

Multiplatform C++

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It's really multiplatform

Windows

- From XP to 8 32 and 64-bit
- Visual Studio 2012
- Dinkum's STL

FreeBSD

- 9.x 64-bit
- Clang 3.3
- libc++

Linux

- 2.x – 3.x 64-bit
- Glibc 2.5+
- gcc 4.8.2
- libstd++



But...

...isn't C++ multiplatform?

Does it blend?

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#include <iostream>

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int main(int argc, char ** argv)
{
    std::cerr.sync_with_stdio(false);
    std::cout << "giggidy" << std::endl;
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
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int main(int argc, char ** argv)
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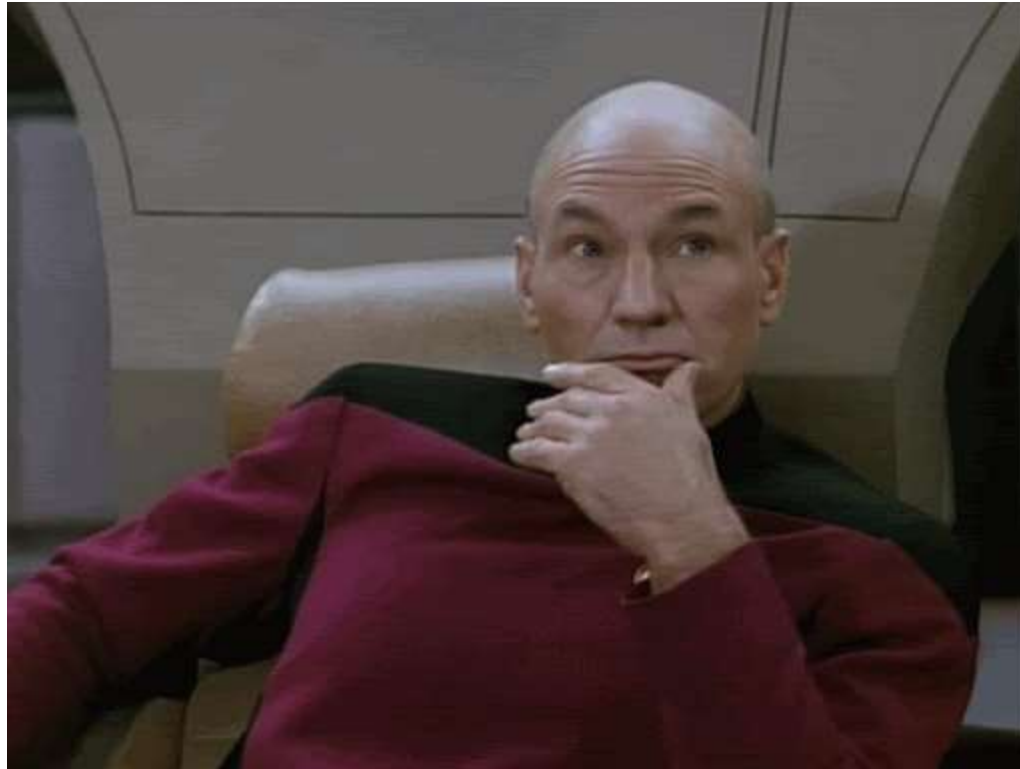
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int main(int argc, char ** argv)
{
#ifdef BOOST_OS_WINDOWS
#ifndef _DEBUG
    _set_abort_behavior(0, _WRITE_ABORT_MSG);
    _set_abort_behavior(1, _CALL_REPORTFAULT);
    _set_error_mode(_OUT_TO_STDERR);
#endif
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    std::setlocale(LC_ALL, "en_US.UTF-8");
    const char * const char blah [] = "Привет!\n";
    fwrite(blah, sizeof(blah), stdout);
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

Conclusion



Topics not covered

MacOS

GUI

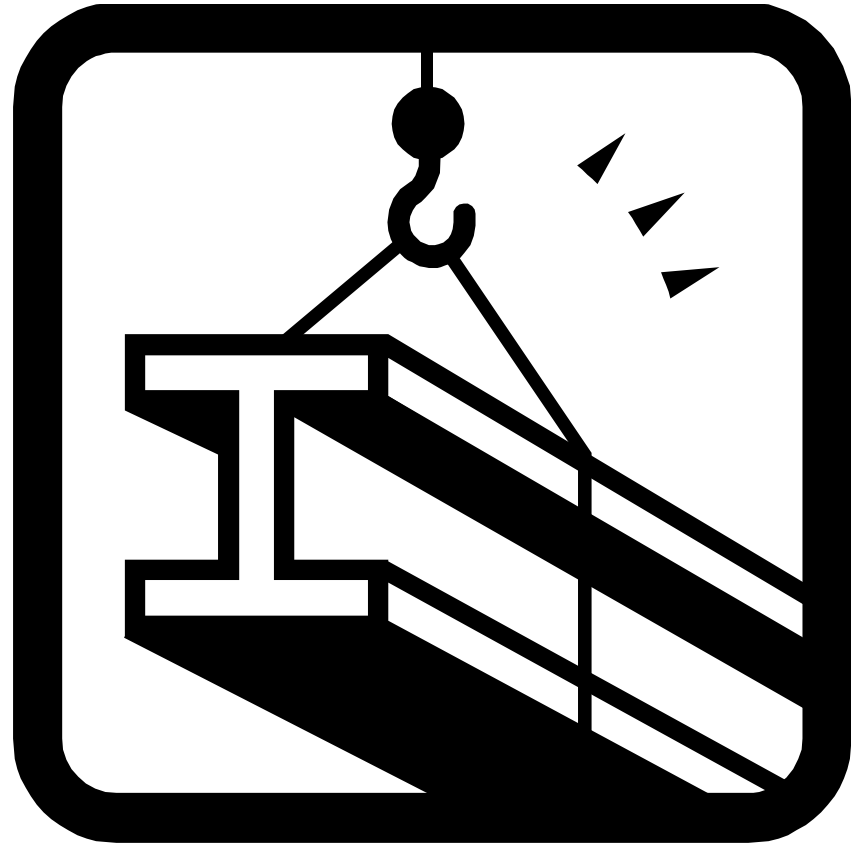
Editors

Metro

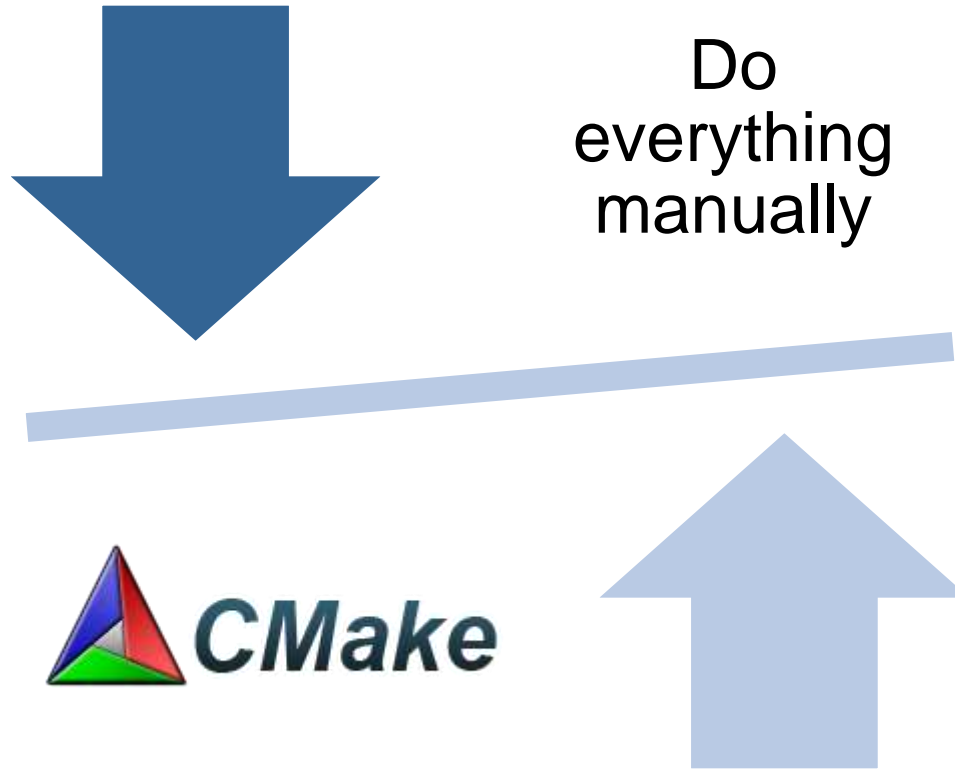
Mobile

Video
games

First things first



How to compile



Important trivialities

Encoding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UTF-8• BOM-less
Line ending	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LF (UNIX)• Space only (no tabs)
File names	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No space• Lowercase

STL

Recommended

<thread>
<atomic>
<chrono>
<mutex>
<system_error>

<iostream>
<fstream>
<locale>

Careful!

C to the rescue!

open()

fopen()

memcpy()

memcmp()

blah()

You didn't expect it to be that easy, did you?

```
const unsigned char buf[1] = { 0 };
static_assert(sizeof(buf) == 1, "unexpected size");

#if BOOST_OS_WINDOWS
    int fd = ::_open("file", _O_BINARY | _O_RDONLY, 0);
    ::_lseeki64(fd, 0, SEEK_END);
    ::_write(fd, buf, sizeof(buf));
    ::_close(fd);
#else
    int fd = ::open("file", O_RDONLY, 0);
    ::lseek(fd, 0, SEEK_END);
    ::write(fd, buf, sizeof(buf));
    ::close(fd);
#endif
```

Boost.Pref



- Header only and in Boost
- Externalizes the problem
- Simple macros

Boost.Predef example 1

```
void func(void)
{
    #if BOOST_OS_WINDOWS
        // something Windows
    #endif
    #if BOOST_OS_BSD_FREE
        // something FreeBSD
    #endif
    #if BOOST_OS_LINUX
        // something Linux
    #endif
}
```

Boost.Predef example 2

```
void func(void)
{
    #if BOOST_COMP_GNUC
        static_assert(BOOST_COMP_GNUC
                        > BOOST_VERSION_NUMBER(4, 0, 0),
                        "invalid gcc version");
    #endif

    #if BOOST_ARCH_X86_64
        // something AMD64
    #endif
    #if BOOST_ARCH_IA64
        // something IA64
    #endif
}
```

**NOW IF YOU COULD DO SOME
ACTUAL PROGRAMMING**

THAT'D BE GREAT

Windows vs UNIXes – Some major differences

Windows

UTF-16

Drive letters, UNC

GUI

Local library 1st

Locks files like there is no tomorrow

UNIX

Depends

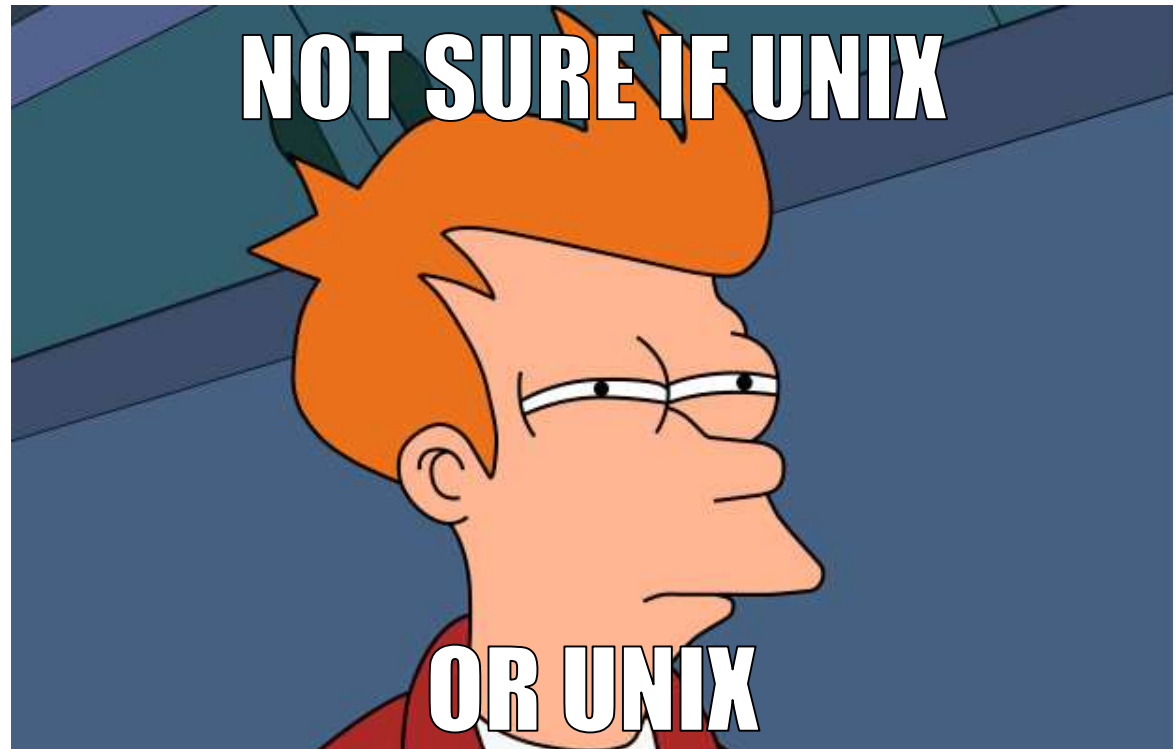
Mount points

Terminals

System library 1st

Rarely locks files

- Unavailable functions
 - backtrace(), fread_unlocked() (FreeBSD)
- Different configurations
- Different parameters
 - statfs() (FreeBSD vs Linux)
 - sockets (Old UNIXes)
- Different libraries
 - epoll() vs kqueue()
 - libc++ vs stdlibc++
 - glibc versions



Paths

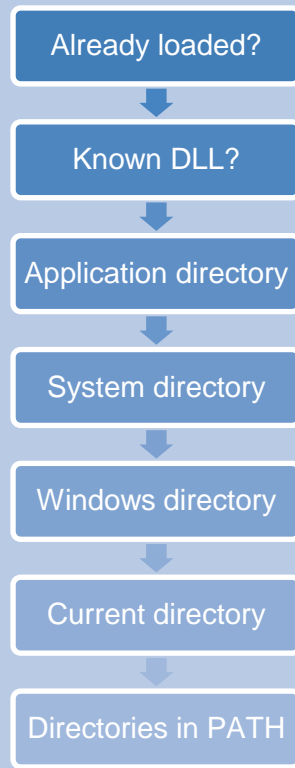
`C:\Users\Edouard\AppData\Roaming\My Application\Settings`

`\\MyServer\Share\Music`

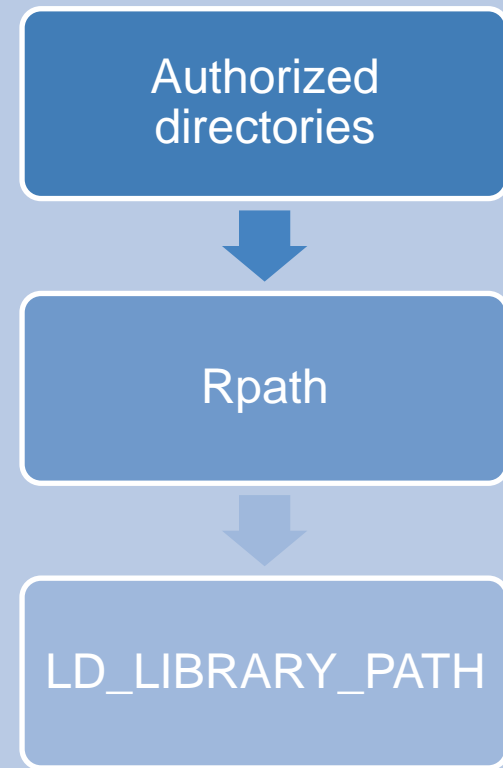
`~edouard/.app`

Library search order

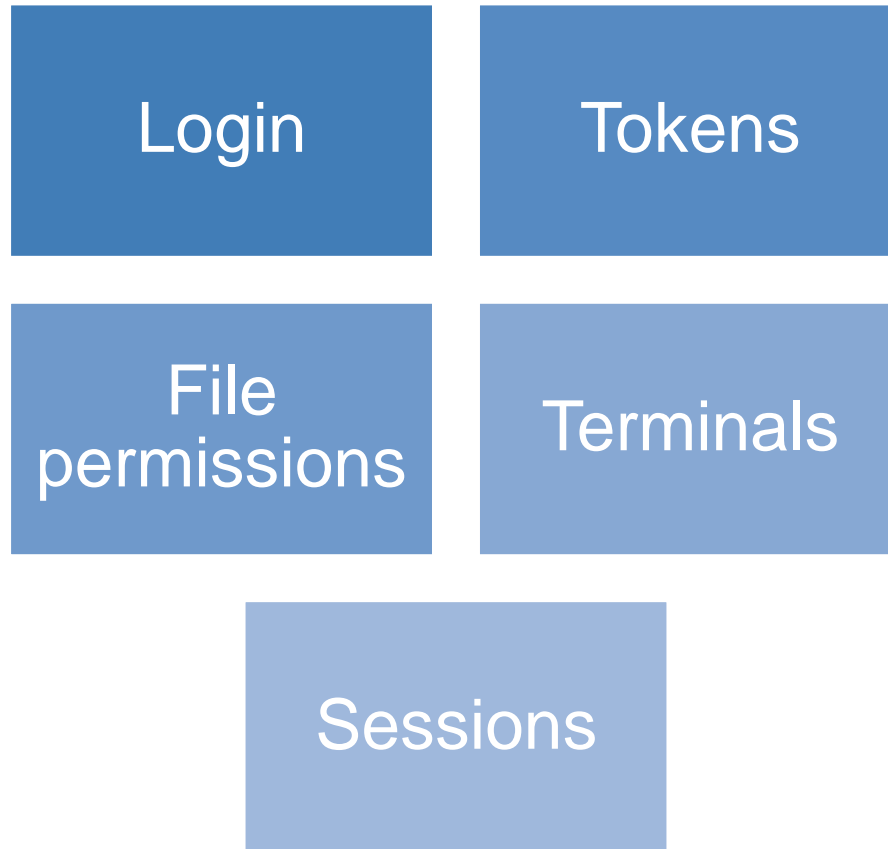
Windows



UNIX

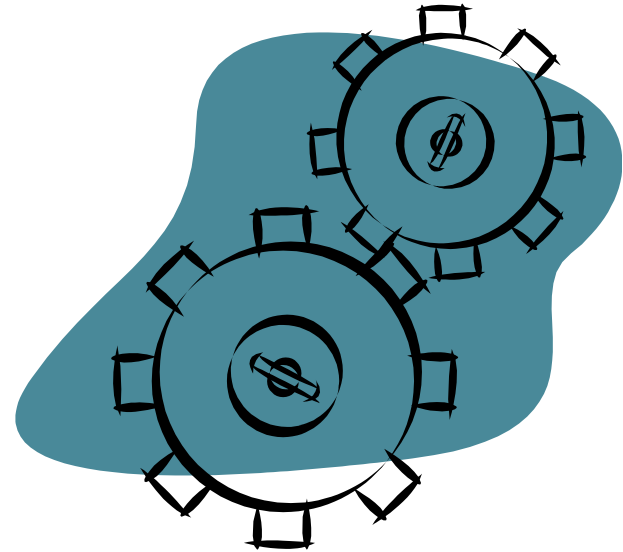


Credentials



Configuration

- /proc
- Windows registry
- sysctl
- Configuration files nightmare

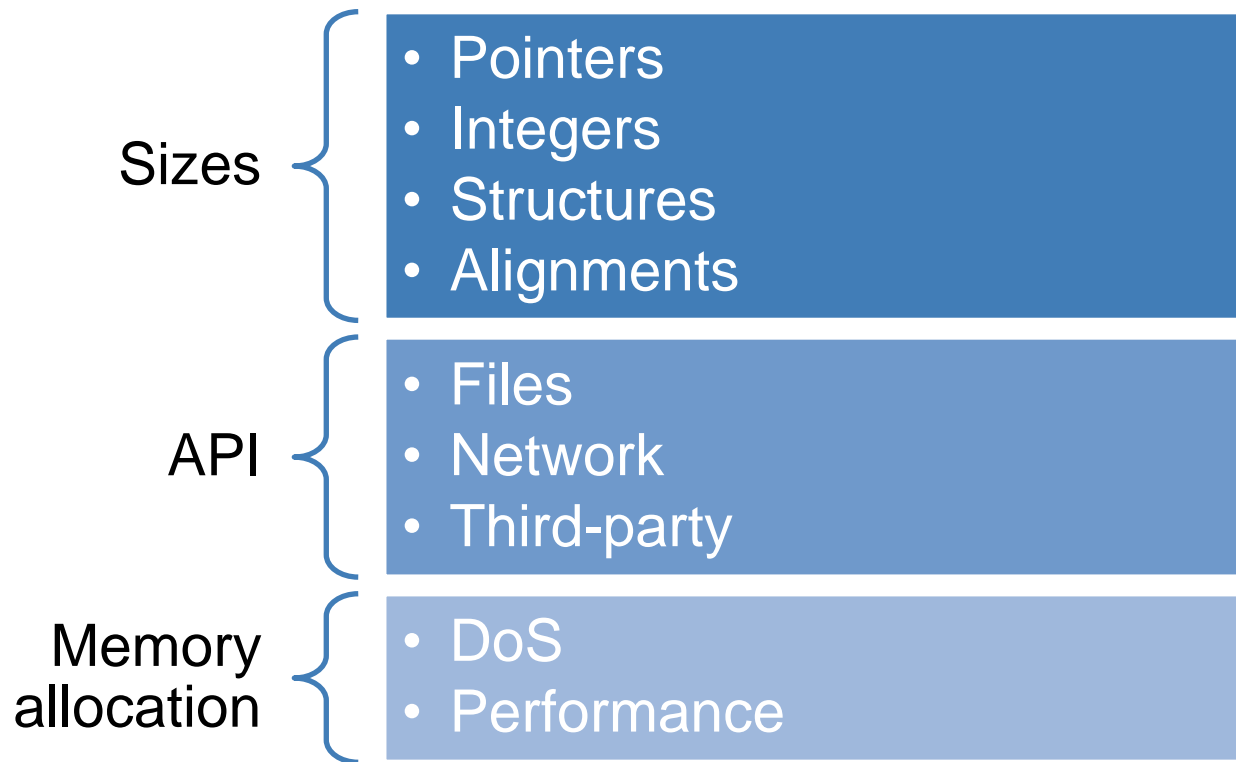


Serialization

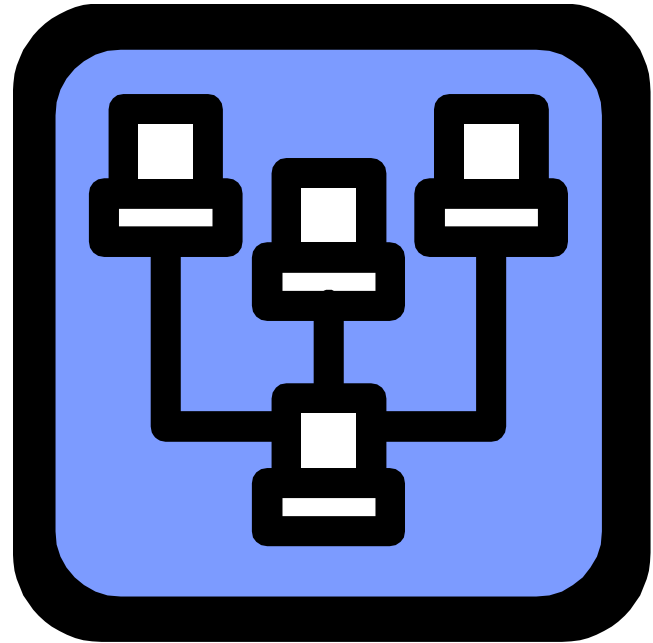
- Endianness
- Floats
- Alignment
- Sizes



32-bit vs 64-bit



Networking



Create your own library...
...if you like pain and failure.

Boost.ASIO custom socket option example

```
#if BOOST_OS_WINDOWS
// on Windows we use the better and more secure
// SO_EXCLUSIVEADDRUSE option
int optval = 1;
auto native_socket = acceptor.native_handle();
if (::setsockopt(native_socket,
    SOL_SOCKET,
    SO_EXCLUSIVEADDRUSE,
    reinterpret_cast<const char *>(&optval), sizeof(optval)) != 0)
{ /* error management */ }
#else
acceptor.set_option(boost::asio::ip::tcp::acceptor::reuse_address(true));
#endif
```

Debugging

- `DEBUG=1`
- `_DEBUG=1`
- `_SECURE_SCL=1`
- `_HAS_ITERATOR_DEBUGGING=1`
- `_GLIBCXX_DEBUG=1`



Error management



Important announcement



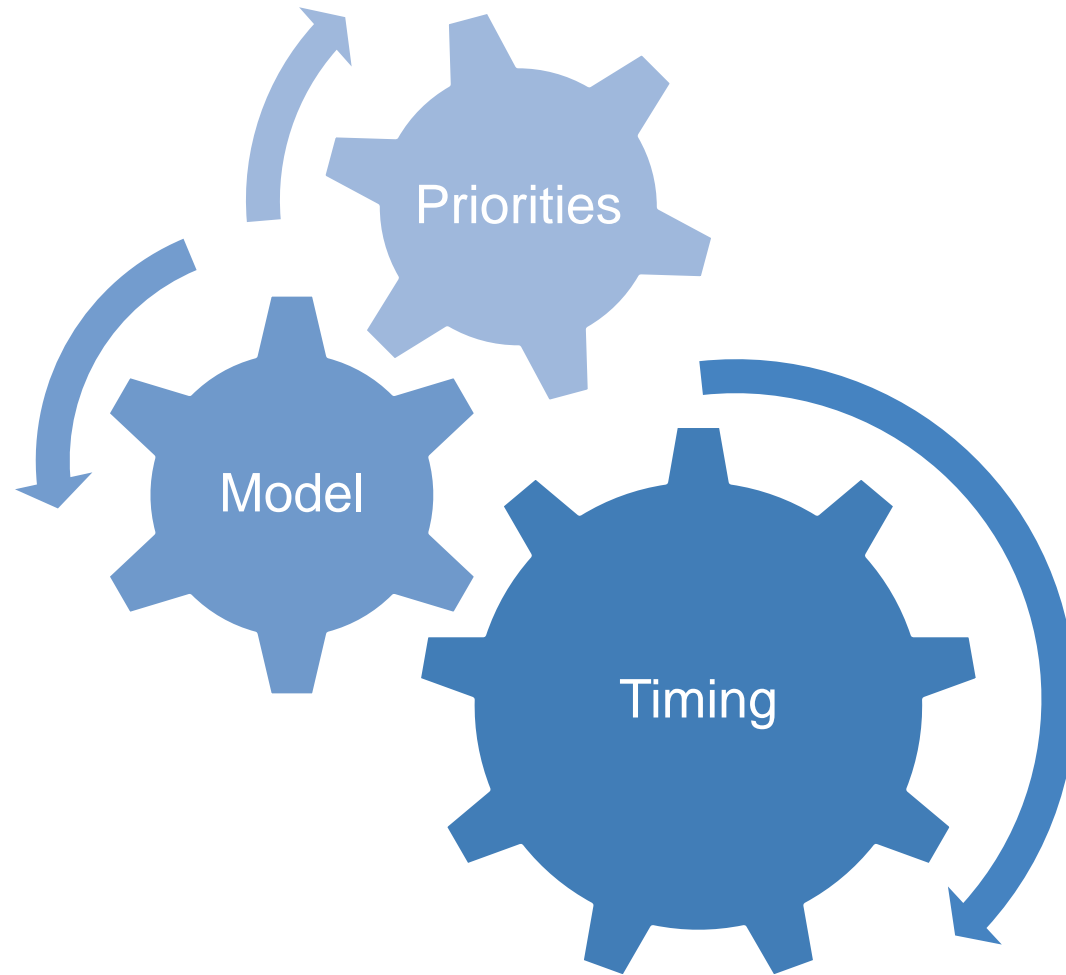
When things get real



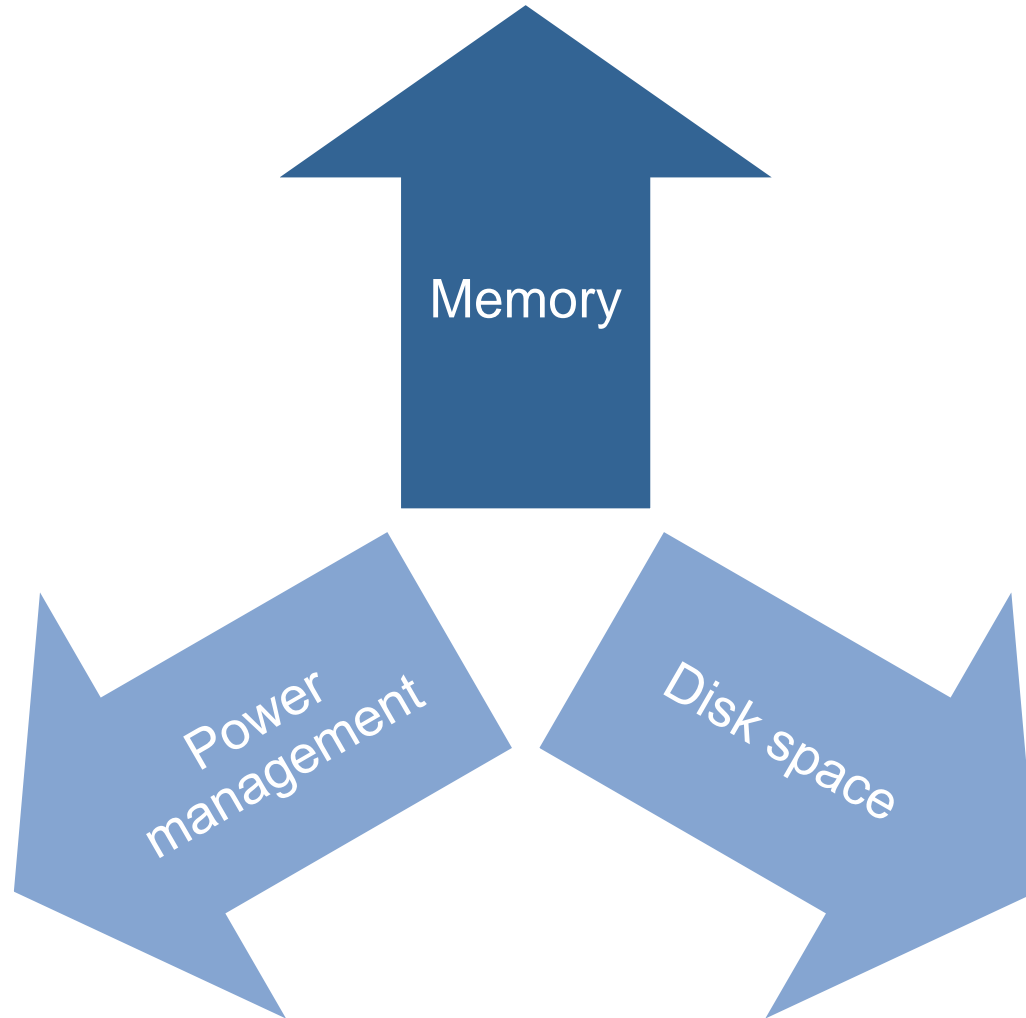
Performance discrepancies



Multithreading “issues”



When it goes wrong



Tools of the trade

The Boost libraries

<http://www.boost.org/>

CMake

<http://www.cmake.org/>

Buildbot

<http://buildbot.net/>

Intel Threading Building blocks

<http://threadingbuildingblocks.org/>

Valgrind

<http://valgrind.org/>

Microsoft Application Verifier

<http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=20028>

Questions and answers



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