

# Practical C++17

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# ChaiScript

- Embedded scripting language co-designed by me specifically for C++
- Supports Visual Studio, clang, GCC
- Runs on Windows, Linux, MacOS, FreeBSD, Haiku
- Currently requires C++14
- Header only - no external deps
- Designed for integration with C++
- All types are the same and directly shared between script and C++  
(`double`, `std::string`, `std::function<>`, etc)

# ChaiScript

- My proving ground for testing best practices.
- About 25k lines of C++
- Has evolved from C++03 + Boost -> C++11 -> C++14 and onward to C++17
- Complex template usage for automatic function type deduction

# ChaiScript

Full example:

```
1  #include <chaiscript/chaiscript.hpp>
2
3  std::string greet(const std::string &t_name) {
4      return "Hello " + t_name;
5  }
6
7  int main() {
8      ChaiScript::chaiscript chai;
9      chai.add(chaiscript::fun(&greet), "greet");
10     chai.eval(R"(print(greet("Jason")))" );
11 }
```

# About my Talks

- Move to the front!
- Please interrupt and ask questions

# Slack



# C++17 Overview

# Structured Bindings

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```
1 | auto [a,b,c] = <expression>;
```

- Can be used to automatically split a structure into multiple variables
- Added in C++17

# if-init expressions

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```
1 | if (auto [key, value] = *my_map.begin(); key == "mykey") {}
```

- Added in C++17
- Also works for `switch` conditions

# Standard Library Changes

# `emplace_back` (C++17)

```
1 | container.emplace_back();  
2 | auto &val = container.back();
```

Becomes:

```
1 | auto &val = container.emplace_back();
```

C++17 modified `emplace_back` and `emplace_front` to return references to the objects that were just created for sequence containers.

# `std::string_view` added in C++17

Provides a light weight `std::string`-like view into an array of characters.

It can be constructed from a `const char *` or automatically converted to from an `std::string` or from a pointer and a length.

```
1 | void use_string(std::string_view sv);
```

```
1 | use_string("hello world");  
2 | use_string(some_std_string);
```

Intended to be the new language for passing string-like things.



# Nested Namespaces

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C++17 adds the ability to do:

```
1 namespace Namespace::Nested {  
2 }
```

Which allows for more compact namespace declarations.

# Class Template Type Deduction

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## C++17 class template type deduction

```
1  template<typename First, typename Second>
2  struct Pair {
3      Pair(First t_first, Second t_second)
4          : first(std::move(t_first)), second(std::move(t_second))
5      {}
6
7      First first;
8      Second second;
9  };
10
11 int main() {
12     Pair p{1, 2.3}; /// template parameters not needed
13 }
```

# Class Template Deduction Guides

Deduction guides tell the compiler how to deduce a class template from a set of parameters.

```
1 | template<typename P1, typename P2>  
2 | Pair(P1 &&p1, P2 &&p2) -> Pair<std::decay_t<P1>, std::decay_t<P2>>;
```

# Class Template Deduction Guides

Which helps for cases like this:

```
1  template<typename First, typename Second>
2  struct Pair {
3      template<typename P1, typename P2>
4      Pair(P1 &&p1, P2 &&p2)
5          : first(std::forward<P1>(p1)), second(std::forward<P2>(p2))
6      {}
7
8      First first;
9      Second second;
10 };
11
12 template<typename P1, typename P2> ///  
13 Pair(P1 &&p1, P2 &&p2) -> Pair<std::decay_t<P1>, std::decay_t<P2>>; ///  
14
15 int main() {
16     Pair p{1, 2.3}; ///  
17 }
```

**if constexpr**

# **if constexpr**

A compile-time conditional block

```
1 | if constexpr( /* constant expression */ ) {  
2 |     // if true, this block is compiled  
3 | } else {  
4 |     // if false, this block is compiled  
5 | }
```



# Fold Expressions

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```
1 ( ... <op> <pack expression> ) // unary left fold
2 ( <pack expression> <op> ... ) // unary right fold
3 ( <init> <op> ... <op> <pack expression> ) // binary left fold
4 ( <pack expression> <op> ... <op> <init> ) // binary right fold
```

Allows for "folding" of a variadic parameter pack into a single value.

Allowed operations:

+	-	*	/	%	^	&		<<	>>	+=	-=	*=	/=	%=	^=	&=	=	<<=	>>=	=	==	!=	<	>
<=	>=	&&		,	.*	->*																		

# Unary left fold

```
1 | ( ... <op> <pack expression> ) // unary left fold
```

```
1 | ( ... && args )
```

Expands to:

```
1 | ( ( arg1 && arg2 ) && arg3 )
```

# Unary right fold

```
1 | ( <pack expression> <op> ... ) // unary right fold
```

```
1 | ( args && ... )
```

Expands to:

```
1 | ( arg1 && ( arg2 && arg3 ) )
```

# Binary left fold

```
1 | ( <init> <op> ... <op> <pack expression> )
```

```
1 | ( true && ... && args )
```

Expands to:

```
1 | ( ( ( true && arg1 ) && arg2 ) && arg3 )
```

# Binary right fold

```
1 | ( <pack expression> <op> ... <op> <init> )
```

```
1 | ( args && ... && true )
```

Expands to:

```
1 | ( arg1 && ( arg2 && ( arg3 && true ) ) )
```

**noexcept** is now part of the  
type system

# `noexcept` In The Type System

```
1 | void use_func(void (*func)()) noexcept;  
2 | void my_func();  
3 |  
4 | use_func(&my_func);
```

This will no longer compile in C++17, a new overload is needed:

```
1 | void use_func(void (*func)());
```

`noexcept` function pointer can be converted to non-`noexcept`, but not the other way around.



# Feature Impact

# Which C++ 17 Had The Most Impact on ChaiScript?

What is important for defining impact?

- Compile Time?
- Runtime?
- Code Size?
- Readability?

I tried to review each of these.

# Which C++ 17 Had The Most Impact on ChaiScript?

Vote <https://strawpoll.com/w767k3kk>:

- Class template type deduction / guides?
- if / switch init expressions?
- fold expressions?
- `if constexpr`?
- structured bindings?
- `std::string_view`
- `std::vector::emplace_back`
- nested `namespace`s
- `noexcept` in the type system

# Results Least to Greatest

# **noexcept** In The Type System

# Impact of `noexcept` in the type system

- Caused a 2x duplication of my function type deduction code
- Required conditional compilation with `#if __cpp_noexcept_function_type >= 201510` to get it to compile in C++17 at all.
- This typed support for `noexcept` appears to give ~1% performance boost

# Impact of `noexcept` in the type system

Impact conclusions:

- Performance: Possible Minor Improvement
- Maintainability: Negative: more overloads necessary, conditional code
- Compile Time: None observed
- Readability: None

Score: -0.5 necessary but potentially annoying change.

# if-init Expressions



# if-init Expression Impact

I was excited about the possibility of limiting variable scope:

```
1 | auto val = get_some_val();  
2 | if (val > 5) {  
3 |     // do something else  
4 | }
```

becomes

```
1 | if (auto val = get_some_val(); val > 5) {  
2 |     // do something else  
3 | }
```

# if-init Expression Impact

But if your code is well modularized and has small functions...

```
1  bool my_func() {  
2      auto val = get_some_val();  
3      if (val > 5) {  
4          return something(val);  
5      } else {  
6          return something_else(val);  
7      }  
8  }
```

VS

```
1  bool my_func() {  
2      if (auto val = get_some_val(); val > 5) {  
3          return something(val);  
4      } else {  
5          return something_else(val);  
6      }  
7  }
```

# if-init Expression Impact

Then how do you format it for readability?

```
1  bool my_func() {  
2      if (auto val = get_some_val(); val > 5) {  
3          return something(val);  
4      } else {  
5          return something_else(val);  
6      }  
7  }
```

VS

```
1  bool my_func() {  
2      if (auto val = get_some_val();  
3          val > 5) {  
4          return something(val);  
5      } else {  
6          return something_else(val);  
7      }  
8  }
```

# if-init Expression Impact

Impact conclusions:

- Performance: None
- Maintainability: Small
- Compile Time: None
- Readability: Possibly Hurt

Score: 0.5 disappointing

# Nested Namespaces

# Impact of nested namespaces

```
1 namespace chaiscript {  
2     namespace dispatch {  
3         namespace detail {  
4             // some thing  
5         }  
6         // some other thing  
7     }  
8 }
```

becomes

```
1 namespace chaiscript::dispatch {  
2     namespace detail {  
3         // some thing  
4     }  
5     // some other thing  
6 }
```

# Impact of nested namespaces

I found these changes quite satisfying to implement.

However:

- Causes large whitespace diffs
- Can cause large diffs again if you need to insert something in a middle namespace

# Impact of nested namespaces

Impact conclusions:

- Performance: none
- Maintainability: possibly negative
- Compile time: none
- Readability: large

Score: 1.5 surprisingly gratifying to implement. Might make us rethink some of our coding and formatting standards



# Class Template Type Deduction

# Class Template Type Deduction Impact

C++17 adds a complete complement of deduction guides for standard library types.

What impact did this have on my existing code base?

Almost 0

# Class Template Type Deduction Impact

Class template type deduction doesn't help at the class level

```
1 struct S
2 {
3     // no practical way to use type deduction here
4     std::vector<int> myvec;
5 };
```

# Class Template Type Deduction Impact

I almost never create local containers, and `auto` picks up the rest.

Which is better (pretend they do more)?

```
1 void myfunc() {  
2     /// A  
3     auto f = [](){ /* something */ };  
4     f();  
5 }
```

```
1 void myfunc() {  
2     /// B  
3     std::function f = [](){ /* something */ };  
4     f();  
5 }
```

# Class Template Type Deduction Impact

Who thinks these are good uses of class template type deduction?

```
1 std::vector some_strings{  
2     "This is a list"s,  
3     "of somewhat longish"s,  
4     "strings to operate on."s  
5 };
```

```
1 std::vector some_objs{  
2     std::make_unique<Obj>(1),  
3     std::make_unique<Obj>(2),  
4     std::make_unique<Obj>(3),  
5 };
```

# Class Template Type Deduction Impact

Impact conclusions:

- Performance: Possible negative if not considering object lifetime
- Maintainability: Small
- Compile Time: None
- Readability: Small

Score: 1.5

# Structured Bindings

# Impact of structured bindings

Good, helps clean up code.

```
1 void dump_types() const {  
2     for (const auto &v : get_types()) {  
3         std::cout << v.first << ": " << v.second->name() << '\n';  
4     }  
5 }
```

becomes

```
1 void dump_types() const {  
2     for (const auto &[name, type] : get_types()) {  
3         std::cout << name << ": " << type->name() << '\n';  
4     }  
5 }
```



# Impact of structured bindings

Is there any performance impact?

# Impact of structured bindings

Which is better?

```
1 | std::string func() {  
2 |     auto val = get_some_val();  
3 |     return val;  
4 | }
```

or

```
1 | std::string func() {  
2 |     auto val = get_some_val();  
3 |     return std::move(val);  
4 | }
```

# Impact of structured bindings

Why?

```
1 | std::string func() {  
2 |     auto val = get_some_val();  
3 |     return val;  
4 | }
```

or

```
1 | std::string func() {  
2 |     auto val = get_some_val();  
3 |     return std::move(val); /// move forced, breaks NRVO  
4 | }
```

# Impact of structured bindings

Which is better?

```
1 | std::string func() {  
2 |     auto pair = get_some_pair();  
3 |     return pair.second;  
4 | }
```

or

```
1 | std::string func() {  
2 |     auto pair = get_some_pair();  
3 |     return std::move(pair.second);  
4 | }
```

# Impact of structured bindings

Why?

```
1 | std::string func() {  
2 |     auto pair = get_some_pair();  
3 |     return pair.second; /// NRV0 cannot apply to subobject  
4 | }
```

or

```
1 | std::string func() {  
2 |     auto pair = get_some_pair();  
3 |     return std::move(pair.second);  
4 | }
```

# Impact of structured bindings

Which is better?

```
1 | std::string func() {  
2 |     auto [succeeded, value] = get_some_pair();  
3 |     return value;  
4 | }
```

or

```
1 | std::string func() {  
2 |     auto [succeeded, value] = get_some_pair();  
3 |     return std::move(value);  
4 | }
```

# Impact of structured bindings

Why?

```
1 | std::string func() {  
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4 | }
```

or

```
1 | std::string func() {  
2 |     auto [succeeded, value] = get_some_pair();  
3 |     return std::move(value);  
4 | }
```

# Impact of structured bindings

This is (effectively) what the compiler is doing for us

```
1  std::string func() {  
2      auto e = get_some_pair();  
3      auto &succeeded = e.first;  
4      auto &value = e.second;  
5      return value;  
6  }
```



# Impact of structured bindings

Impact conclusions:

- Performance: potentially very negative. Now you have to consider the source of the variable.
- Maintainability: Minor
- Compile Time: None
- Readability: Large

Score: 2 potentially really helpful, but mess with our understand of object lifetime

# Fold Expressions

# Fold Expression Impact

*Almost everything that is possible with fold expressions, is possible with initializer\_lists*

```
1 | (void)std::initializer_list<int>{  
2 |     (static_cast<T&>(*this).trace(ds, node), 0)...  
3 | };
```

became

```
1 | (static_cast<T&>(*this).trace(ds, node), ... );
```

# Fold Expression Impact

*Everyone agrees both versions have a well defined order, right?*

```
1 | (void)std::initializer_list<int>{  
2 |   (static_cast<T&>(*this).trace(ds, node), 0)...  
3 | };
```

became

```
1 | (static_cast<T&>(*this).trace(ds, node), ... );
```

# Fold Expression Impact

Used in this context:

```
1  void do_trace(const Dispatch_State &ds,  
2               const AST_Node_Impl<Tracer<T...>> *node)  
3  {  
4      (static_cast<T&>(*this).trace(ds, node), ... );  
5  }
```

# Fold Expression Impact

Impact conclusions:

- Performance: None
- Maintainability: Small
- Compile Time: None
- Readability: Small

Score 2: no negatives, minor help in some cases

# Emplace Back

# Impact of C++17 `emplace_back`

This:

```
1  Boxed_Value &add_get_object(const std::string &t_name,  
2                               Boxed_Value obj, Stack_Holder &t_holder)  
3  {  
4      auto &stack_elem = get_stack_data(t_holder).back();  
5  
6      if (std::any_of(stack_elem.begin(), stack_elem.end(),  
7                      [&](const std::pair<std::string, Boxed_Value> &o) {  
8          return o.first == t_name;  
9      })))  
10     {  
11         throw chaiscript::exception::name_conflict_error(t_name);  
12     }  
13  
14     stack_elem.emplace_back(t_name, std::move(obj))  
15     return stack_elem.back().second;  
16 }
```



# Impact of C++17 `emplace_back`

Became:

```
1  Boxed_Value &add_get_object(const std::string &t_name,  
2                               Boxed_Value obj, Stack_Holder &t_holder)  
3  {  
4      auto &stack_elem = get_stack_data(t_holder).back();  
5  
6      if (std::any_of(stack_elem.begin(), stack_elem.end(),  
7                      [&](const std::pair<std::string, Boxed_Value> &o) {  
8          return o.first == t_name;  
9      })))  
10     {  
11         throw chaiscript::exception::name_conflict_error(t_name);  
12     }  
13  
14     return stack_elem.emplace_back(t_name, std::move(obj)).second;  
15 }
```

# Impact of C++17 `emplace_back`

## Impact Conclusions:

- Performance: tiny possibility of performance improvement (I did measure some)
- Maintainability: minor
- Compile time: none
- Readability: minor

Score: 2.5 possible performance, readability, and maintainability helps

**`std::string_view`**

# Impact of `std::string_view`

The main impact of using `std::string_view` is in looking up of identifiers and avoiding temporary strings.

But this comes with a complexity cost.

# Impact of `std::string_view`

Cost of `std::string_view`:

What does this `string_view` constructor need to do?

```
1 | std::string_view(const char *);
```

It must calculate the length of the passed in string. Which might happen at compile-time or might not.

# Impact of `std::string_view`

Provided conversions:

- `std::string` automatically converts to `std::string_view` via conversion operator
- `const char *` automatically converts to `std::string` via non-`explicit` constructor
- `const char *` automatically converts to `std::string_view` via non-`explicit` constructor

Provided comparisons:

- `operator<(const std::string &lhs, const std::string &rhs)`
- `operator<(std::string_view lhs, std::string_view rhs)`
- etc

# Impact of `std::string_view`

Is this code OK?

```
1  std::map<std::string_view, int> map;  
2  
3  void add(const std::string &t_str, int val)  
4  {  
5      map[t_str] = val;  
6  }
```

# Impact of `std::string_view`

Bad - possible pointer to temporary stored

```
1  std::map<std::string_view, int> map;  
2  
3  void add(const std::string &t_str, int val)  
4  {  
5      map[t_str] = val; ///  
6  }
```



# Impact of `std::string_view`

Storing a `map` of `string_view` is very risky, and you won't get any compiler warnings.

# Impact of `std::string_view`

Does this compile?

```
1  std::map<std::string, int> map;  
2  
3  int get(std::string_view t_sv) {  
4      return map.at(t_sv);  
5  }
```

# Impact of `std::string_view`

Does this compile? No.

```
1  std::map<std::string, int> map;  
2  
3  int get(std::string_view t_sv) {  
4      return map.at(t_sv); // no conversion to std::string  
5  }
```

# Impact of `std::string_view`

We need to use `is_transparent` comparator

# Impact of `std::string_view`

`is_transparent` is provided by `std::less<>`

```
1  std::map<std::string, int, std::less<>> map;  
2  
3  int get(std::string_view t_sv) {  
4  
5      if (auto itr = map.find(t_sv); itr != map.end()) {  
6          return *itr;  
7      }  
8      throw std::range_error("Key not found");  
9  }  
10 }
```

# Impact of `std::string_view`

`is_transparent` is provided by `std::less<>`

```
1  std::map<std::string, int, std::less<>> map;  
2  
3  int get(std::string_view t_sv) {  
4  
5  /// What happens for this find?  
6  if (auto itr = map.find(t_sv); itr != map.end()) {  
7      return *itr;  
8  }  
9  throw std::range_error("Key not found");  
10 }
```

# Impact of `std::string_view`

`is_transparent` is provided by `std::less<>`

```
1  std::map<std::string, int, std::less<>> map;
2
3  int get(std::string_view t_sv) {
4      /// a temporary string_view is need for each comparison
5      /// by using the operator<(string_view, string_view)
6      if (auto itr = map.find(t_sv); itr != map.end()) {
7          return *itr;
8      }
9      throw std::range_error("Key not found");
10 }
```

# Impact of `std::string_view`

`is_transparent` is provided by `std::less<>`

```
1  std::map<std::string, int, std::less<>> map;  
2  
3  int get(std::string_view t_sv) {  
4  
5  /// How do we do better?  
6  if (auto itr = map.find(t_sv); itr != map.end()) {  
7      return *itr;  
8  }  
9  throw std::range_error("Key not found");  
10 }
```



# Impact of `std::string_view`

`std::less<void>` looks something like this:

```
1 struct less {  
2     template<typename LHS, typename RHS>  
3     constexpr bool operator()(const LHS &lhs, const RHS &rhs) const  
4     {  
5         return lhs < rhs;  
6     }  
7     struct is_transparent{};  
8 };
```

# Impact of `std::string_view`

My version is:

```
1  struct str_less {
2      constexpr bool operator()(
3          const std::string &t_lhs, const std::string &t_rhs) const noexcept
4      {
5          return t_lhs < t_rhs;
6      }
7
8      template<typename LHS, typename RHS>
9      constexpr bool operator()(
10         const LHS &t_lhs, const RHS &t_rhs) const noexcept
11     {
12         return std::lexicographical_compare(
13             t_lhs.begin(), t_lhs.end(), t_rhs.begin(), t_rhs.end());
14     }
15     struct is_transparent{};
16 };
```

# Impact of `std::string_view`

I'm sure this is highly dependent on compiler and optimization settings.  
This was G++7.2 for me.

```
1  /// using my str_less saved 2% performance
2  /// across ChaiScript
3  std::map<std::string, int, str_less> map;
4
5  int get(std::string_view t_sv) {
6      if (auto itr = map.find(t_sv); itr != map.end()) {
7          return *itr;
8      }
9      throw std::range_error("Key not found");
10 }
```

# Impact of `std::string_view`

Also, don't do this:

```
1 struct S {  
2     S(std::string_view sv) : m_string(std::move(sv)) {}  
3     std::string m_string;  
4 };
```

# Impact of `std::string_view`

Or worse:

```
1  S make_s(std::string s) {  
2      return S(std::move(s));  
3  }  
4  
5  struct S {  
6      S(std::string_view sv) : m_string(std::move(sv)) {}  
7      std::string m_string;  
8  };
```

# Impact of `std::string_view`

Which can become: (not actually contrived)

```
1  S make_s(std::string s) {  
2      return S(std::move(s));  
3  }  
4  
5  struct S {  
6      S(std::string_view sv) : m_string(std::move(sv)) {}  
7      std::string m_string;  
8  };  
9  
10 make_s("Hello World");
```

# Impact of `std::string_view`

- Performance: Possibly large either good or bad
- Maintainability: minor: `remove_prefix` is helpful with parsing
- Compile time: minor
- Readability: minor (you know that it's only a "view")

Score: 3 can help in virtually every way, but be aware of pitfalls

# Impact of `std::string_view`

Notes for deployment:

- Use consistently when you move to it, otherwise expensive conversions back and forth
- If you know you're going to ultimately need a `std::string` use `std::string` through the whole call chain
- Can have huge impact if you have string data that can be `constexpr`
- I'm still seeing buggy / incomplete `constexpr` implementations
- Understand the impact of using `string_view` with lookup for `std::map` / `std::set` keys



**if constexpr**

# if constexpr Impact

This:

```
1  template<typename Type>
2  auto do_call_impl(Class *o) const
3      -> std::enable_if_t<std::is_pointer_v<Type>, Boxed_Value>
4  {
5      return Handle_Return<Type>
6          ::handle(o->*m_attr);
7  }
8
9  template<typename Type>
10 auto do_call_impl(Class *o) const
11     -> std::enable_if_t<!std::is_pointer_v<Type>, Boxed_Value>
12 {
13     return Handle_Return<std::add_lvalue_reference_t<Type>>
14         ::handle(o->*m_attr);
15 }
```

# if constexpr Impact

Can become:

```
1  template<typename Type>
2  auto do_call_impl(Class *o) const
3  {
4      if constexpr(std::is_pointer_v<Type>) {
5          return detail::Handle_Return<Type>
6              ::handle(o->*m_attr);
7      } else {
8          return detail::Handle_Return<std::add_lvalue_reference_t<Type>>
9              ::handle(o->*m_attr);
10     }
11 }
```

# if constexpr Impact

Which eliminated about 1/2 of my SFINAE usage, but why not 100%?  
constructors and other mixed templated / typed overloads

# if constexpr Impact

```
1 Any(const Any &t_any)
2     : m_data(t_any.empty() ? nullptr : t_any.m_data->clone())
3 { }
4
5 template<typename ValueType,
6 typename = std::enable_if_t<
7     !std::is_same_v<Any, std::decay_t<ValueType>>>>
8 explicit Any(ValueType &&t_value)
9     : m_data(std::make_unique<Data_Impl<std::decay_t<ValueType>>>(
10         std::forward<ValueType>(t_value)))
11 {
12 }
```

# if constexpr Impact

```
1  template<typename T>
2  static std::unique_ptr<Data> make_data(T &&t) {
3      if constexpr (std::is_same_v<Any, std::decay_t<T>>) {
4          if (!t_any.empty()) { return t_any.m_data->clone(); }
5          else { return nullptr; }
6      } else {
7          return make_unique<Data_Impl<std::decay_t<ValueType>>>(
8              std::forward<ValueType>(t_value));
9      }
10 }
11
12 template<typename ValueType> explicit Any(ValueType &&t_value)
13     : m_data(make_data(std::forward<ValueType>(t_value)))
14 { }
```

What problem (if any) does this version have?

# if constexpr Impact

## Covering move construction

```
1  template<typename T> std::unique_ptr<Data> make_data(T &&t) {
2      if constexpr (std::is_same_v<Any, std::decay_t<T>>) {
3          if constexpr (std::!is_const_v<decltype(t)>
4                        && std::is_rvalue_reference_v<decltype(t)>) {
5              return std::move(t.m_data);
6          } else {
7              if (!t_any.empty()) { return t_any.m_data->clone(); }
8              else { return nullptr; }
9          }
10     } else {
11         return make_unique<Data_Impl<std::decay_t<ValueType>>>
12                (std::forward<ValueType>(t_value))
13     }
14 }
15
16 template<typename ValueType> explicit Any(ValueType &&t_value)
17     : m_data(make_data(std::forward<ValueType>(t_value)))
18 { }
```

# if constexpr Impact

Now, I don't like SFINAE, but I'm sticking with it for eliminating options for overload resolution.



# if constexpr Impact

Side note: Boxed\_Number

- ChaiScript allows for all operators for all possible arithmetic types
- While maintaining the proper types, following C++ standards
- Example: `float * int` returns `float`, `uint64_t * int` returns `uint64_t`
- This means all possible combinations must be generated at compile time

`if constexpr` enabled a rewrite of this code which removed about 160 LOC and allowed for more linear flow

# if constexpr Impact

Impact conclusions:

- Performance: none
- Maintainability: large
- Compile Time: minor (for my use cases)
- Readability: large

Score: 5 generally very helpful, no real caveats.

# Class Template Deduction Guides

# Class Template Deduction Guide Impact

While class template type deduction specifically had almost no impact, deduction *guides* had a significant impact

# Class Template Deduction Guide Impact

This:

```
1  template<typename Ret, typename ... Param>
2  Function fun(Ret (*func)(Param...)) {
3      auto fun_call = Fun_Caller<Ret, Param...>(func);
4      return Function(make_shared<Function_Callable_Impl<
5          Ret (Param...), decltype(fun_call)>>(fun_call));
6  }
7
8  template<typename Ret, typename Class, typename ... Param>
9  Function fun(Ret (Class::*t_func)(Param...) const) {
10     auto call = Const_Caller<Ret, Class, Param...>(t_func);
11     return Function(make_shared<Function_Callable_Impl<
12         Ret (const Class &, Param...), decltype(call)>>(call));
13 }
```

Plus `noexcept`, `non-const` etc

# Class Template Deduction Guide Impact

Is replaced with a series of deduction guides:

```
1  template<typename Ret, typename Class, typename ... Param>
2  Signature(Ret (Class::*f)(Param ...) volatile) ->
3      Signature<Ret, Params<volatile Class &, Param...>, false, true>;
4
5  template<typename Ret, typename Class, typename ... Param>
6  Signature(Ret (Class::*f)(Param ...) volatile noexcept) ->
7      Signature<Ret, Params<volatile Class &, Param...>, true, true>;
8
9  template<typename Ret, typename Class, typename ... Param>
10 Signature(Ret (Class::*f)(Param ...) volatile const) ->
11     Signature<Ret, Params<volatile const Class &, Param...>, false, true>;
12
13 template<typename Ret, typename Class, typename ... Param>
14 Signature(Ret (Class::*f)(Param ...) volatile const noexcept) ->
15     Signature<Ret, Params<volatile const Class &, Param...>, true, true>;
```

Plus one simple function

# Class Template Deduction Guide Impact

Net result:

- no change in LOC
- 8x better support for C++ functions (`&&`, `&`, `volatile`)
- eliminated mostly redundant code.

# Class Template Deduction Guide Impact

Impact conclusions:

- Performance: Minor
- Maintainability: Large
- Compile Time: Minor
- Readability: Large

Score: 6 possibility of large help, including performance increases with rewritten code



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# Conclusions

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# Conclusions

- There are many `constexpr` changes which we did not address
- The little details have the biggest impact
- `[[maybe_unused]]` gets an honorable mention for removing code like `(void)variable`
- Being able to do `std::decay_t<Type>` and `std::is_trivially_destructible_v<Type>` instead of `typename std::decay<Type>::type` and `std::is_trivially_destructible<Type>::value` goes a long way to making templated code more readable

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