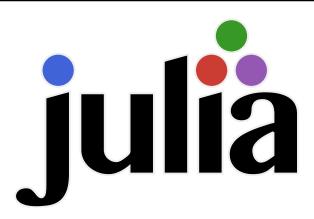
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Project Proposal



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2. Benefits to Community

3. Deliverables

Through this project, I aim to expose a larger portion of the C++ standard library to Julia.

3.1. Primary Goals

3.1.1. Add STL Container Types

The following containers, along with their commonly used methods, will be added

- std::set
- std::multiset
- std::stack
- std::priority_queue
- std::unordered_set
- std::unordered_multiset
- std::bitset
- std::list
- std::forward_list

3.1.2. Add STL Algorithms

The following algorithms will be added

- std::ranges::lower_bound
- std::ranges::upper_bound
- std::ranges::binary_search
- std::ranges::sort
- std::ranges::stable_sort
- std::ranges::max
- std::ranges::max_element
- std:;ranges::min
- std::ranges::min_element
- std::ranges::minmax
- std::ranges::minmax_element
- std::ranges::clamp
- std::ranges::equal

3.1.3. Documentation

Currently, StdVector and StdString are documented. I will document the functionality of the existing containers (StdValArray, StdDeque and StdQueue) and all the new containers that I will be adding.

The algorithms being added will also be documented, along with usage examples for them.

I will also be documenting the implementation steps for exposing more of the standard library to help future contributors.

3.1.4. Testing

I will be implementing unit tests for all the containers and algorithms being added.

For integration testing on the libcxxwrap.jl component, the automated tests currently work for pull requests. I will update the testing solution such that it works outside of pull requests as well.

3.2. Stretch Goals

If time permits, I would like to make general improvements to the core of CxxWrap, and add more STL containers.

3.2.1. Add Iterator Support

Many STL algorithms depend upon the use of iterators. For this, an iterator type for containers has to be exposed from the C++ side, so that it can be used to call these algorithms from the Julia side.

3.2.2. Add more STL Container Types

These containers have been introduced in C++ 23

- std::flat_set
- std::flat_multiset

4. Project Details

4.1. Codebase

Currently, the standard library interface is implemented in a single file StdLib.jl. Since I will be adding many containers and algorithms, my first step will be modularizing the codebase. I will be splitting it into folders for containers and algorithms respectively, with appropriate files for each of them.

4.2. STL Containers

https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/container

I will be going over my plan for implementing STL containers using the example of std::queue

To implement the containers listed, I will be taking a two-step approach

4.2.1. libcxxwrap component

The functionalities to be exposed need to be wrapped in a struct on the C++ side.

For the case of std::queue, I have exposed the front, push, pop and size functionalities.

```
template<typename T>
struct WrapQueueImpl
{
   template<typename TypeWrapperT>
   static void wrap(TypeWrapperT&& wrapped)
   {
      using WrappedT = std::queue<T>;

      wrapped.module().set_override_module(StlWrappers::instance().module());
      wrapped.method("cppsize", &WrappedT::size);
      wrapped.method("push_back!", [] (WrappedT& v, const T& val) { v.push(val); });
      wrapped.method("front", [] (WrappedT& v) -> const T { return v.front(); });
      wrapped.method("pop_front!", [] (WrappedT& v) { v.pop(); });
      wrapped.module().unset_override_module();
   }
};
```

4.2.2. CxxWrap component

The exposed functions need to mapped to the appropriate methods on the Julia interface.

```
Base.size(v::StdQueue) = (Int(cppsize(v)),)
Base.push!(v::StdQueue, x) = push_back!(v, x)
Base.first(v::StdQueue) = front(v)
Base.pop!(v::StdQueue) = pop_front!(v)
```

4.3. STL Algorithms

https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/algorithm/ranges

I will implement STL algorithm interfaces as constrained algorithms (introduced in C++ 20) using std::ranges on the C++ side. I have chosen to do so because these abstract away iterators, and allow for passing the containers directly. This leads to a much cleaner implementation on the Julia side.

Since it is hard to cover all the STL algorithms, I have chosen the ones that are most frequently used.

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