User-defined Literals for Standard Library Types

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1 Introduction

The standard library is lacking pre-defined user-defined literals, even though the standard reserves names not starting with an underscore for it. Even the sequence of papers that introduced UDL to the standard contained useful examples of suffixes for creating values of standard types such as s for std::string, b for binary representation of integers and i for imaginary parts of complex numbers.

Discussion on the reflector in May 2012 showed demand for some or even many pre-defined UDL operators in the standard library, however, there was no consensus how far to go and how to resolve conflicts in naming. One can summarize the requirements of the discussion as follows:

- use a namespace for a (group of related) UDL operator(s)

- use a namespace within `std` for all such UDL namespaces, `std::suffixes` was suggested

- ISO units would be nice to have, but some might conflict with existing syntax, such as F, l, lm, lx, "(seconds) or cannot be represented easily in all fonts, such as Ω or °C.

- s was proposed for `std::string` but is also ISO standard for seconds and could be convenient for `std::chrono::duration` values.

- an UDL for constructing `std::string` literals should not allocate memory, but use a `str_ref` type, once some like that is available in the standard.

- any proposal that is made for adding user-defined literal functions to the standard library will evoke some discussion.

- Alberto Ganesh Barbati ¡albertobarbati@gmail.com¿ suggested to provide the number parsing facility to be used by UDL template operators should be exported, so that authors of UDL suffixes could reuse it.

Based on this discussion this paper proposes to include UDL operators for the following library components.

- `unsigned` integers, suffix `b` plus further suffixes denoting resulting types as for integral constants in namespace `std::suffixes::binary`

- `std::basic_string`, suffix `s` in namespace `std::suffixes::string`

- `std::complex`, suffixes `i`, `li`, `fi`, `r`, `lr`, `fr` in namespace `std::suffixes::complex`

- `std::chrono::duration`, suffixes `h, min, s, ms, us, ns` in namespace `std::suffixes::chrono`

1.1 Rationale

User-defined literal operators (UDL) are a new features of C++11. However, while the feature is there it is not yet used by the standard library of C++11. The papers introducing UDL already named a few examples where source code could benefit from pre-defined UDL operators in the library, such as binary number, imaginary number, or std::string literals.

Fortunately the C++11 standard already reserved UDL names not starting with an underscore '_' for future standardization.

In addition to a facility for binary literals for integral values, several library classes representing scalar or numeric types can benefit from pre-defined UDL operators that ease their use: `std::complex` and `std::chrono::duration`. Also std::basic_string¡CharT¿ instantiations are a viable candidate for a suffix `operator "" s(CharT const*, size_-t)`.

During the creation of this paper, it became apparent that a mechanism for parsing integral values from UDL operator template can be useful in its own, so that implementers of their own UDL operators can reuse it. A further observation from implementing binary literals was, that to mimic the mechanism of the compiler to automatically select a best fitting integral type, based on the literal's value can be reused as well in similar UDL operators. The last mechanism actually requires parsing integral values by UDL operator templates to retain the value as a compile-time constant. This would get lost if the UDL operator taking an `unsigned long long` would have been chosen.

1.2 Open Issues

1.2.1 Suffixes Utilities

It has to be decided if the utilities for implementing UDL suffix operators with integers should be standardized.

Especially the `constexpr unsigned long long pow(unsigned, size_t)` function might be put somewhere else, because it is actually unrelated and might not be standardized at all. I started out with the classic recursive template class with a static const value member, before I recognized that a compile-time `pow()` for small integer bases is actually what is needed.

The template `select_int_type` might be a candidate for the clause [meta.type.synop], aka header `<type_traits>`.

1.2.2   Upper-case versions of suffixes

While it seems useful and symmetric to provide upper case variations of suffixes `u`, `l`, `ll`, `ull` as allowed for integral constants, it needs to be discussed if also 'b' should vary in case accordingly and thus doubling the number of overloaded UDL operators.

Similar discussions might be needed for complex numbers suffixes.

I have the opinion we should stick for lower case only for strings and chrono suffixes.

1.2.3   Suffix r for real-part only std::complex numbers

It needs to be discussed if this set of suffixes (r, lr, fr, R, LR, FR) for complex numbers with a real part only is actually required and useful. If all viable overloaded versions of constexpr operators are available for std::complex they might not be needed.

1.3   Acknowledgements

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2   Possible Implementation

This section shows some possible implementations of the user-defined-literals proposed.

2.1   integer parsing

For its usage, seee the implementation of `std::chrono::duration` literals.

```
#ifndef SUFFIXESPARSENUMBERS_H_
#define SUFFIXESPARSENUMBERS_H_
#include <cstddef>
namespace std {
```

```cpp
namespace suffixes {
namespace parse_int {

template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int{
    static_assert(base<=16u,"only support up to hexadecimal");
    static_assert(! sizeof...(Digits), "invalid integral constant");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value=0;
};

template <char... Digits>
struct base_dispatch;

template <char... Digits>
struct base_dispatch<'0','x',Digits...>{
    static constexpr unsigned long long value=parse_int<16u,Digits...>::value;
};
template <char... Digits>
struct base_dispatch<'0','X',Digits...>{
    static constexpr unsigned long long value=parse_int<16u,Digits...>::value;
};
template <char... Digits>
struct base_dispatch<'0',Digits...>{
    static constexpr unsigned long long value=parse_int<8u,Digits...>::value;
};
template <char... Digits>
struct base_dispatch{
    static constexpr unsigned long long value=parse_int<10u,Digits...>::value;
};

constexpr unsigned long long
pow(unsigned base, size_t to) {
    return to?base * pow(base,to-1):1;
}

template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'0',Digits...>{
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'1',Digits...>{
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 1 *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                               + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'2',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>2,"invalid digit");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 2 *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                               + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
```

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```cpp
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'3',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>3,"invalid digit");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 3 *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                               + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'4',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>4,"invalid digit");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 4 *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                               + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'5',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>5,"invalid digit");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 5 *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                               + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'6',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>6,"invalid digit");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 6 *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                               + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'7',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>7,"invalid digit");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 7 *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                               + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'8',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>8,"invalid digit");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 8 *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                               + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'9',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>9,"invalid digit");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 9 *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                               + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'a',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>0xa,"invalid digit");

    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 0xa *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                               + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
```

```
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'b',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>0xb,"invalid digit");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 0xb *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                              + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'c',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>0xc,"invalid digit");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 0xc *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                              + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'d',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>0xd,"invalid digit");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 0xd *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                              + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'e',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>0xe,"invalid digit");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 0xe *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                              + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'f',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>0xf,"invalid digit");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 0xf *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                              + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'A',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>0xA,"invalid digit");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 0xa *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                              + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'B',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>0xB,"invalid digit");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 0xb *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                              + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'C',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>0xC,"invalid digit");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 0xc *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                              + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
```

```
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'D',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>0xD,"invalid digit");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 0xd *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                              + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'E',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>0xE,"invalid digit");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 0xe *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                              + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int<base,'F',Digits...>{
    static_assert(base>0xF,"invalid digit");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value{ 0xf *pow(base,sizeof...(Digits))
                                              + parse_int<base,Digits...>::value};
};
}
}
}
#endif /* SUFFIXESPARSENUMBERS_H_ */
```

2.2   integral type fitting

For its usage, see the implementation of binary literals.

```
#ifndef SELECT_INT_TYPE_H_
#define SELECT_INT_TYPE_H_
#include <type_traits>
#include <limits>

namespace std {
namespace suffixes {
namespace select_int_type {

template <unsigned long long val, typename... INTS>
struct select_int_type;

template <unsigned long long val, typename INTTYPE, typename... INTS>
struct select_int_type<val,INTTYPE,INTS...>:conditional<
    val<=static_cast<unsigned long long>(std::numeric_limits<INTTYPE>::max())
    ,INTTYPE
    ,typename select_int_type<val,INTS...>::type >{
    static typename select_int_type::type const
        value{ static_cast<typename select_int_type::type>(val) };
};
```

```
template <unsigned long long val>
struct select_int_type<val>{
    typedef unsigned long long type;
    static type const value{  val };
};


}}}
#endif /* SELECT_INT_TYPE_H_ */
```

2.3   binary

```
#ifndef BINARY_H_
#define BINARY_H_
#include <limits>
#include <type_traits>
#include "select_int_type.h"
namespace std{
namespace suffixes{
namespace binary{
namespace __impl{

template <char... Digits>
struct bitsImpl{
    static_assert(! sizeof...(Digits),
            "binary literal digits must be 0 or 1");
    static constexpr unsigned long long value=0;
};

template <char... Digits>
struct bitsImpl<'0',Digits...>{
    static constexpr unsigned long long value=bitsImpl<Digits...>::value;
};

template <char... Digits>
struct bitsImpl<'1',Digits...>{
    static constexpr unsigned long long value=
            bitsImpl<Digits...>::value|(1ULL<<sizeof...(Digits));
};
using std::suffixes::select_int_type::select_int_type;
}


template <char... Digits>
constexpr typename
__impl::select_int_type<__impl::bitsImpl<Digits...>::value,
      int, unsigned, long, unsigned long, long long>::type
operator"" b(){
```

```cpp
    return     __impl::select_int_type<__impl::bitsImpl<Digits...>::value,
            int, unsigned, long, unsigned long, long long>::value;
}
template <char... Digits>
constexpr typename
__impl::select_int_type<__impl::bitsImpl<Digits...>::value,
      long, unsigned long, long long>::type
operator"" bl(){
    return     __impl::select_int_type<__impl::bitsImpl<Digits...>::value,
                  long, unsigned long, long long>::value;
}
template <char... Digits>
constexpr auto
operator"" bL() -> decltype(operator "" bl<Digits...>()){
    return     operator "" bl<Digits...>();
}

template <char... Digits>
constexpr typename
__impl::select_int_type<__impl::bitsImpl<Digits...>::value,
      long long>::type
operator"" bll(){
    return     __impl::select_int_type<__impl::bitsImpl<Digits...>::value,
                  long long>::value;
}
template <char... Digits>
constexpr auto
operator"" bLL() -> decltype(operator "" bll<Digits...>()){
    return     operator "" bll<Digits...>();
}

template <char... Digits>
constexpr typename
__impl::select_int_type<__impl::bitsImpl<Digits...>::value,
      unsigned, unsigned long>::type
operator"" bu(){
    return     __impl::select_int_type<__impl::bitsImpl<Digits...>::value,
                  unsigned, unsigned long>::value;
}

template <char... Digits>
constexpr auto
operator"" bU() -> decltype(operator "" bu<Digits...>()){
    return     operator "" bu<Digits...>();
}

template <char... Digits>
constexpr typename
__impl::select_int_type<__impl::bitsImpl<Digits...>::value,
```

```cpp
        unsigned long>::type
operator"" bul(){
    return     __impl::select_int_type<__impl::bitsImpl<Digits...>::value,
               unsigned long>::value;
}
template <char... Digits>
constexpr auto
operator"" bUL() -> decltype(operator "" bul<Digits...>()){
    return     operator "" bul<Digits...>();
}
template <char... Digits>
constexpr auto
operator"" buL() -> decltype(operator "" bul<Digits...>()){
    return     operator "" bul<Digits...>();
}
template <char... Digits>
constexpr auto
operator"" bUl() -> decltype(operator "" bul<Digits...>()){
    return     operator "" bul<Digits...>();
}
template <char... Digits>
constexpr unsigned long long
operator"" bull(){
    return __impl::bitsImpl<Digits...>::value;
}
template <char... Digits>
constexpr unsigned long long
operator"" bULL(){
    return __impl::bitsImpl<Digits...>::value;
}
template <char... Digits>
constexpr unsigned long long
operator"" buLL(){
    return __impl::bitsImpl<Digits...>::value;
}
template <char... Digits>
constexpr unsigned long long
operator"" bUll(){
    return __impl::bitsImpl<Digits...>::value;
}


} // binary
} //suffixes
} // std
#endif /* BINARY_H_ */
```

2.4   basic_string

```
#ifndef STRING_SUFFIX_H_
#define STRING_SUFFIX_H_
#include <string>
namespace std{
namespace suffixes{
namespace string{
#if 0 // less typing variant
#define __MAKE_SUFFIX_S(CHAR) \
    basic_string<CHAR>\
operator "" s(CHAR const *str, size_t len){\
    return basic_string<CHAR>(str,len);\
}

__MAKE_SUFFIX_S(char)
__MAKE_SUFFIX_S(wchar_t)
__MAKE_SUFFIX_S(char16_t)
__MAKE_SUFFIX_S(char32_t)
#undef __MAKE_SUFFIX
#else // copy-paste version for proposal

basic_string<char>
operator "" s(char const *str, size_t len){
    return basic_string<char>(str,len);
}
basic_string<wchar_t>
operator "" s(wchar_t const *str, size_t len){
    return basic_string<wchar_t>(str,len);
}
basic_string<char16_t>
operator "" s(char16_t const *str, size_t len){
    return basic_string<char16_t>(str,len);
}
basic_string<char32_t>
operator "" s(char32_t const *str, size_t len){
    return basic_string<char32_t>(str,len);
}

#endif
}
}
}
#endif /* STRING_SUFFIX_H_ */
```

2.5 std::complex

```
namespace std{
namespace suffixes{
namespace complex{
constexpr
```

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```cpp
std::complex<long double> operator"" _li(long double d){
    return std::complex<long double>{0,d};
}
constexpr
std::complex<long double> operator"" _li(unsigned long long d){
    return std::complex<long double>{0,static_cast<long double>(d)};
}
constexpr
std::complex<long double> operator"" _lr(long double d){
    return std::complex<long double>{d,0};
}
constexpr
std::complex<long double> operator"" _lr(unsigned long long d){
    return std::complex<long double>{static_cast<long double>(d),0};
}
constexpr
std::complex<double> operator"" _i(long double d){
    return std::complex<double>{0,static_cast<double>(d)};
}
constexpr
std::complex<double> operator"" _i(unsigned long long d){
    return std::complex<double>{0,static_cast<double>(d)};
}
constexpr
std::complex<double> operator"" _r(long double d){
    return std::complex<double>{static_cast<double>(d),0};
}
constexpr
std::complex<double> operator"" _r(unsigned long long d){
    return std::complex<double>{static_cast<double>(d),0};
}
constexpr
std::complex<float> operator"" _fi(long double d){
    return std::complex<float>{0,static_cast<float>(d)};
}
constexpr
std::complex<float> operator"" _fi(unsigned long long d){
    return std::complex<float>{0,static_cast<float>(d)};
}
constexpr
std::complex<float> operator"" _fr(long double d){
    return std::complex<float>{static_cast<float>(d),0};
}
constexpr
std::complex<float> operator"" _fr(unsigned long long d){
    return std::complex<float>{static_cast<float>(d),0};
}
}
}
```

```
}
```

2.6   duration

```
#ifndef CHRONO_SUFFIX_H_
#define CHRONO_SUFFIX_H_
#include <chrono>
#include <limits>
#include "suffixes_parse_integers.h"
namespace std {
namespace suffixes {
namespace chrono {

namespace __impl {
using namespace std::suffixes::parse_int;

template <unsigned long long val, typename DUR>
struct select_type:
    conditional<val <=
      static_cast<unsigned long long>(std::numeric_limits<typename DUR::rep>::max())
    , DUR
    , void > {
        static constexpr typename select_type::type
            value{ static_cast<typename select_type::type>(val) };
    };
}

template <char... Digits>
constexpr typename
__impl::select_type<__impl::base_dispatch<Digits...>::value,std::chrono::hours>::type
operator"" h(){
    return  __impl::select_type<__impl::base_dispatch<Digits...>::value,
                std::chrono::hours>::value;
}
constexpr std::chrono::duration<long double, ratio<3600,1>> operator"" h(long double hours){
    return std::chrono::duration<long double,ratio<3600,1>>{hours};
}
template <char... Digits>
constexpr typename
__impl::select_type<__impl::base_dispatch<Digits...>::value,std::chrono::minutes>::type
operator"" min(){
    return __impl::select_type<__impl::base_dispatch<Digits...>::value,
                std::chrono::minutes>::value;
}
constexpr std::chrono::duration<long double, ratio<60,1>> operator"" min(long double min){
    return std::chrono::duration<long double,ratio<60,1>>{min};
}

template <char... Digits>
```

```cpp
constexpr typename
__impl::select_type<__impl::base_dispatch<Digits...>::value,std::chrono::seconds>::type
operator"" s(){
    return __impl::select_type<__impl::base_dispatch<Digits...>::value,
                std::chrono::seconds>::value;
}
constexpr std::chrono::duration<long double, ratio<1,1>> operator"" s(long double sec){
    return std::chrono::duration<long double,ratio<1,1>>{sec};
}

template <char... Digits>
constexpr typename
__impl::select_type<__impl::base_dispatch<Digits...>::value,std::chrono::milliseconds>::type
operator"" ms(){
    return __impl::select_type<__impl::base_dispatch<Digits...>::value,
                std::chrono::milliseconds>::value;
}
constexpr std::chrono::duration<long double, ratio<1,1000>> operator"" ms(long double msec)
    return std::chrono::duration<long double,ratio<1,1000>>{msec};
}

template <char... Digits>
constexpr typename
__impl::select_type<__impl::base_dispatch<Digits...>::value,std::chrono::microseconds>::type
operator"" us(){
    return __impl::select_type<__impl::base_dispatch<Digits...>::value,
                std::chrono::microseconds>::value;
}
constexpr std::chrono::duration<long double, ratio<1,1000000>> operator"" us(long double use
    return std::chrono::duration<long double,ratio<1,1000000>>{usec};
}

template <char... Digits>
constexpr typename
__impl::select_type<__impl::base_dispatch<Digits...>::value,std::chrono::nanoseconds>::type
operator"" ns(){
    return __impl::select_type<__impl::base_dispatch<Digits...>::value,
                std::chrono::nanoseconds>::value;
}
constexpr std::chrono::duration<long double, ratio<1,1000000000>> operator"" ns(long double
    return std::chrono::duration<long double,ratio<1,1000000000>>{nsec};
}
}
}
}
#endif /* CHRONO_SUFFIX_H_ */
```

3 Proposed Library Additions

It must be decided in which section to actually put the proposed changes. I suggest we add them to the corresponding library parts, where appropriate.

3.1 namespace suffixes for collecting standard UDLs

As a common schema this paper proposes to put all suffixes for user defined literals in separate namespaces that are below the namespace `std::suffixes`.

3.2 Suffixes Integer Parsing Utilities

Append a subclause [suffixes.parseint] to clause [utilities] and expand the table in [utilities.general] accordingly. Insert the subclause [suffixes.parseint]

3.3 Parsing integer literals   [suffixes.parseint]

1   This subclause contains helper template classes for implementing template user-defined literal operators for parsing integer literals.

Header `<suffix_parse>` synopsis

```
namespace std {
namespace suffixes {

template <char... Digits>
struct base_dispatch;

template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int;

} // suffixes

constexpr unsigned long long
pow(unsigned base, size_t to);

} // std
```

2   The class templates `base_dispatch` and `parse_int` are intended to be used by implementors of a user-defined-literal operator template for parsing integral values. They both provide a `static constexpr unsigned long long` member variable named `value`. Class template `parse_int` can be used when the numerical base is known and not to be determined from `Digits`..⁴.. The class template `base_dispatch` will determine the numerical base to be used like the compiler does with integral literals, i.e., a number starting with `0` (zero) will be considered octal, a number starting with `0x` or `0X` will be considered hexadecimal and all other numbers will be considered decimal. The compile-time evaluated function `pow` is used to perform the positional calculation $base^{power}$ within `parse_int`.

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[*Example:*

```
template <char... Digits>
constexpr  unsigned long long
operator"" _testit(){
    return std::suffixes::base_dispatch<Digits...>::value;
}

constexpr auto a = 123_testit;    // value 123
constexpr auto b = 0123_testit;   // value 0123
constexpr auto c = 0x123_testit; // value 0x123
```

— *end example*]

```
template <char... Digits>
struct base_dispatch;
```

6   *Effects:* Creates an integral constant as its `static constexpr` member variable `value` which is of type `unsigned long long` with the value determined from the first or first two `char` values in `Digits...` as described below.

7   If `Digits...` starts with `'0'`, `'x'` or `'0'`, `'X'` the remaining characters are parsed as a hexadecimal number. If there are no such subsequent characters or `Digits...` contains characters beyond those for hexadecimal literals the program is ill formed.

8   If `Digits...` starts with `'0'` the remaining characters are parsed as an octal number. If there are characters in `Digits...` that are not octal digits (`'0'`-`'7'`) the program is ill-formed.

9   Otherwise `Digits...` is interpreted as a decimal number. If there are characters in `Digits...` that are not decimal digits, the program is ill formed.

```
template <unsigned base, char... Digits>
struct parse_int;
```

10   *Requires:* `base > 1 && base <= 16` *Effects:* Creates an integral constant as its `static constexpr` member variable `value` which is of type `unsigned long long` with the value determined by parsing `Digits...` as an integer literal of the given `base`.

12   If `Digits...` contains characters outside the digits of the given base, the program is ill-formed.

[*Example:*

```
template <char... Digits>
constexpr  unsigned long long
operator"" _ternary(){
    return std::suffixes::parse_int<3,Digits...>::value;
}
```

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```
        constexpr auto three= 010_ternary;
        static_assert(three==3, "_ternary should be three-based");
        constexpr auto invalid=3_ternary; // ill-formed.
```

— end example]

```
constexpr unsigned long long
pow(unsigned base, size_t to) ;
```

13   *Requires:* `base > 1 && base <=16`

14   *Returns:* `to ?  base * pow(base,to-1) :   1`

15   Overflow is undetected.

3.4   Integer Constant Type Selection

Append a subclause [suffixes.selectinttype] to clause [utilities] and expand the table in [utilities.general] accordingly. Insert the subclause [suffixes.selectinttype]

3.5   Select Matching Type for Integer Constants [suffixes.selectinttype]

1   This subclause contains helper template classes for performing the determination of the type of integer literals as in clause [lex.icon] p 2.

Header `<select_int_type>` synopsis

```
namespace std {

template <unsigned long long val, typename... INTS>
struct select_int_type;
}
```

[*Example:* The class template will be used with a list of integral types as those given in clause [lex.icon] p 2 in one of the table 6. The following code demonstrates its use.

```
using std::select_int_type;
template <unsigned long long val>
constexpr
typename select_int_type<val,
short, int, long long>::type
foo() {
    return  select_int_type<val,
            short, int, long long>::value;
}
static_assert(std::is_same<decltype(foo<100>()), short>::value,"foo<100>() is short");
static_assert(std::is_same<decltype(foo<0x10000>()), int>::value,"foo<0x10000>() is int");
static_assert(std::is_same<decltype(foo<0x100000000000>()), long long>::value,"foo<0x100000000000>
```

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— end example]

```
template <unsigned long long val, typename... INTS>
struct select_int_type;
```

2   *Requires:* INTS... must consist of a list of integral types T_i where `numeric_-limits<T_i>::max()` is less or equal of `numeric_limits<T_{i+1}>::max()`.

3   *Effects:* The member `type` of `select_int_type` corresponds to the first type `T` in INTS... where `val <= static_cast<unsigned long long>(numeric_limits<T>::max())`. If no such type exists the member `type` is `unsigned long long`.

4   The member `value` is of type `select_int_type::type` and its value is val.

    [*Note:* No overflow can occur. *— end note*]

3.6   operator"" b() etc. for binary integer literals

Append a subclause [suffixes.binary] to clause [utilities] and expand the table in [utilities.general] accordingly.

    Insert the subclause [suffixes.binary]

3.7   Binary integer literals   [suffixes.binary]

1 This subclause contains user-defined literal operators for representing binary encoded integer literals.

    Header `<suffix_binary>` synopsis

```
namespace std{
namespace suffixes{
namespace binary{

template <char... Digits>
constexpr see below
operator"" b();
template <char... Digits>
constexpr see below
operator"" bu();
template <char... Digits>
constexpr see below
operator"" bU();
template <char... Digits>
constexpr see below
operator"" bl();
template <char... Digits>
constexpr see below
operator"" bL();
template <char... Digits>
```

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```
        constexpr see below
        operator"" buL();
        template <char... Digits>
        constexpr see below
        operator"" buL();
        template <char... Digits>
        constexpr see below
        operator"" bll();
        template <char... Digits>
        constexpr see below
        operator"" bLL();
        template <char... Digits>
        constexpr unsigned long long
        operator"" bull();
        template <char... Digits>
        constexpr unsigned long long
        operator"" buLL();
        template <char... Digits>
        constexpr unsigned long long
        operator"" bUll();
        template <char... Digits>
        constexpr unsigned long long
        operator"" bULL();
    } // binary
    } //suffixes
    } // std
```

2   A binary integer literal is a sequence of the binary digits '0' (zero) or '1' (one) that
    is followed by one of the suffixes in namespace `std::suffixes::binary`. If there is any
    other digit in a binary integer literal the program is ill-formed. The lexically first digit
    of the sequence of digits is the most significant. The sequence of binary digits forming a
    binary literal create an integral value that corresponds to its interpretation as a binary
    number.

3   The type of the binary literal is determined from the its value and the additional suffix
    (`u`, `l`, `ul`, `ull` and their uppercase variants as with other integer literals) to `b` like the
    determination of the type of octal integer literals in clause [lex.icon] p 2.

4   [*Example:* The following code shows some binary literals. The type of xll is adjusted
    due to its large value, assuming `sizeof(long) < 8` and `char` as octet.

```
{
    using namespace std::suffixes::binary;
    auto x=100b; // int x=4
    auto y=1000bu; // unsigned y=8
    auto xll=0111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111111b;
        // long long xll
}
```

   — end example]

```
template <char... Digits>
constexpr see below
operator"" b();
```

5   *Effects:* Creates an integral constant with the value determined as described above.
         The return type is determined according to the first row of table 6 in clause
         [lex.icon] p 2 and the column for octal literals.

```
template <char... Digits>
constexpr see below
operator"" bu();
template <char... Digits>
constexpr see below
operator"" bU();
```

6   *Effects:* Creates an integral value determined as described above. The return type
         is determined according to the second row of table 6 in clause [lex.icon] p 2 and
         the column for octal literals.

```
template <char... Digits>
constexpr see below
operator"" bl();
template <char... Digits>
constexpr see below
operator"" bL();
```

7   *Effects:* Creates an integral value determined as described above. The return type
         is determined according to the third row of table 6 in clause [lex.icon] p 2 and the
         column for octal literals.

```
template <char... Digits>
constexpr see below
operator"" bul();
template <char... Digits>
constexpr see below
operator"" buL();
template <char... Digits>
constexpr see below
operator"" bUl();
template <char... Digits>
constexpr see below
operator"" bUL();
```

8   *Effects:* Creates an integral value determined as described above. The return type
         is determined according to the fourth row of table 6 in clause [lex.icon] p 2 and
         the column for octal literals.

```
template <char... Digits>
constexpr see below
operator"" bll();
template <char... Digits>
constexpr see below
operator"" bLL();
```

9   *Effects:* Creates an integral constant with the value determined as described above.
         The return type is determined according to the fifth row of table 6 in clause
         [lex.icon] p 2 and the column for octal literals.

```
template <char... Digits>
constexpr unsigned long long
operator"" bull();
template <char... Digits>
constexpr unsigned long long
operator"" buLL();
template <char... Digits>
constexpr unsigned long long
operator"" bUll();
template <char... Digits>
constexpr unsigned long long
operator"" bULL();
```

10   *Effects:* Creates an integral value determined as described above.

3.8   operator"" s() for basic_string

Make the following additions and changes to library clause 21 [strings] to accommodate
the user-defined literal suffix s for string literals resulting in a corresponding string object
instead of array of characters.

Insert in 21.3 [string.classes] in the synopsis at the appropriate place the namespace
std::suffixes::string

```
namespace std{
namespace suffixes{
namespace string{
basic_string<char> operator "" s(char const *str, size_t len);
basic_string<wchar_t> operator "" s(wchar_t const *str, size_t len);
basic_string<char16_t> operator "" s(char16_t const *str, size_t len);
basic_string<char32_t> operator "" s(char32_t const *str, size_t len);
}}}
```

Before subclause 21.7 [c.strings] add a new subclause [basic.string.suffixes]

3.9 Suffix for basic_string literals   [basic.string.suffixes]

```
basic_string<char> operator "" s(char const *str, size_t len);
```
1   *Returns:* `basic_string<char>{str,len}`


```
basic_string<wchar_t> operator "" s(wchar_t const *str, size_t len);
```

2   *Returns:* `basic_string<wchar_t>{str,len}`


```
basic_string<char16_t> operator "" s(char16_t const *str, size_t len);
```

3   *Returns:* `basic_string<char16_t>{str,len}`


```
basic_string<char32_t> operator "" s(char32_t const *str, size_t len);
```

4   *Returns:* `basic_string<char32_t>{str,len}`

3.10   UDL operators for std::complex

Make the following additions and changes to library subclause 26.4 [complex.numbers]
to accommodate user-defined literal suffixes for complex number literals.

Insert in subclause 26.4.1 [complex.syn] in the synopsis at the appropriate place the
namespace std::suffixes::complex

```
namespace std{
namespace suffixes{
namespace complex{
constexpr std::complex<long double> operator"" li(long double);
constexpr std::complex<long double> operator"" LI(long double);
constexpr std::complex<long double> operator"" li(unsigned long long);
constexpr std::complex<long double> operator"" LI(unsigned long long);
constexpr std::complex<long double> operator"" lr(long double);
constexpr std::complex<long double> operator"" LR(long double);
constexpr std::complex<long double> operator"" lr(unsigned long long);
constexpr std::complex<long double> operator"" LR(unsigned long long);
constexpr std::complex<double> operator"" i(long double);
constexpr std::complex<double> operator"" I(long double);
constexpr std::complex<double> operator"" i(unsigned long long);
constexpr std::complex<double> operator"" I(unsigned long long);
constexpr std::complex<double> operator"" r(long double);
constexpr std::complex<double> operator"" R(long double);
constexpr std::complex<double> operator"" r(unsigned long long);
constexpr std::complex<double> operator"" R(unsigned long long);
constexpr std::complex<float> operator"" fi(long double);
constexpr std::complex<float> operator"" FI(long double);
```

```
    constexpr std::complex<float> operator"" fi(unsigned long long);
    constexpr std::complex<float> operator"" FI(unsigned long long);
    constexpr std::complex<float> operator"" fr(long double);
    constexpr std::complex<float> operator"" FR(long double);
    constexpr std::complex<float> operator"" fr(unsigned long long);}
    constexpr std::complex<float> operator"" FR(unsigned long long);}
    }
    }
```

Append a new subclause after subclause 26.4.10 [ccmplx] as follows

3.11   Suffix for complex number literals [complex.suffixes]

1   This section describes literal suffixes for constructing complex number literals. The suffixes i, li, fi create complex numbers with their imaginary part denoted by the given literal number and the real part being zero of the types `complex<double>`, `complex<long double>`, and `complex<float>` respectively.

   The suffixes r, lr, fr create complex numbers with the real part denoted by the given literal number and the imaginary part being zero of the types `complex<double>`, `complex<long double>`, and `complex<float>` respectively.

```
constexpr std::complex<long double> operator"" li(long double d);
constexpr std::complex<long double> operator"" LI(long double d);
constexpr std::complex<long double> operator"" li(unsigned long long d);
constexpr std::complex<long double> operator"" LI(unsigned long long d);
```

2   *Effects:* Creates a complex literal as `std::complex<long double>{0.0L, static_-cast<long double>(d)}`.

```
constexpr std::complex<double> operator"" i(long double d);
constexpr std::complex<double> operator"" I(long double d);
constexpr std::complex<double> operator"" i(unsigned long long d);
constexpr std::complex<double> operator"" I(unsigned long long d);
```

3   *Effects:* Creates a complex literal as `std::complex<double>{0.0, static_cast<double>(d)}`.

```
constexpr std::complex<float> operator"" fi(long double d);
constexpr std::complex<float> operator"" FI(long double d);
constexpr std::complex<float> operator"" fi(unsigned long long d);
constexpr std::complex<float> operator"" FI(unsigned long long d);
```

4   *Effects:* Creates a complex literal as `std::complex<float>{0.0f, static_cast<float>(d)}`.

```
constexpr std::complex<long double> operator"" lr(long double d);
constexpr std::complex<long double> operator"" LR(long double d);
constexpr std::complex<long double> operator"" lr(unsigned long long d);
constexpr std::complex<long double> operator"" LR(unsigned long long d);
```

5   *Effects:* Creates a complex literal as `std::complex<long double>{static_cast<long double>(d), 0.0L}`.

```
constexpr std::complex<double> operator"" r(long double d);
constexpr std::complex<double> operator"" R(long double d);
constexpr std::complex<double> operator"" r(unsigned long long d);
constexpr std::complex<double> operator"" R(unsigned long long d);
```

6   *Effects:* Creates a complex literal as `std::complex<double>{static_cast<double>(d), 0.0}`.

```
constexpr std::complex<float> operator"" fr(long double d);
constexpr std::complex<float> operator"" FR(long double d);
constexpr std::complex<float> operator"" fr(unsigned long long d);}
constexpr std::complex<float> operator"" FR(unsigned long long d);}
```

7   *Effects:* Creates a complex literal as `std::complex<float>{static_cast<float>(d), 0.0f}`.

3.12   Suffixes for std::chrono::duration values

Make the following additions and changes to library subclause 20.11 [time] to accommodate user-defined literal suffixes for chrono::duration literals.

Insert in subclause 20.11.2 [time.syn] in the synopsis at the appropriate place the namespace std::suffixes::chrono

```
namespace std {
namespace suffixes {
namespace chrono {
constexpr
std::chrono::hours operator"" h(unsigned long long);
constexpr
std::chrono::duration<see below, ratio<3600,1>> operator"" h(long double);
constexpr
std::chrono::minutes operator"" min(unsigned long long);
constexpr
std::chrono::duration<see below, ratio<60,1>> operator"" min(long double);
constexpr
std::chrono::seconds operator"" s(unsigned long long);
constexpr
std::chrono::duration<see below, ratio<1,1>> operator"" s(long double);
constexpr
std::chrono::milliseconds operator"" ms(unsigned long long);
constexpr
std::chrono::duration<see below, ratio<1,1000>> operator"" ms(long double);
constexpr
```

```
    std::chrono::microseconds operator"" us(unsigned long long);
    constexpr
    std::chrono::duration<see below, ratio<1,1000000>> operator"" us(long double);
    constexpr
    std::chrono::nanoseconds operator"" ns(unsigned long long);
    constexpr
    std::chrono::duration<see below, ratio<1,1000000000>> operator"" ns(long double);
    }
    }
    }
```

Insert in subclause 20.11.5 [time.duration] after subclause 20.11.5.7 [time.duration.cast] a new subclause 20.11.5.8 [time.duration.suffixes] as follows.

3.12.1 Suffix for duration literals [time.duration.suffixes]

1 This section describes literal suffixes for constructing duration literals. The suffixes `h,min,s,ms,us,ns` denote duration values of the corresponding types `hours`, `minutes`, `seconds`, `miliseconds`, `microseconds`, and `nanoseconds` respectively if they are applied to integral literals.

2 If the above suffixes are applied to a floating point literal the result is a std::duration literal with an implementation-defined floating point representation.

3 If the above suffixes are applied to an integer literal and the resulting `chrono::duration` value cannot be represented in the result type because of overflow, the program is ill-formed.

4 [*Example:* The following code shows some duration literals.

```
    {
        using namespace std::suffixes::chrono;
        auto constexpr aday=24h;
        auto constexpr lesson=45min;
        auto constexpr halfanhour=0.5h;
    }
```

— *end example*]

5 [*Note:* The suffix for microseconds is `us`, but if unicode identifiers are allowed implementations are encouraged to provide μs as well. — *end note*]

```
constexpr
std::chrono::hours operator"" h(unsigned long long hours);
constexpr
std::chrono::duration<see below, ratio<3600,1>> operator"" h(long double hours);
```

6   *Effects:* Creates a `duration` literal representing `hours` hours.

```
constexpr
std::chrono::minutes operator"" min(unsigned long long min);
constexpr
std::chrono::duration<see below, ratio<60,1>> operator"" min(long double min);
```

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7   *Effects:* Creates a `duration` literal representing `min` minutes.

```
constexpr
std::chrono::seconds operator"" s(unsigned long long sec);
constexpr
std::chrono::duration<see below, ratio<1,1>> operator"" s(long double sec);
```

8   *Effects:* Creates a `duration` literal representing `sec` seconds.

[*Note:* The same suffix `s` is used for `std::basic_string` but there is no conflict, since duration suffixes always apply to numbers and string literal suffixes always apply to character array literals. — *end note*]

```
constexpr
std::chrono::milliseconds operator"" ms(unsigned long long msec);
constexpr
std::chrono::duration<see below, ratio<1,1000>> operator"" ms(long double msec);
```

9   *Effects:* Creates a `duration` literal representing `msec` milliseconds.

```
constexpr
std::chrono::microseconds operator"" us(unsigned long long usec);
constexpr
std::chrono::duration<see below, ratio<1,1000000>> operator"" us(long double usec);
```

10   *Effects:* Creates a `duration` literal representing `usec` microseconds.

```
constexpr
std::chrono::nanoseconds operator"" ns(unsigned long long nsec);
constexpr
std::chrono::duration<see below, ratio<1,1000000000>> operator"" ns(long double nsec);
```

11   *Effects:* Creates a `duration` literal representing `nsec` nanoseconds.