The MAME story:

FROM C TO MODERN C++

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Who am 1?

Working as software developer from October 2000

Experience in C, C++, C#, Java, ...

Software architect in Levi9 – Serbia

From April 2012 coordinator of MAME project

Who we are?

About 50 active developers

Over 200 contributors

Team contains:

- experienced developers (gaming and not gaming related)
- emulation enthusiasts

Community:

- Developers of different experience
- Software dumpers
- Documentation acquirers
- Testers

What is MAME?

Multiple Arcade Machine Emulator

Nicola Salmoria started project 1997

MESS as sister project

Preservation of software

Accuracy over performance

Misconception about MAME

Made for playing free games

Is game itself

Way to sell new arcade cabinets

Perfect solution for all emulation

Platform for enhancing games

Why preservation of software is important?

Companies do not backup all their software

Things get lost

Storage mediums are unreliable

It is always easy to find just "good" and "nice" software

It is not possible to buy some software for bit older platforms

What we wish MAME is used for

Learning about old hardware

Understanding concepts from the past

Preserve hardware and software

Developing new software for old hardware

Relive your childhood

Practice ground for new C++ features

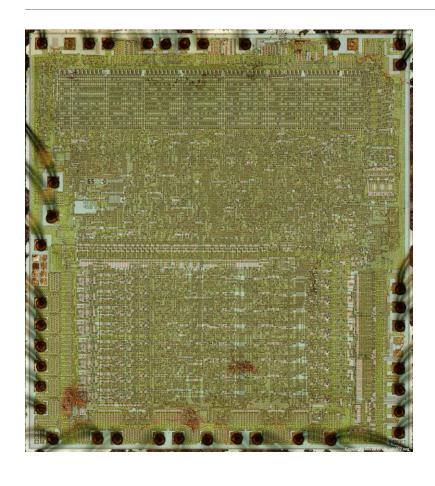
What we do not do?

Do not emulate recent hardware (if not permitted by author(s))

Do not support recent software unless permitted (min 3 year after end of production)

Do not try to improve how things look and work

What we actually do?





C++ CODE

http://siliconpr0n.org/

http://www.visual6502.org/

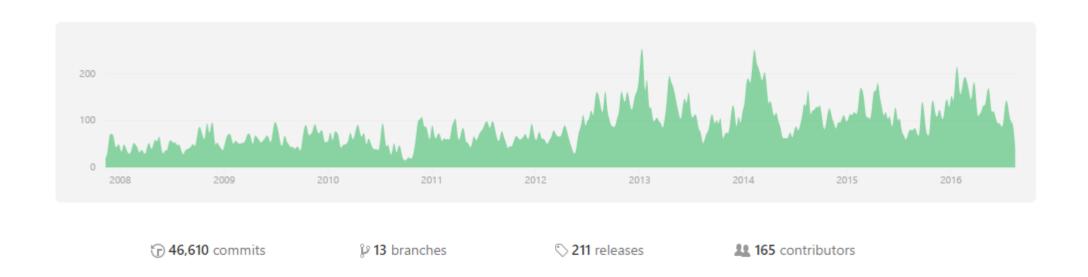
Current statistics

10960 text files.

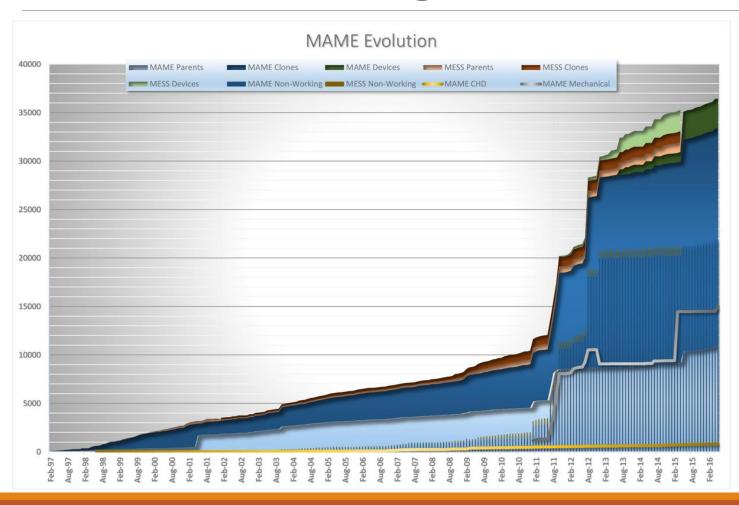
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C/C++ Header	3828	116697	85242	498258
Objective C++	19	860	259	3992
Other	24	416	252	2503
SUM:	9630	760702	687030	3006567

C++ source size: 151 M

GitHub trending



Growth trending



Development Tools

On Windows:

- MSYS2 + MinGW-w64 (note that all other distributions do not have threading support)
- MSYS2 + Clang
- Visual Studio 2015

On Linux/FreeBSD:

- GCC 5.x +
- Clang 3.5 +

On OSX / macOS:

- Xcode
- Clang

Commercial tools

ReSharper C++ + Visual Studio 2015 = Ultimate Development Windows Tool

- Do code analysis part by part
- Document your code where applicable

PVS Studio

- Static Code Analyzer for C, C++ and C#
- Used evaluation version
- Have been used as one of test cases
- Software diseases: memset (http://www.viva64.com/en/b/0154/ from 2012)

Why do we do it?

"We do these things not because they are easy, but because they are hard"

-John F. Kennedy, 1962

Let's see how MAME looks

M MAME: No Driver Loaded [_empty]

MAME 0.175 (2173 / 33473 machines (69 BIOS)) Search: _



All

AvailableUnavailable

Working

Not Working

Mechanical

Not Mechanical

Category

Favorites

BIOS

Parents

Clones

Manufacturers

Years

Support Save

Not Support Save

CHD

No CHD

Vertical

Horizontal

Custom

1941: Counter Attack (World 900227)

1941: Counter Attack (Japan)

1941: Counter Attack (USA 900227)

1941: Counter Attack (World)

1942 (Revision B)

1942 (First Version)

1942 (Revision A)

1942 (Revision A, bootleg)

1942 (Tecfri PCB, bootleg?)

1942 (Williams Electronics license)

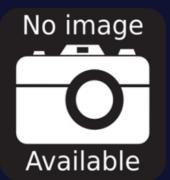
Supercharger 1942

1943 Kai: Midway Kaisen (Japan)

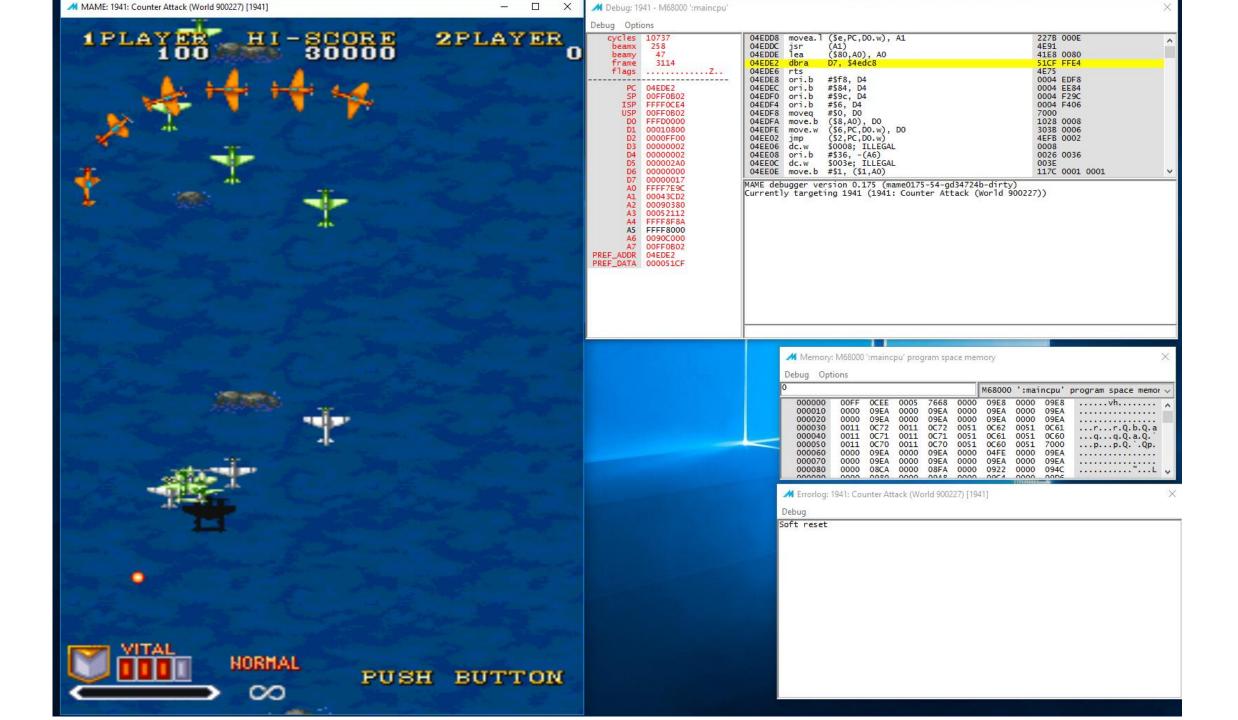


Configure Options
Configure Machine
Plugins
Exit

Images Infos
Snapshots



Romset: 1941 1990, Capcom Driver is parent Overall: Working <u>Graphics: OK, S</u>ound: OK

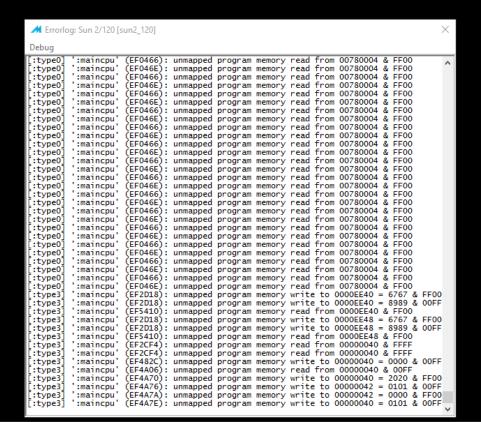


Self Test completed successfully.

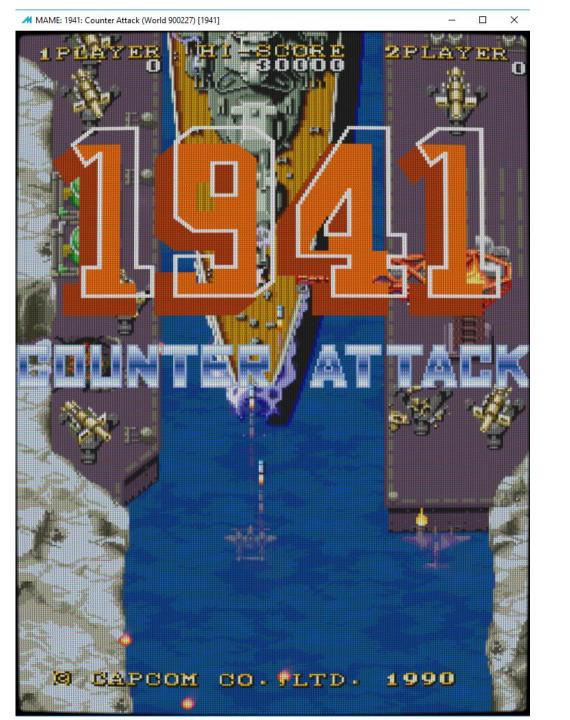


Sun Workstation, Model Sun-2/120 or Sun-2/170, Sun-2 keyboard ROM Rev R, 2MB memory installed Serial #1660, Ethernet address 8:0:20:2:78:37

Probing Multibus: ip ie ec Using RS232 A input. Auto-boot in progress... Boot: ip(0,0,0)vmunix



```
Debug: sun2_120 - M68010 ':maincpu'
Debug Options
    cycles 18520
                                  EF4A72 move.b D1, ($3,A3)
                                  EF4A76 clr.b
                                                                                               422B 0002
    beamx
                                  EF4A7A move.b
                                                  D1, ($1,A3)
                                                                                               1741 0001
             5317
                                  EF4A7E tst.b
    flags ..S..III.....
                                  EF4A80
                                                  $ef4a88
                                          beq
                                  EF4A82 cmpi.b
                                                  #-$7f. (A4)
                                                                                               0C14 0081
                                  EF4A86
                                          bne
                                                  $ef4a90
                                                                                               6608
           00000ECA
                                  EF4A88 moved
                                                  #$f. D4
                                                                                               780F
           00000ECA
                                  EF4A8A subq.1
                                                  #1, D4
                                                                                               5384
           00000000
                                  EF4A8E bra
                                                                                                60FA
           00EB0040
                                                  $ef4a8a
            00000001
                                  EF4A90 moveq
                                                                                               7000
                                  EF4A92 move.b
                                                  (A4), D0
           00000000
           00000000
                                  EF4A94 move.1
                                                  DO, (-$a,A6)
                                                                                               2D40 FFF6
                                  EF4A98 moveq
                                                  #$0, D0
                                                  ($3,A4), DO
           00000000
                                  EF4A9A move.b
                                                                                               102C 0003
                                  EF4A9E move.1 DO, (-$e,A6)
           00000000
                                                                                               2D40 FFF2
           0000008F
                                 MAME debugger version 0.175 (mame0175-54-gd34724b-dirty)
Currently targeting sun2_120 (Sun 2/120)
           00EB0040
           00000F12
           00F00200
           00EB0040
           00F00100
           00000F34
           00000F02
           00000ECA
PREF_ADDR
 PREF_DATA
           00006FF0
      SFC 3
      VBR 00000000
```





How modernization started?

Plain C project till February 2009

Aaron Giles started conversion to C++

2015 going modern C++

Why converting to C++?

Was quite hard to understand code even for existing developers.

Learning curve was bad, so we could not attract new developers.

Adding new functionality was hard, since it side effects were not clear.

Lot of global variables making reuse of specific parts of code impossible.

Code reuse was not clear.

Global symbol pollution was high.

We wish to have "code as documentation" approach.

First steps

Compile your C code as C++

Treat warnings as errors

Use multiple compilers on multiple platforms

OOP

Recognize classes and objects in your code

Recognize connections between them

Object oriented is great and natural way of documenting

Do not create over-engineered model of classes

Express your thoughts

First problems

Global variables

Large number of macros

No tools to help this process

Enforcing coding conventions

Manual labor

Team effort, but keep group working on conversion close

Remove all deprecated code once you remove their usage

Doing one small change you will end up redoing large portion of code

Keep track of changes

Clean/reformat your code

Automatization

Try using REGEX when applicable

Custom made tools – mostly for recognizing pattern of usage and doing replaces

Clang-tidy for modernization (for moving to modern C++)

- modernize-use-nullptr
- modernize-use-override
- modernize-use-using
- modernize-use-default
- modernize-use-bool-literals
- modernize-use-auto
- modernize-make-unique

make_unique_clear

```
template<typename Tp> struct MakeUnigClearT { typedef std::unique ptr<Tp> single object; };
template<typename Tp> struct MakeUniqClearT<Tp[]> { typedef std::unique ptr<Tp[]> array; };
template<trypename Tp, size t Bound> struct MakeUniqClearT<Tp[Bound]> { struct invalid type { }; };
/// make_unique_clear for single objects
template<typename Tp, typename... Params>
inline typename MakeUniqClearT<Tp>::single object make unique clear(Params&&... args)
    void *const ptr = ::operator new(sizeof(Tp)); // allocate memory
    std::memset(ptr, 0, sizeof(Tp));
    return std::unique ptr<Tp>(new(ptr) Tp(std::forward<Params>(args)...));
/// make unique clear for arrays of unknown bound
template<typename Tp>
inline typename MakeUniqClearT<Tp>::array make unique clear(size t num)
    auto size = sizeof(std::remove extent t<Tp>) * num;
    unsigned char* ptr = new unsigned char[size]; // allocate memory
    std::memset(ptr, 0, size);
    return std::unique_ptr<Tp>(new(ptr) std::remove_extent_t<Tp>[num]());
template<typename Tp, unsigned char F>
inline typename MakeUniqClearT<Tp>::array make unique clear(size t num)
    auto size = sizeof(std::remove extent t<Tp>) * num;
    unsigned char* ptr = new unsigned char[size]; // allocate memory
    std::memset(ptr, F, size);
    return std::unique ptr<Tp>(new(ptr) std::remove extent t<Tp>[num]());
/// Disable make unique clear for arrays of known bound
template<typename Tp, typename... Params>
inline typename MakeUniqClearT<Tp>::invalid type make unique clear(Params&&...) = delete;
```

Variadic templates

```
template<typename _ClassType, typename _ReturnType, typename... Params>
struct delegate_traits
{
    typedef _ReturnType (*static_func_type)(_ClassType *, Params...);
    typedef _ReturnType (*static_ref_func_type)(_ClassType &, Params...);
    typedef _ReturnType (_ClassType::*member_func_type)(Params...);
};

// helper stubs for calling encased member function pointers
template<class _FunctionClass, typename _ReturnType, typename... Params>
static _ReturnType method_stub(delegate_generic_class *object, Params ... args)
{
    delegate_mfp *_this = reinterpret_cast<delegate_mfp *>(object);
    typedef _ReturnType (_FunctionClass::*mfptype)(Params...);
    mfptype &mfp = *reinterpret_cast<mfptype *>(&_this->m_rawdata);
    return (reinterpret_cast<_FunctionClass *>(_this->m_realobject)->*mfp)(std::forward<Params>(args)...);
}
```

Constexpr

```
/* Concatenate/extract 32-bit halves of 64-bit values */
constexpr UINT64 concat_64(UINT32 hi, UINT32 lo) { return (UINT64(hi) << 32) | UINT32(lo); }</pre>
constexpr UINT32 extract 64hi(UINT64 val) { return UINT32(val >> 32); }
constexpr UINT32 extract 641o(UINT64 val) { return UINT32(val); }
#ifdef LSB FIRST
constexpr UINT16 big endianize int16(UINT16 x) { return flipendian int16(x); }
                                                                                                        These were macros
constexpr UINT32 big_endianize_int32(UINT32 x) { return flipendian_int32(x); }
constexpr UINT64 big_endianize_int64(UINT64 x) { return flipendian_int64(x); }
constexpr UINT16 little endianize int16(UINT16 x) { return x; }
constexpr UINT32 little_endianize_int32(UINT32 x) { return x; }
constexpr UINT64 little endianize int64(UINT64 x) { return x; }
#else
constexpr UINT16 big_endianize_int16(UINT16 x) { return x; }
constexpr UINT32 big_endianize_int32(UINT32 x) { return x; }
constexpr UINT64 big_endianize_int64(UINT64 x) { return x; }
constexpr UINT16 little_endianize_int16(UINT16 x) { return flipendian_int16(x); }
constexpr UINT32 little_endianize_int32(UINT32 x) { return flipendian_int32(x); }
constexpr UINT64 little_endianize_int64(UINT64 x) { return flipendian_int64(x); }
#endif /* LSB_FIRST */
```

And more constexpr

```
// Highly useful template for compile-time knowledge of an array size template <typename T, size_t N> constexpr size_t ARRAY_LENGTH(T (&)[N]) { return N;}

constexpr UINT16 flipendian_int16(UINT16 val) { return (val << 8) | (val >> 8); }

constexpr UINT32 flipendian_int32_partial16(UINT32 val) { return ((val << 8) & 0xFF00FF00U) | ((val >> 8) & 0x00FF00FFU); }

constexpr UINT32 flipendian_int32_partial16(UINT32 val) { return (flipendian_int32_partial16(val) << 16) | (flipendian_int32_partial16(val) >> 16); }

constexpr UINT64 flipendian_int64_partial16(UINT64 val) { return ((val << 8) & U64(0xFF00FF00FF00FF00)) | ((val >> 8) & U64(0x00FF00FF00FF00F00)) | ((flipendian_int64_partial32(UINT64 val) { return ((flipendian_int64_partial16(val) << 16) & U64(0xFFFF0000FFF0000)) | ((flicenstexpr UINT64 flipendian_int64_partial32(val) << 32) | (flipendian_int64_partial32(val) >> 32); }
```

New features that helped clean

std::mutex

std::thread

atomics

chrono

Still not able to convert

```
void *osd_alloc_executable(size_t size)
#if defined(SDLMAME BSD) || defined(SDLMAME MACOSX)
                                                                                                            Linux / macOS
    return (void *) mmap(0, size, PROT EXEC|PROT READ|PROT WRITE, MAP ANON|MAP SHARED, -1, 0);
#elif defined(SDLMAME UNIX)
   return (void *) mmap(0, size, PROT_EXEC|PROT_READ|PROT_WRITE, MAP_ANON|MAP_SHARED, 0, 0);
#endif
void osd free executable(void *ptr, size t size)
#ifdef SDLMAME SOLARIS
   munmap((char *)ptr, size);
   munmap(ptr, size);
#endif
void *osd alloc executable(size t size)
    return VirtualAlloc(nullptr, size, MEM_COMMIT, PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE);
                                                                                                            Windows
void osd free executable(void *ptr, size t size)
   VirtualFree(ptr, 0, MEM RELEASE);
```

Things we wish to use

Coroutines

- Experimented with https://byuu.org/library/libco/ got bad results due to stackful implementation
- Wait state implementation
- For networking layer implemenatation

Modules

- Too big compile times right now (30-40 on latest hardware)
- Ideal since we need quite large amount of definitions (currently using #include "emu.h" in each separate emulator)

GSL

And from the tech side:

Fully working Android build

iOS build

Console build (Xbox One and PS4)

Various VR systems

Hololens

Interaction with real hardware (using IoT devices as proxies)

GENie project generator

https://github.com/bkaradzic/GENie/

GENie (pronounced as Jenny) is project generator tool. It automagically generates project from Lua script, making applying the same settings for multiple projects easy.

Supported project generators:

FASTBuild (experimental)

GNU Makefile

Ninja (experimental)

Qbs / QtCreator (experimental)

Visual Studio 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 15

XCode

Why using GENie?

Can generate all compilers we are targeting

Based on LUA

Easy extensible

Enables us to create custom/partial builds

Example usage

```
_____
-- SoftFloat library objects
_____
project "softfloat"
   uuid "04fbf89e-4761-4cf2-8a12-64500cf0c5c5"
   kind "StaticLib"
   options {
       "ForceCPP",
   includedirs {
       MAME DIR .. "src/osd",
   configuration { "vs*" }
       buildoptions {
          "/wd4244", -- warning C4244: 'argument' : conversion from 'xxx' to 'xxx', possible loss of data
          "/wd4146", -- warning C4146: unary minus operator applied to unsigned type, result still unsigned
          "/wd4018", -- warning C4018: 'x' : signed/unsigned mismatch
if OPTIONS["vs"] == "intel-15" then
       buildoptions {
          "/Qwd2557",
                            -- remark #2557: comparison between signed and unsigned operands
   configuration { }
   files {
       MAME DIR .. "3rdparty/softfloat/softfloat.c",
       MAME DIR .. "3rdparty/softfloat/fsincos.c",
       MAME DIR .. "3rdparty/softfloat/fyl2x.c",
```

How does MAME works?

```
// license:BSD-3-Clause
// copyright-holders:Robbbert
#include "emu.h"
#include "bus/rs232/rs232.h"
#include "cpu/s2650/s2650.h"
#include "machine/terminal.h"
#include "imagedev/snapquik.h"
class pipbug state : public driver device
public:
    pipbug_state(const machine_config &mconfig, device_type type, const char *tag)
        : driver device(mconfig, type, tag),
       m rs232(*this, "rs232"),
       m maincpu(*this, "maincpu")
    DECLARE WRITE8 MEMBER (pipbug ctrl w);
    required device<rs232 port device> m rs232;
    required device<cpu device> m maincpu;
};
WRITE8 MEMBER( pipbug state::pipbug ctrl w )
// 0x80 is written here - not connected in the baby 2650
static ADDRESS_MAP_START(pipbug_mem, AS_PROGRAM, 8, pipbug_state)
    ADDRESS MAP UNMAP HIGH
    AM RANGE ( 0x0000, 0x03ff) AM ROM
   AM RANGE ( 0x0400, 0x7fff) AM RAM
ADDRESS MAP END
```

```
static ADDRESS_MAP_START(pipbug_io, AS_IO, 8, pipbug_state)
    AM_RANGE(S2650_CTRL_PORT, S2650_CTRL_PORT) AM_WRITE(pipbug_ctrl_w)
    AM_RANGE(S2650_SENSE_PORT, S2650_SENSE_PORT) AM_READNOP
ADDRESS MAP END
/* Input ports */
static INPUT PORTS START ( pipbug )
INPUT PORTS END
static DEVICE INPUT DEFAULTS START( terminal )
    DEVICE INPUT DEFAULTS ( "RS232 TXBAUD", 0xff, RS232 BAUD 110 )
    DEVICE INPUT DEFAULTS ( "RS232 RXBAUD", 0xff, RS232 BAUD 110 )
    DEVICE INPUT DEFAULTS ( "RS232 STARTBITS", Oxff, RS232 STARTBITS 1 )
   DEVICE_INPUT_DEFAULTS( "RS232_DATABITS", 0xff, RS232_DATABITS_7 )
   DEVICE_INPUT_DEFAULTS( "RS232 PARITY", Oxff, RS232 PARITY_EVEN )
    DEVICE INPUT DEFAULTS ( "RS232 STOPBITS", 0xff, RS232 STOPBITS 1 )
DEVICE_INPUT_DEFAULTS_END
static MACHINE CONFIG START ( pipbug, pipbug state )
    /* basic machine hardware */
    MCFG_CPU_ADD("maincpu", S2650, XTAL_1MHz)
    MCFG_CPU_PROGRAM_MAP(pipbug_mem)
    MCFG CPU IO_MAP(pipbug_io)
    MCFG S2650 FLAG HANDLER(DEVWRITELINE("rs232", rs232 port device, write txd))
    /* video hardware */
   MCFG_RS232_PORT_ADD("rs232", default_rs232_devices, "terminal")
    MCFG RS232 RXD HANDLER (INPUTLINE ("maincpu", S2650 SENSE LINE))
    MCFG DEVICE CARD DEVICE INPUT DEFAULTS("terminal", terminal)
MACHINE CONFIG END
/* ROM definition */
ROM START ( pipbug )
   ROM REGION ( 0x8000, "maincpu", ROMREGION ERASEFF )
   ROM LOAD( "pipbug.rom", 0x0000, 0x0400, CRC(f242b93e) SHA1(f82857cc882e6b5fc9f00b20b375988024f413ff))
ROM END
/* Driver */
/* YEAR NAME
                    PARENT COMPAT MACHINE
                                                                 COMPANY FULLNAME
                                                                                           FLAGS */
COMP( 1979, pipbug, 0,
                                     pipbug,
                                                pipbug, driver device,
                                                                          O, "Signetics", "PIPBUG", MACHINE NO SOUND HW )
```

<- Simplified example

Delegates

```
class MyClass {
          int i;
public:
          MyClass(): i(0) { }
          virtual ~MyClass() { }
          virtual void docount(int) { i++; }
};
typedef delegate<void(int value)> callback_delegate;
MyClass mc;
callback_delegate md = callback_delegate(FUNC(MyClass::docount), &mc);
```

Why we needed delegates?

Providing callback functionality between various objects

Late binding (resolving objects referenced in runtime)

Minimal cost (using method function pointers)

Implemented in period of using C++ 98

https://github.com/mamedev/delegates

Speed measurement

Compiler	Version	os	Time fast delegates native (ns)	Time std::function/bind (ns)
MinGW GCC	5.3.0 x64	Windows	131547400	216178100
MinGW GCC	5.3.0 x86	Windows	131160000	285218800
Clang	3.8.0 x64	Windows	100766900	219475700
GCC	4.9.2 ARM	Linux (RasPi2)	1120924321	4146617167
GCC	5.3.1 x64	Linux	139180356	205068909
Clang	3.7.0 x64	Linux	140548960	182060144
Clang Apple	7.3.0 x64	OSX	125145702	262906798
GCC	5.3.1 ARM64	Linux (Odroid-C2)	654185671	1370827564
GCC	4.9.2 MIPSEL	Linux (Creator Ci20)	1002793705	3341533518

3rd party libraries and tools

BGFX – Branimir Karadžić

LUA – PUC Rio

RapidJSON – Milo Yip

GLM – GL Math

BGFX (1/2)

Cross-platform, graphics API agnostic, "Bring Your Own Engine/Framework" style rendering library.

Supported rendering backends:

Direct3D 9

Direct3D 11

Direct3D 12 (WIP)

Metal (WIP)

OpenGL 2.1

OpenGL 3.1+

OpenGL ES 2

OpenGL ES 3.1

WebGL 1.0

WebGL 2.0

BGFX (2/2)

Supported platforms:

Android (14+, ARM, x86, MIPS)

asm.js/Emscripten (1.25.0)

FreeBSD

iOS (iPhone, iPad, AppleTV)

Linux

MIPS Creator CI20

Native Client (PPAPI 37+, ARM, x86, x64, PNaCl)

OSX (10.9+)

RaspberryPi

SteamLink

Windows (XP, Vista, 7, 8, 10)

WinRT (WinPhone 8.0+)

Supported compilers:

Clang 3.3 and above GCC 4.6 and above vs2008 and above

How do BGFX files look like?

Make your code public

Better feedback from users

Commits become better since people are aware more are looking at their work

More people get interested in project -> more pull requests

Do not use private repository sites to distribute your code

GIT over SVN

Do regular releases (we do it each last Wednesday of month)

https://github.com/mamedev/mame

Why join open source project?

Share your ideas

Experiment

Improve your knowledge

Knowledge gained during work on open source projects help you do your regular work.

Meet more people, learn from them.

What do we wish to offer to C++?

Delegates

Input handling implementation based on delegates

Definition of math for 2D and 3D graphics

Runtime shader transpiling

Let us be your playground

DEMO

Q&A

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