Integration of chrono with text formatting

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"If fmt (P0645) moves forward within the LEWG, this section (Formatting) can easily be reworked to plug into that facility without loss of functionality. This will avoid two unrelated format facilities in the standard."

```
-[P0355]
```

1 Motivation

[P0355] that includes a strftime-like formatting facility for chrono types was adopted into the draft standard for C++20 in Jacksonville. Meanwhile [P0645] that provides a more general formatting facility was accepted by the Library Evolution working group in San Diego and forwarded to the Library working group for a wording review also targeting C++20. In this paper we propose revising the output APIs added by [P0355] based on [P0645].

Integrating the two proposals provides the following advantages:

1. Easier formatting of multiple objects and positional arguments support:

Before

After

2. Output iterator support and the ability to easily avoid dynamic memory allocations:

Before

```
std::string str = std::chrono::format("%Y-%m-%d", date);
```

After

```
std::array<char, 100> buf;
std::format_to_n(buf.data(), buf.size(), "{:%Y-%m-%d}", date);
```

3. Prevent confusing overload resolution:

Before

After

4. Allow fill, width, and alignment in a format string using the same syntax as for other types:

Before

After

```
std::cout << std::format("{0:>20%Y-%m-%d}\n", birthday);
```

5. Improve control over formatting:

Before

After

```
std::cout << std::format("{0:<8}{1}\n", Sunday[2], "game");
// prints "Sun[2] game"</pre>
```

2 Locale

One feature that [P0355] has and [P0645] doesn't is the ability to pass a locale to a formatting fuction. We propose extending the format API of P0645 to allow the same.

Before

After

```
auto zt = std::chrono::zoned_time(...);
std::cout << std::format(std::locale{"fi_FI"}, "Localized time is {:%c}\n", zt);</pre>
```

3 Open Questions

HH There's also a std::chrono::parse which this doesn't have. For symmetry purposes I think we need to alias this to std::chrono as well, but I have not tried that. Do we care about the lack of symmetry?

4 Proposed Wording

This wording is based on the working draft [N4727] unless stated otherwise.

Modify section 25.2 Header <chrono> synopsis [time.syn]:

```
// 25.5.10, duration I/O
  template < class charT, class traits, class Rep, class Period>
    basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      operator << (basic_ostream < charT, traits > % os,
                 const duration<Rep, Period>& d);
- template < class charT, class traits, class Rep, class Period>
    basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt,
                const duration<Rep, Period>& d);
 template < class charT, class traits >
    basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      operator << (basic_ostream < charT, traits > & os, const sys_days & dp);
- template < class charT, class traits, class Duration >
    basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt,
                const sys_time<Duration>& tp);
. . .
 template < class charT, class traits, class Duration >
    basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      operator<<(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const utc_time<Duration>& t);
- template < class charT, class traits, class Duration >
    basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt,
                const utc_time<Duration>& tp);
  template < class charT, class traits, class Duration >
    basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      operator << (basic_ostream < charT, traits > % os, const tai_time < Duration > % t);
- template < class charT, class traits, class Duration >
  basic ostream<charT, traits>&
      to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt,
```

```
const tai_time<Duration>& tp);
  template<class charT, class traits, class Duration>
   basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      operator << (basic_ostream < charT, traits > & os, const gps_time < Duration > & t);
- template < class charT, class traits, class Duration >
   basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt,
                const gps_time<Duration>& tp);
template < class charT, class traits, class Duration >
  basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
    operator<<(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const file_time<Duration>& tp);
- template<class charT, class traits, class Duration>
  basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt,
                const file_time<Duration>& tp);
 template < class charT, class traits, class Duration>
   basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      operator << (basic_ostream < charT, traits > & os, const local_time < Duration > & tp);
- template < class charT, class traits, class Duration >
   basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt,
                const local_time<Duration>& tp,
                const string* abbrev = nullptr, const seconds* offset_sec = nullptr);
 template < class charT, class traits >
   basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      operator<<(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const day& d);
- template<class charT, class traits>
  basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
     to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt, const day& d);
 template < class charT, class traits>
   basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      operator<<(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const month& m);
- template < class charT, class traits >
  basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt, const month& m);
```

```
template < class charT, class traits>
    basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      operator << (basic_ostream < charT, traits > % os, const year % y);
- template < class charT, class traits >
- basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt, const year& y);
 template < class charT, class traits >
    basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      operator << (basic_ostream < charT, traits > % os, const weekday % wd);
- template < class charT, class traits >
  basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
    to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt, const weekday& wd);
. . .
 template < class charT, class traits >
    basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      operator << (basic_ostream < charT, traits > % os, const month_day % md);
- template<class charT, class traits>
  basic ostream<charT, traits>&
     to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt, const month_day& md);
 template < class charT, class traits >
    basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      operator << (basic_ostream < charT, traits > % os, const year_month % ym);
- template < class charT, class traits >
  basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
     to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt, const year_month& ym);
 template < class charT, class traits >
    basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      operator << (basic_ostream < charT, traits > & os, const year_month_day & ymd);
- template < class charT, class traits >
   basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
    to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt,
                const year_month_day& ymd);
. . .
```

```
template<class charT, class traits, class Duration, class TimeZonePtr>
    basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      operator << (basic_ostream < charT, traits > % os,
                 const zoned time<Duration, TimeZonePtr>& t);
- template<class charT, class traits, class Duration, class TimeZonePtr>
   basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
      to stream(basic ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt,
                const zoned_time<Duration, TimeZonePtr>& tp);
  // 25.11, formatting
- template < class charT, class Streamable >
   basic_string<charT>
      format(const charT* fmt, const Streamable& s);
- template < class charT, class Streamable >
    basic_string<charT>
      format(const locale& loc, const charT* fmt, const Streamable& s);
- template < class charT, class traits, class Alloc, class Streamable >
   basic string<charT, traits, Alloc>
      format(const basic_string<charT, traits, Alloc>& fmt, const Streamable& s);
- template < class charT, class traits, class Alloc, class Streamable >
    basic_string<charT, traits, Alloc>
      format(const locale& loc, const basic_string<charT, traits, Alloc>& fmt,
             const Streamable& s);
+ namespace chrono {
   template < class Duration > struct local_time_format_t; // exposition-only
+
   template < class Duration >
     local_time_format_t<Duration>
+
        local_time_format(local_time<Duration> time, const string* abbrev = nullptr,
+
                          const seconds* offset_sec = nullptr);
+ }
+ template < class Rep, class Period, class charT>
+ struct formatter<chrono::duration<Rep, Period>, charT>;
+ template < class Duration, class charT>
  struct formatter<chrono::sys_time<Duration>, charT>;
+ template < class Duration, class charT>
  struct formatter<chrono::utc_time<Duration>, charT>;
+ template < class Duration, class charT>
  struct formatter<chrono::tai_time<Duration>, charT>;
+ template < class Duration, class charT>
  struct formatter<chrono::gps_time<Duration>, charT>;
+ template < class Duration, class charT>
  struct formatter<chrono::file_time<Duration>, charT>;
+ template < class Duration, class charT>
  struct formatter<chrono::local_time<Duration>, charT>;
+ template < class Duration, class charT>
```

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+ struct formatter<chrono::local_time_format_t<Duration>, charT>;
+ template<class charT> struct formatter<chrono::day, charT>;
+ template < class charT > struct formatter < chrono::month, charT >;
+ template < class charT > struct formatter < chrono::year, charT >;
+ template < class charT > struct formatter < chrono::weekday, charT >;
+ template<class charT> struct formatter<chrono::weekday_indexed, charT>;
+ template < class charT > struct formatter < chrono::weekday_last, charT >;
+ template<class charT> struct formatter<chrono::month_day, charT>;
+ template < class charT > struct formatter < chrono::month_day_last, charT >;
+ template<class charT> struct formatter<chrono::month_weekday, charT>;
+ template < class charT > struct formatter < chrono::month_weekday_last, charT >;
+ template<class charT> struct formatter<chrono::year_month, charT>;
+ template < class charT > struct formatter < chrono::year_month_day, charT >;
+ template<class charT> struct formatter<chrono::year_month_day_last, charT>;
+ template < class charT > struct formatter < chrono::year_month_weekday, charT >;
+ template < class charT > struct formatter < chrono::year_month_weekday_last, charT >;
+ template < class Rep, class Period, class charT>
+ struct formatter<chrono::time_of_day<duration<Rep, Period>>, charT>;
+ templateclass charT> struct formatter<chrono::sys_info, charT>;
+ template < class charT > struct formatter < chrono::local_info, charT >;
+ template < class Duration, class TimeZonePtr, class charT>
+ struct formatter<chrono::zoned_time<Duration, TimeZonePtr>, charT>;
Modify section 25.5.10 I/O [time.duration.io]:
   template<class charT, class traits, class Rep, class Period>
     basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
       to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt,
                 const duration<Rep, Period>& d);
   Effects: Streams d into os using the format specified by the NTCTS fmt. fmt encoding follows the rules
   specified in 25.11.
   Returns: os.
Modify section 25.7.1.3 Non-member functions [time.clock.system.nonmembers]:
   Effects:
     auto const dp = floor<days>(tp);
   - os << year_month_day{dp} << ', ' << time_of_day{tp-dp};</pre>
   + os << format(os.getloc(), "{} {}", year_month_day{dp}, time_of_day{tp-dp});
   template < class charT, class traits, class Duration>
     basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
       to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt, const sys_time<Duration>& tp);
   Effects: Streams tp into os using the format specified by the NTCTS fmt. fmt encoding follows the
```

Effects: Streams tp into os using the format specified by the NTCTS fmt. fmt encoding follows the rules specified in 25.11. If %Z is used, it will be replaced with "UTC" widened to charT. If %z is used (or a modified variant of %z), an offset of Omin will be formatted.

8 Returns: os.

Modify section 25.7.2.3 Non-member functions [time.clock.utc.nonmembers]:

```
1
      Effects: Calls to_stream(os, fmt, t), where fmt is a string containing "%F %T" widened to charT.
1
      Effects: Equivalent to os << format(fmt, t), where fmt is a string containing "{:%F %T}" widened to
     charT.
     template<class charT, class traits, class Duration>
        basic ostream<charT, traits>&
          to stream(basic ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt, const utc time<Duration>& tp);
3
      Effects: Streams tp into os using the format specified by the NTCTS fmt. fmt encoding follows the
     rules specified in 25.11. If %Zis used, it will be replaced with "UTC" widened to charT. If %z is used (or a
     modified variant of %z), an offset of Omin will be formatted. If tp represents a time during a leap second
     insertion, and if a seconds field is formatted, the integral portion of that format shall be "60" widened to
     charT.
      Returns: os.
  Modify section 25.7.3.3 Non-member functions [time.clock.tai.nonmembers]:
      Effects: Calls to_stream(os, fmt, t), where fmt is a string containing "%F %T" widened to charT.
1
      Effects: Equivalent to os << format(fmt, t), where fmt is a string containing "{:%F %T}" widened to
     charT.
     template<class charT, class traits, class Duration>
        basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
          to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt, const tai_time<Duration>& tp);
3
      Effects: Streams tp into os using the format specified by the NTCTS fmt. fmt encoding follows the rules
     specified in 25.11. If %Z is used, it will be replaced with "TAI". If %z is used (or a modified variant of %z),
     an offset of Omin will be formatted. The date and time formatted shall be equivalent to that formatted by
     a sys_time initialized with:
     sys_time<Duration>{tp.time_since_epoch()} -
        (sys_days{1970y/January/1} - sys_days{1958y/January/1})
4
      Returns: os.
5
      [Example:
        auto st = sys_days{2000y/January/1};
       auto tt = clock_cast<tai_clock>(st);
     - cout << format("%F %T %Z == ", st) << format("%F %T %Z\n", tt);</pre>
     + cout << format("\{0:\%F \%T \%Z\} == \{1:\%F \%T \%Z\} \setminus n", st, tt);
     Produces this output:
     2000-01-01 00:00:00 UTC == 2000-01-01 00:00:32 TAI
     — end example]
  Modify section 25.7.4.3 Non-member functions [time.clock.gps.nonmembers]:
      Effects: Calls to stream(os, fmt, t), where fmt is a string containing "%F %T" widened to charT.
1
      Effects: Equivalent to os << format(fmt, t), where fmt is a string containing "{:%F %T}" widened to
     charT.
     template < class charT, class traits, class Duration>
        basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
```

to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt, const gps_time<Duration>& tp);

Effects: Streams tp into os using the format specified by the NTCTS fmt. fmt encoding follows the rules specified in 25.11. If %Z is used, it will be replaced with "GPS". If %z is used (or a modified variant of %z), an offset of Omin will be formatted. The date and time formatted shall be equivalent to that formatted by a sys_time initialized with:

```
sys_time<Duration>{tp.time_since_epoch()} +
  (sys_days{1980y/January/Sunday[1]} - sys_days{1970y/January/1})
```

- 4 Returns: os.
- 5 [Example:

```
auto st = sys_days{2000y/January/1};
auto gt = clock_cast<gps_clock>(st);
- cout << format("%F %T %Z == ", st) << format("%F %T %Z\n", gt);
+ cout << format("{0:%F %T %Z} == {1:%F %T %Z}\n", st, gt);</pre>
```

Produces this output:

```
2000-01-01 00:00:00 UTC == 2000-01-01 00:00:13 GPS
```

— end example]

Modify section 25.7.5.3 Non-member functions [time.clock.file.nonmembers]:

- Effects: Calls to_stream(os, fmt, t), where fmt is a string containing "%F %T" widened to charT.
- Effects: Equivalent to os << format(fmt, t), where fmt is a string containing "{:%F %T}" widened to charT.

```
template<class charT, class traits, class Duration>
  basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt, const file_time<Duration>& tp);
```

- Effects: Streams tp into os using the format specified by the NTCTS fmt. fmt encoding follows the rules specified in 25.11. If %Z is used, it will be replaced with "UTC" widened to chart. If %z is used > (or a modified variant of %z), an offset of Omin will be formatted. The > date and time formatted shall be equivalent to that formatted by a sys_time initialized with clock_cast<system_clock>(tp), or by a utc_time initialized with clock_cast<utc_clock>(tp).
- A Returns: os.

Modify section 25.7.8 Local time [time.clock.local]:

- Effects: Streams tp into os using the format specified by the NTCTS fmt. fmt encoding follows the rules specified in 25.11. If %Z is used, it will be replaced with *abbrev if abbrev is not equal to nullptr. If abbrev is equal to nullptr (and %Z is used), os.setstate(ios_base::failbit) shall be called. If %Z is used (or a modified variant of %z), it will be formatted with the value of *offset_sec is not equal to nullptr. If %z (or a modified variant of %z) is used, and offset_sec is equal to nullptr, then os.setstate(ios_base::failbit) shall be called.
- A Returns: os.

Modify section 25.8.3.3 Non-member functions [time.cal.day.nonmembers]:

```
Effects: Inserts format(fmt, d) where fmt is "%d""{:%d}" widened to charT. If !d.ok(), appends with " is not a valid day".
```

```
template<class charT, class traits>
basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt, const day& d);
```

- Effects: Streams d into os using the format specified by the NTCTS fmt. fmt encoding follows the rules specified in 25.11.
- Returns: os.

Modify section 25.8.4.3 Non-member functions [time.cal.month.nonmembers]:

7 Effects: If m.ok() == true inserts format(os.getloc(), fmt, m) where fmt is "%b""{:%b}" widened to charT. Otherwise inserts unsigned{m} << is not a valid month".

```
template<class charT, class traits>
  basic_ostream<charT, traits>& 
    to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt, const month& m);
```

- Effects: Streams m into os using the format specified by the NTCTS fmt. fmt encoding follows the rules specified in 25.11.
- 10 Returns: os.

Modify section 25.8.5.3 Non-member functions [time.cal.year.nonmembers]:

Effects: Inserts format(fmt, y) where fmt is "%Y""{%Y:}" widened to charT. If !y.ok(), appends with " is not a valid year".

```
template<class charT, class traits>
basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt, const year& y):
```

- Effects: Streams y into os using the format specified by the NTCTS fmt. fmt encoding follows the rules specified in 25.11.
- Returns: os.

Modify section 25.8.6.3 Non-member functions [time.cal.wd.nonmembers]:

Effects: If wd.ok() == true inserts format(os.getloc(), fmt, m) where fmt is "%a""{:%a}" widened to charT. Otherwise inserts unsigned{m} << is not a valid weekday".

```
template<class charT, class traits>
basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt, const weekday& wd);
```

- 8 Effects: Streams wd into os using the format specified by the NTCTS fmt. fmt encoding follows the rules specified in 25.11.
- 9 Returns: os.

Modify section 25.8.7.3 Non-member functions [time.cal.wdidx.nonmembers]:

- Effects: os << wdi.weekday() << '[' << wdi.index(). If wdi.index() is in the range [1, 5], appends with ']', otherwise appends with " is not a valid index]".
- ² Effects: Equivalent to

```
os << format(os.getloc(), "{}[{}{}]", wdi.weekday(), i,
                     i >= 1 && i <= 5 ? "" : " is not a valid index");
      where i is wdi.index().
   Modify section 25.8.8.3 Non-member functions [time.cal.wdlast.nonmembers]:
2
       Returns: os << wdl.weekday() << "[last]".
2
       Returns: os << format(os.getloc(), "{}[last]", wdl.weekday()).
   Modify section 25.8.9.3 Non-member functions [time.cal.md.nonmembers]:
3
       Returns: os << md.month() << ',' << md.day().
3
       Returns: os << format(os.getloc(), "{}/{}", md.month(), md.day()).</pre>
      template < class charT, class traits>
        basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
          to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt, const month_day& md);
8
       Effects: Streams md into os using the format specified by the NTCTS fmt. fmt encoding follows the rules
      specified in 25.11.
       Returns: os.
   Modify section 25.8.10 Class month_day_last [time.cal.mdlast]:
9
       Returns: os << mdl.month() << "/last".
       Returns: os << format(os.getloc(), "{}/last", md.month()).</pre>
   Modify section 25.8.11.3 Non-member functions [time.cal.mwd.nonmembers]:
2
       Returns: os << mwd.month() << ',' << mwd.weekday_indexed().
2
       Returns: os << format(os.getloc(), "{}/{}", mwd.month(), mwd.weekday_indexed()).
   Modify section 25.8.12.3 Non-member functions [time.cal.mwdlast.nonmembers]:
2
       Returns: os << mwdl.month() << ',' << mwdl.weekday_last().</pre>
2
       Returns: os << format(os.getloc(), "{}/{}", mwdl.month(), mwdl.weekday_last()).</pre>
   Modify section 25.8.13.3 Non-member functions [time.cal.ym.nonmembers]:
10
       Returns: os << ym.year() << '/' << ym.month().
10
       Returns: os << format(os.getloc(), "{}/{}", ym.year(), ym.month()).</pre>
      template < class charT, class traits >
        basic ostream<charT, traits>&
          to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt, const year_month& ym);
11
       Effects: Streams ym into os using the format specified by the NTCTS fmt. fmt encoding follows the rules
      specified in 25.11.
12
       Returns: os.
   Modify section 25.8.14.3 Non-member functions [time.cal.ymd.nonmembers]:
11
       Effects: Inserts format(fmt, ymd) where fmt is "%F"" \{:%F}" widened to charT. If !ymd.ok(), appends
      with " is not a valid date".
```

```
template < class charT, class traits>
        basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
           to_stream(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt, const year_month_day& ymd);
13
       Effects: Streams ym into os using the format specified by the NTCTS fmt. fmt encoding follows the rules
      specified in 25.11.
14
       Returns: os.
   Modify section 25.8.15.3 Non-member functions [time.cal.ymdlast.nonmembers]:
       Returns: os << ymdl.year() << ',' << ymdl.month_day_last().
9
       Returns: os << format(os.getloc(), "{}/{}", ymdl.year(), ymdl.month_day_last()).</pre>
   Modify section 25.8.16.3 Non-member functions [time.cal.ymwd.nonmembers]:
8
       Returns: os << ymwdi.year() << '/' << ymwdi.month() << '/' << ymwdi.weekday_indexed().
       Returns: os << format(os.getloc(), "{}/{}/", ymwdi.year(), ymwdi.month(), ymwdi.weekday_indexed()).
8
   Modify section 25.8.17.3 Non-member functions [time.cal.ymwdlast.nonmembers]:
       Returns: os << ymwdl.year() << '/' << ymwdl.month() << '/' << ymwdl.weekday last(.
       Returns: os << format(os.getloc(), "{}/{}", ymwdl.year(), ymwdl.month(), ymwdl.weekday_last()).
   Modify section 25.10.7.4 Non-member functions [time.zone.zonedtime.nonmembers]:
      template<class charT, class traits, class Duration, class TimeZonePtr>
        basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
          to stream(basic ostream<charT, traits>& os, const charT* fmt,
                      const zoned_time<Duration, TimeZonePtr>& tp);
       Effects: First obtains a sys_info via tp.get_info() which for exposition purposes will be referred to
      as info. Then calls to_stream(os, fmt, tp.get_local_time(), &info.abbrev, &info.offset).
       Returns: os.
   Modify section 25.11 Formatting [time.format]:
1
       Each format overload specified in this subclause calls to_stream unqualified, so as to enable argument
      dependent lookup (6.4.2).
      template < class charT, class Streamable >
        basic string<charT>
           format(const charT* fmt, const Streamable& s);
13
       Returns: os.str().
14
       The format functions call a to stream function with a basic ostream, a formatting string specifier,
      and a Streamable argument. Each to_stream overload is customized for each Streamable type. However
      all to_stream overloads treat the formatting string specifier according to the following specification:
15
       The fmt string consists of zero or more conversion specifiers and ordinary multibyte characters. A conver-
      sion specifier consists of a % character, possibly followed by an E or 0 modifier character (described below),
      followed by a character that determines the behavior of the conversion specifier. All ordinary multibyte
```

characters (excluding the terminating null character) are streamed unchanged into the basic_ostream.

Each formatter specialization in the chrono library (25.2) satisfies the *Formatter* requirements ([formatter.requirements]).

The parse member functions of these formatters treat the formatting string according to the following specification:

```
format-spec
                ::= [[fill] align] [width] [conversion-spec [chrono-specs]]
chrono-specs
                ::= chrono-spec [chrono-specs]
                ::= literal-char | conversion-spec
chrono-spec
literal-char
                ::= <a character other than '{' or '}'>
conversion-spec ::= '%' [modifier] type
modifier
                ::= 'E' | 'O'
                ::= 'a' | 'A' | 'b' | 'B' | 'c' | 'C' | 'd' | 'D' | 'e' | 'F' | 'g' |
type
                    'G' | 'h' | 'H' | 'I' | 'j' | 'm' | 'M' | 'n' | 'p' | 'r' | 'R' |
                    'S' | 't' | 'T' | 'u' | 'U' | 'V' | 'w' | 'W' | 'x' | 'X' | 'v' |
                    'Y' | 'z' | 'Z' | '%'
```

fill, align, and width are described in Section [format.functions]. All ordinary multibyte characters represented by literal-char are copied unchanged to the output.

Each conversion specifier is replaced by appropriate characters as described in Table 88. Some of the conversion specifiers depend on the locale which is imbued to the basic_ostream. If the Streamable object does not contain the information the conversion specifier refers to, the value streamed to the basic_ostream is unspecified.

Each conversion specifier conversion-spec is replaced by appropriate characters as described in Table 88. Some of the conversion specifiers depend on the locale which is passed to the formatting function if the latter takes one or the global locale otherwise. If the formatted object does not contain the information the conversion specifier refers to, the value written to the output is unspecified.

Unless explicitly specified, Streamable types will not contain time zone abbreviation and time zone offset information. If available, the conversion specifiers %Z and %z will format this information (respectively). If the information is not available, and %Z or %z are contained in fmt, os.setstate(ios_base::failbit) shall be called.

Unless explicitly specified, formatted chrono types will not contain time zone abbreviation and time zone offset information. If available, the conversion specifiers %Z and %z will format this information (respectively). If the information is not available, and %Z or %z are contained in format-spec, format_error shall be thrown.

Table 88 – Meaning of format conversion specifiers

Specifier	Replacement
%a	The locale's abbreviated weekday name. If the value does not contain a valid weekday, setstate(ios::failbit) is called format_error is thrown.
%A	The locale's full weekday name. If the value does not contain a valid weekday, setstate(ios::failbit) is called format_error is thrown.
%b	The locale's abbreviated month name. If the value does not contain a valid month, setstate(ios::failbit) is called format_error is thrown.
TODO	remaining conversion specifiers

If the format specification contains no conversion specifiers then the chrono object is formatted as if by streaming it to std::ostringstream os and copying os.str() through the output iterator of the context with additional padding and adjustments as per format specifiers.

```
[Example:
  string s = format("{:>8}", 42ms); // s == "
                                                       42ms"
— end example]
template<class Duration, class charT>
  struct formatter<chrono::sys time<Duration>, charT>;
If %Z is used, it will be replaced with "UTC" widened to chart. If %z is used (or a modified variant of %z),
an offset of Omin will be formatted.
template<class Duration, class charT>
  struct formatter<chrono::utc_time<Duration>, charT>;
If %Z is used, it will be replaced with "UTC" widened to charT. If %z is used (or a modified variant of
%z), an offset of Omin will be formatted. If tp represents a time during a leap second insertion, and if a
seconds field is formatted, the integral portion of that format shall be "60" widened to charT.
template < class Duration, class charT>
  struct formatter<chrono::tai_time<Duration>, charT>;
If %Z is used, it will be replaced with "TAI". If %z is used (or a modified variant of %z), an offset of Omin
will be formatted. The date and time formatted shall be equivalent to that formatted by a sys time
initialized with:
sys_time<Duration>{tp.time_since_epoch()} -
  (sys days{1970y/January/1} - sys days{1958y/January/1})
template < class Duration, class charT>
  struct formatter<chrono::gps_time<Duration>, charT>;
If %Z is used, it will be replaced with "GPS". If %z is used (or a modified variant of %z), an offset of Omin
will be formatted. The date and time formatted shall be equivalent to that formatted by a sys_time
initialized with:
sys_time<Duration>{tp.time_since_epoch()} +
  (sys_days{1980y/January/Sunday[1]} - sys_days{1970y/January/1})
template < class Duration, class charT>
  struct formatter<chrono::file_time<Duration>, charT>;
If %Z is used, it will be replaced with "UTC" widened to chart. If %z is used > (or a modified variant of
%z), an offset of Omin will be formatted. The > date and time formatted shall be equivalent to that
formatted by a sys_time initialized with clock_cast<system_clock>(tp), or by a utc_time initialized
with clock_cast<utc_clock>(tp).
template < class Duration, class charT>
  struct formatter<chrono::local time<Duration>, charT>;
If %Z, %z, or a modified version of %z is used, format error shall be thrown.
template<class Duration> struct local_time_format_t { // exposition-only
  local_time<Duration> time;
  const string* abbrev;
  const seconds* offset_sec;
};
template < class Duration >
```

local_time_format_t<Duration>

```
local_time_format(local_time<Duration> time, const string* abbrev = nullptr,
                       const seconds* offset_sec = nullptr);
Returns: {time, abbrev, offset_sec}.
template<class Duration, class charT>
  struct formatter<chrono::local time format t<Duration>, charT>;
Let f be a local_time_format_t<Duration> object passed to formatter::format. If %Z is used, it will
be replaced with *f.abbrev if f.abbrev is not equal to nullptr. If f.abbrev is equal to nullptr (and
%Z is used), format_error shall be thrown. If %z is used (or a modified variant of %z), it will be formatted
with the value of *f.offset_sec if f.offset_sec is not equal to nullptr. If %z (or a modified variant
of %z) is used, and f.offset_sec is equal to nullptr, then format_error shall be thrown.
template < class Duration, class TimeZonePtr, class charT>
  struct formatter<chrono::zoned_time<Duration, TimeZonePtr>, charT>
    : formatter<chrono::local_time_format_t<Duration>, charT> {
  template <typename FormatContext>
    typename FormatContext::iterator
      format(const chrono::zoned_time<Duration, TimeZonePtr>& tp, FormatContext& ctx);
};
template <typename FormatContext>
  typename FormatContext::iterator
    format(const chrono::zoned_time<Duration, TimeZonePtr>& tp, FormatContext& ctx);
Effects: First obtains a sys_info via tp.get_info() which for exposition purposes will be referred
to as info. Then returns formatter<chrono::local_time_format_t<Duration>, charT>::format(
{tp.get_local_time(), &info.abbrev, &info.offset}, ctx).
```

4.1 Changes to P0645 Text Formatting

The wording in this section is based on [P0645].

Modify section 19.20.1 Header <format> synopsis [format.syn]:

```
template<class... Args>
    wstring format(wstring_view fmt, const Args&... args);
+ template<class... Args>
+    string format(const locale& loc, string_view fmt, const Args&... args);
+ template<class... Args>
+    wstring format(const locale& loc, wstring_view fmt, const Args&... args);
...

wstring vformat(wstring_view fmt, wformat_args args);
+ string vformat(const locale& loc, string_view fmt, format_args args);
+ wstring vformat(const locale& loc, wstring_view fmt, wformat_args args);
...

template<OutputIterator<const wchar_t&> 0, class... Args>
    0 format_to(0 out, wstring_view fmt, const Args&... args);
+ template<OutputIterator<const char&> 0, class... Args>
+    0 format_to(0 out, const locale& loc, string_view fmt, const Args&... args);
```

```
+ template<OutputIterator<const wchar_t&> O, class... Args>
+ O format_to(O out, const locale& loc, wstring_view fmt, const Args&... args);
  template<OutputIterator<const wchar_t&> 0>
   0 vformat_to(0 out, wstring_view fmt, format_args_t<0, wchar_t> args);
+ template<OutputIterator<const char&> 0>
  O vformat_to(O out, const locale& loc, string_view fmt,
                 format_args_t<0, char> args);
+ template<OutputIterator<const wchar_t&> 0>
  0 vformat_to(0 out, const locale& loc, wstring_view fmt,
                 format_args_t<0, wchar_t> args);
  template<OutputIterator<const char&> 0, class... Args>
   format_to_n_result<0> format_to_n(0 out, iter_difference_t<0> n,
                                      string_view fmt, const Args&... args);
+ template<OutputIterator<const char&> 0, class... Args>
   format_to_n_result<0> format_to_n(0 out, iter_difference_t<0> n,
                                      const locale& loc, string_view fmt,
                                      const Args&... args);
+
+ template<OutputIterator<const wchar_t&> 0, class... Args>
   format_to_n_result<0> format_to_n(0 out, iter_difference_t<0> n,
                                      const locale& loc, wstring_view fmt,
+
+
                                      const Args&... args);
. . .
 template<class... Args>
    size_t formatted_size(wstring_view fmt, const Args&... args);
+ template < class... Args >
  size_t formatted_size(const locale& loc, string_view fmt,
                          const Args&... args);
+ template<class... Args>
  size_t formatted_size(const locale& loc, wstring_view fmt,
                          const Args&... args);
Modify section 19.20.2 Formatting functions [format.functions]:
  template<class... Args>
    string format(const locale& loc, string_view fmt, const Args&... args);
  Returns: vformat(loc, fmt, make_format_args(args...)).
  template<class... Args>
    wstring format(const locale& loc, wstring_view fmt, const Args&... args);
  Returns: vformat(loc, fmt, make_wformat_args(args...)).
  string vformat(const locale& loc, string_view fmt, format_args args);
```

Returns: A string object holding the character representation of formatting arguments provided by args formatted according to specifications given in fmt using loc for locale-specific formatting.

Throws: format_error if fmt is not a valid format string.

TODO: remaining functions

Modify section 19.20.3.3 Class template basic_format_context [format.context]:

std::locale locale();

Returns: The locale passed to a formatting function if the latter takes one or std::locale() otherwise.

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