

A freestanding Carol

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Agenda

Prelude

The ghost of emBO++ past

The ghost of emBO++ present

The ghost of emBO++ yet to come

Questions

whoami

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- ▶ Electronics Engineer by training
- ▶ Firmware pilot @ Trifork by day
- ▶ Part of SG14 almost since its inception

Story Time

For those who prefer doodling with crayons:

```
docker pull paulbendixen/freestanding-libstdcxx:14.0.1
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Embedded C++ was dead as a door nail...

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P2407	F... Library: Partial Classes	Merged
P2833	F... Library: inout expected span	LWG
P2937	F...: Remove strtok	Merged
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Any pulished paper can be found using: `http://wg21.link/{}`

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Would have been nice to have the freestanding features done in fewer papers to save time for LEWG.

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* `mdspan` is not implemented in `libstdc++` so it is also missing here

Using it today

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Contains:

- ▶ avr-g++
- ▶ arm-none-eabi-g++
- ▶ Ninja
- ▶ CMake
- ▶ CMake Toolchain files

What is yet to come

- ▶ `<chrono>`
- ▶ `<random>`
- ▶ Things coming down the line

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- ▶ Microcontroller modules

Modules

```
import std.freestanding;
int fib = 0;

int main(void)
{
    std::pair< int , int> variable{1, 0};

    while( variable.first )
    {
        std::swap( variable.first , variable.second );
        variable.first += variable.second;
        *const_cast<volatile int*>(&fib) = variable.first;
    }
}
```


*Some people laughed to see the alteration in him, but he let them laugh, and little heeded them;
for he was wise enough to know that nothing ever happened on this globe, for good, at which some people did not have their fill of laughter in the outset.*

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