Seventeenification Porting sqlpp11 to C++17

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2008 - String based queries

```
std::ostringstream os;
os << "SELECT * FROM tab_record "
     << "WHERE id > " << minId << " AND first_name == " << name
     << "ORDER BY priortiy DESC "
     << "LIMIT " << limit;</pre>
```

2008 - String based queries

2010 - RFC for SQL EDSL on boost mailing list

```
typedef my_table<> t;
typedef sql::select_record<t> record;

//...

std::vector<record> records =
    db.select<record>(
        sql::where(t::id() > 1000 && t::first_name() == name),
        sql::order_by(t::priority()(sql::desc)),
        sql::limit(17));
```

http://lists.boost.org/Archives/boost/2010/09/170947.php

2013 - RFC for sqlpp11 on boost mailing list

http://lists.boost.org/Archives/boost/2013/11/208388.php

2014 - 2016 Several talks at CppCon, MeetingC++, and MUC++

2016 - Variants of variadic AND at CppCon

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNrShPCgVjw

Let's write sqlpp17



A column definition for sqlpp11

```
struct FirstName
{
   struct _alias_t
   {
     static constexpr char _literal[] = "first_name";
     // ...
   };
};
```

This does not link with C++11

```
#include <iostream>
struct foo
{
    static constexpr char bar[] = "bar";
};
int main()
{
    std::cout << foo::bar;
}</pre>
```

char_sequence to the rescue

```
template <char... Cs>
struct char_sequence
  static const char* char_ptr()
    static char s[] = {Cs...};
   return s;
 };
```

```
template <std::size_t N, const char (&Input)[N]>
using make_char_sequence = typename make_char_sequence_impl<
    N, Input, sqlpp::detail::make_index_sequence<N>>::type;
```

Constructing a char_sequence

```
template <std::size_t N, const char (&s)[N], typename T>
struct make_char_sequence_impl;

template <std::size_t N, const char (&Input)[N]>
using make_char_sequence = typename make_char_sequence_impl
```

N, Input, sqlpp::detail::make_index_sequence<N>>::type;

```
template <std::size_t N, const char (&s)[N], typename T>
struct make_char_sequence_impl;

template <std::size_t N, const char (&s)[N], std::size_t... i>
struct make_char_sequence_impl<N, s, sqlpp::detail::index_sequence<i...>>
{
   using type = char_sequence<s[i]...>;
};

template <std::size_t N, const char (&Input)[N]>
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   N, Input, sqlpp::detail::make_index_sequence<N>>::type;
```

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```
struct FirstName
{
   struct _alias_t
   {
      static constexpr char _literal[] = "first_name";
      using _name_t = sqlpp::make_char_sequence<sizeof(_literal), _literal>;
   };
};
```

This compiles and links with C++17!

```
#include <iostream>
struct foo
  static constexpr char bar[] = "bar";
};
int main()
  std::cout << foo::bar:
```

```
template <const auto& StringLiteral>
using make_char_sequence = typename make_char_sequence_impl<StringLiteral>::type;
```

```
template <const auto& Value>
struct make_char_sequence_impl;
```

```
template <const auto& StringLiteral>
using make_char_sequence = typename make_char_sequence_impl<StringLiteral>::type;
```

```
template <const auto& Value>
struct make_char_sequence_impl;

template <std::size_t N, const char (&StringLiteral)[N]>
struct make_char_sequence_impl<StringLiteral>;

template <const auto& StringLiteral>
using make_char_sequence = typename make_char_sequence_impl<StringLiteral>::type;
```

Comparison

```
struct _alias_t
  static constexpr char _literal[] = "first_name";
  using _name_t = sqlpp::make_char_sequence<sizeof(_literal), _literal>;
};
versus
struct _alias_t
  static constexpr char _literal[] = "first_name";
  using _name_t = sqlpp::make_char_sequence<_literal>;
};
```

Construct the char_sequence externally

```
template <typename Table, typename ColumnSpec>
struct char_sequence_of<column_t<Table, ColumnSpec>>
{
  using type = make_char_sequence<ColumnSpec::_alias_t::_literal>;
};
```

A column definition for sqlpp17 [update]

```
struct FirstName
{
   struct _alias_t
   {
      static constexpr const _name[] = "first_name";
   };
};
```

Migration result

- Nicer code (construction of name types)
- Less code (usable inline literals)
- Improved compile time (less name types)

Bad usage of sqlpp11

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```
template <typename... Expressions>
auto order_by(Expressions... expressions) const
    -> _new_statement_t<check_order_by_t<Expressions...>, order_by_t<Expressions...>>
{
    return _order_by_impl(check_order_by_t<Expressions...>{}, expressions...);
}
```

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}

template <typename... Expressions>
auto _order_by_impl(consistent_t, Expressions... expressions) const
    -> _new_statement_t<consistent_t, order_by_t<Expressions...>>;
```

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 return _order_by_impl(check_order_by_t<Expressions...);</pre>
template <typename... Expressions>
auto order by impl(consistent t. Expressions... expressions) const
    -> _new_statement_t<consistent_t, order_by_t<Expressions...>>;
template <typename Check, typename... Expressions>
auto _order_by_impl(Check, Expressions... expressions) const
    -> inconsistent<Check>:
```

```
template <typename... Expressions>
constexpr auto order_by(Expressions... expressions) const
  constexpr auto check = check_order_by_arg(expressions...);
  if constexpr (check)
   return Statement::replace(this,
                              order_by_t<Expressions...>{std::make_tuple(expressions...)});
  else
   return bad_statement_t<std::decay_t<decltvpe(check)>>{}:
```

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template <typename... Expressions>
constexpr auto order_by(Expressions... expressions) const
  if constexpr (constexpr auto check = check_order_by_arg(expressions...); check)
   return Statement::replace(this,
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   {
     return Statement::replace(this, order_by_t<Expressions...>{std::tuple{expressions...}});
   }
   else
   {
     return bad_statement_t<std::decay_t<decltype(check)>>{};
   }
}
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   {
     return Statement::replace(this, order_by_t{std::tuple{expressions...}});
   }
   else
   {
     return bad_statement_t{check};
   }
}
```

Deduction guide

```
template <typename Failure>
struct bad_statement_t
{
   static_assert(wrong<Failure>, "Missing specialization");
   constexpr bad_statement_t(Failure);
};
```

Bad usage of sqlpp17

This is now a compile time warning (almost certainly).

Migration result

- Much nicer code (no tag dispatch)
- Less code (no tag dispatch, no additional function declarations)
- Cleaner code (class template deduction)
- Improved compile time
- Less bugs (nodiscard)

Variadic all using C++17

```
template<bool... Args>
constexpr auto all = (true && ... && Args);
```

Print tuple members as comma separated list.

A small helper

```
struct separator
  std::ostream& os;
  const char* sep;
  bool is_first = true;
  template <typename Expr>
  decltype(auto) operator()(const Expr& expr)
    if (is_first)
      is_first = false;
    else
      os << sep;
    return expr;
```

Printing tuples with C++17

```
template <typename... Columns>
decltype(auto) print(std:ostream& os, const std::tuple<Columns...>& t)
{
   auto separate = separator{os, ", "};
   return (os << ... << separate(std::get<Columns>(t)));
}
```

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  };
public:
  template <typename T>
  [[nodiscard]] static constexpr auto count()
    return std::is_base_of<_base<T>, _impl>::value;
```

Type set comparison

```
template <typename... Elements>
struct _type_set
{
  template <typename... T>
  [[nodiscard]] constexpr auto operator>=(_type_set<T...>) const
  {
    return (true && ... && count<T>());
}
```

Insert into a type set

```
template <typename... Elements>
struct _type_set
{
   template <typename T>
   [[nodiscard]] static constexpr auto insert()
   {
     return std::conditional_t<count<T>(), _type_set, _type_set<Elements..., T>>{};
}
```

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template <typename... Elements>
struct _type_set
 template <typename T>
  [[nodiscard]] static constexpr auto insert()
   return std::conditional_t<count<T>(), _type_set, _type_set<Elements..., T>>{};
 template <typename T>
  [[nodiscard]] constexpr auto operator<<(_base<T>) const
   return insert<T>();
```

Constructing a type set

```
template <typename... Ts>
constexpr auto type_set()
{
  return (detail::_type_set{} << ... << detail::_base<Ts>{});
}
```

Testing for uniqueness

```
template <typename... Columns>
constexpr auto check_select_columns_arg(const Columns&...)
{
   if constexpr(type_set<char_sequence_of_t<Columns>...>().size() != sizeof...(Columns))
   {
      return failed<assert_select_columns_args_have_unique_names>{};
   }
   else
      return succeeded{};
}
```

Migration result

- More expressive code
- Less code
- Improved compile time
- Reduced golden hammer syndrom

Text result field in sqlpp11

```
template <...>
class text_result_field_t<...>
  const char* text{nullptr}; // Non-owning
  size_t len{};
public:
  std::string value;
 template <typename Target>
 void _bind(Target& target, size_t index)
   target._bind_result(index, &text, &len);
   value.assign(text, len);
```

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template <...>
class text_result_field_t<...>
  const char* text{nullptr}; // Non-owning
  size_t len{};
public:
  std::string_view value;
 template <typename Target>
 void _bind(Target& target, size_t index)
   target._bind_result(index, &text, &len);
   value = std::string_view{text, len};
```

Migration result

Improved runtime performance

Dynamic queries in sqlpp11

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    s.selected_columns.add(foo.name);

if (someOtherCondition)
{
    s.selected_columns.add(bar.hasFun);
    s.from.add(dynamic_join(bar).on(foo.barId == bar.id));
}
```

Accessing results of dynamic queries in sqlpp11

```
for (const auto& row : s)
  std::cout << row.id;
  if (someCondition)
      std::cout << row["name"];</pre>
  if (someOtherCondition)
      std::cout << row["hasFun"];</pre>
```

Same query using std::optional

Migration result

- Optional use of std::optional for fields and parameters.
- Thinking about them leads to nice new ideas.

Summary

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Experimenting with C++17 helps to improve my C++11 code.

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Thank you!