_point<Clock, Duration>& abs_time);
     template < class Lock, class Clock, class Duration, class Predicate >
       bool wait_until(Lock& lock, const chrono::time_point<Clock, Duration>& abs_time,
                       Predicate pred);
     template < class Lock, class Rep, class Period>
       cv_status wait_for(Lock& lock, const chrono::duration<Rep, Period>& rel_time);
     template<class Lock, class Rep, class Period, class Predicate>
       bool wait_for(Lock& lock, const chrono::duration<Rep, Period>& rel_time, Predicate pred);
     // 30.7.4.2 interrupt_token waits:
     template <class Lock, class Predicate>
       bool wait_until(Lock& lock,
                       Predicate pred,
                       interrupt_token itoken);
     template <class Lock, class Clock, class Duration, class Predicate>
       bool wait_until(Lock& lock,
                       const chrono::time_point<Clock, Duration>& abs_time
                       Predicate pred,
                       interrupt_token itoken);
     template <class Lock, class Rep, class Period, class Predicate>
       bool wait_for(Lock& lock,
                     const chrono::duration<Rep, Period>& rel_time,
                     Predicate pred,
                     interrupt_token itoken);
   };
```

§ 30.7.4

```
condition_variable_any();
  1
           Effects: Constructs an object of type condition_variable_any.
  2
           Throws: bad_alloc or system_error when an exception is required (??).
  3
           Error conditions:
(3.1)
            — resource_unavailable_try_again — if some non-memory resource limitation prevents initial-
(3.2)
             — operation not permitted — if the thread does not have the privilege to perform the operation.
     ~condition_variable_any();
  4
           Requires: There shall be no thread blocked on *this. [Note: That is, all threads shall have been
           notified; they may subsequently block on the lock specified in the wait. This relaxes the usual rules,
          which would have required all wait calls to happen before destruction. Only the notification to unblock
          the wait needs to happen before destruction. The user should take care to ensure that no threads wait
           on *this once the destructor has been started, especially when the waiting threads are calling the wait
          functions in a loop or using the overloads of wait, wait_for, or wait_until that take a predicate.
            end note
  5
           Effects: Destroys the object.
     void notify_one() noexcept;
  6
           Effects: If any threads are blocked waiting for *this, unblocks one of those threads.
     void notify_all() noexcept;
           Effects: Unblocks all threads that are blocked waiting for *this.
  7
     30.7.4.1 Noninterruptable waits
                                                                                   [thread.condvarany.wait]
     template<class Lock>
       void wait(Lock& lock);
  1
           Effects:
(1.1)
            — Atomically calls lock.unlock() and blocks on *this.
(1.2)

    When unblocked, calls lock.lock() (possibly blocking on the lock) and returns.

(1.3)
            — The function will unblock when signaled by a call to notify_one(), a call to notify_all(), or
               spuriously.
           Remarks: If the function fails to meet the postcondition, terminate() shall be called (??). [Note: This
           can happen if the re-locking of the mutex throws an exception. — end note]
  3
           Ensures: lock is locked by the calling thread.
  4
           Throws: Nothing.
     template < class Lock, class Predicate >
       void wait(Lock& lock, Predicate pred);
  5
           Effects: Equivalent to:
             while (!pred())
               wait(lock);
     template<class Lock, class Clock, class Duration>
       cv_status wait_until(Lock& lock, const chrono::time_point<Clock, Duration>& abs_time);
  6
           Effects:
(6.1)

    Atomically calls lock.unlock() and blocks on *this.

(6.2)
            — When unblocked, calls lock.lock() (possibly blocking on the lock) and returns.
(6.3)
            — The function will unblock when signaled by a call to notify_one(), a call to notify_all(),
               expiration of the absolute timeout (??) specified by abs_time, or spuriously.
(6.4)
            — If the function exits via an exception, lock.lock() shall be called prior to exiting the function.
```

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```
7
         Remarks: If the function fails to meet the postcondition, terminate() shall be called (??). [Note: This
         can happen if the re-locking of the mutex throws an exception. — end note]
 8
         Ensures: lock is locked by the calling thread.
 9
         Returns: cv_status::timeout if the absolute timeout (??) specified by abs_time expired, otherwise
         cv_status::no_timeout.
10
         Throws: Timeout-related exceptions (??).
   template<class Lock, class Rep, class Period>
     cv_status wait_for(Lock& lock, const chrono::duration<Rep, Period>& rel_time);
11
         Effects: Equivalent to:
           return wait_until(lock, chrono::steady_clock::now() + rel_time);
12
         Returns: cv_status::timeout if the relative timeout (??) specified by rel_time expired, otherwise
         cv_status::no_timeout.
13
         Remarks: If the function fails to meet the postcondition, terminate() shall be called (??). [Note: This
         can happen if the re-locking of the mutex throws an exception. -end note
14
         Ensures: lock is locked by the calling thread.
15
         Throws: Timeout-related exceptions (??).
   template<class Lock, class Clock, class Duration, class Predicate>
     bool wait_until(Lock& lock, const chrono::time_point<Clock, Duration>& abs_time, Predicate pred);
16
         Effects: Equivalent to:
           while (!pred())
             if (wait_until(lock, abs_time) == cv_status::timeout)
               return pred();
           return true:
17
         [Note: There is no blocking if pred() is initially true, or if the timeout has already expired. — end
18
         [Note: The returned value indicates whether the predicate evaluates to true regardless of whether the
         timeout was triggered. -end note
   template<class Lock, class Rep, class Period, class Predicate>
     bool wait_for(Lock& lock, const chrono::duration<Rep, Period>& rel_time, Predicate pred);
19
         Effects: Equivalent to:
           return wait_until(lock, chrono::steady_clock::now() + rel_time, std::move(pred));
```

§ 30.7.4.1

30.7.4.2 Interruptable waits

1

[thread.condvarany.interruptwait]

The following functions ensure to get notified if an interrupt is signaled for the passed interrupt_token. In that case they return (returning false if the predicate evaluates to false). [Note: Because all signatures here call is_interrupted(), their calls synchronize with interrupt(). — end note]

Effects: Registers *this to get notified when an interrupt is signaled on itoken during this call and then equivalent to:

- [Note: The returned value indicates whether the predicate evaluated to true regardless of whether an interrupt was signaled. $-end\ note$]
- 3 Ensures: Exception or lock is locked by the calling thread.
- 4 Remarks: If the function fails to meet the postcondition, terminate() shall be called (??). [Note: This can happen if the re-locking of the mutex throws an exception. end note]
- Throws: std::bad_alloc if memory for the internal data structures could not be allocated, or any exception thrown by pred.

Effects: Registers *this to get notified when an interrupt is signaled on itoken during this call and then equivalent to:

- ⁷ [Note: There is no blocking if pred() is initially true, itoken is not valid or already interrupted, or if the timeout has already expired. end note]
- [Note: The returned value indicates whether the predicate evaluates to true regardless of whether the timeout was triggered. end note]
- [Note: The returned value indicates whether the predicate evaluated to true regardless of whether the timeout was triggered or an interrupt was signaled. $-end\ note$]
- Ensures: Exception or lock is locked by the calling thread.
- Remarks: If the function fails to meet the postcondition, terminate() shall be called (??). [Note: This can happen if the re-locking of the mutex throws an exception. end note]
- Throws: std::bad_alloc if memory for the internal data structures could not be allocated, any timeout-related exception (??), or any exception thrown by pred.

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```
interrupt_token itoken);

Effects: Equivalent to:
    return wait_until(lock, chrono::steady_clock::now() + rel_time, std::move(pred), std::move(itoken));

30.8 Futures [futures]
```

§ 30.8