

Networking TS Workshop

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Part I

Introduction

Outline

- 1 Introducing Networking TS
 - Three Easy Steps

Be like Rust



ubsan 🐾 5:58 PM

I would like C++ to be at least as good as Rust is

The Rust Evangelist



ubsan 10:24 AM

@sdowney that's why I like Rust's solution; 32-bit chars, but strings are utf-8
it works surprisingly well

although, of course, there's a conversion cost

(I hate saying stuff like that, because it looks like I'm advertising rust, but
actually I just like its solution to a problem :/) (edited)

Just Use Rust!

Three easy steps.

1. Make a cappuccino.
2. Write 2-lines of code
3. Mock people on C++ Slack channels (too cool for IRC)



Just Use C++

Three easy steps.

1. Make a cappuccino.
2. Write a few lines of code.
3. Smile at the nice Rust people.



Just Use C++

```
#include <experimental/net>
#include <string>
#include <iostream>

namespace net = std::experimental::net;

int main()
{
    net::ip::tcp::iostream s("www.boost.org", "http");

    s << "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n";
    s << "Host: www.boost.org\r\n";
    s << "Accept: */*\r\n";
    s << "Connection: close\r\n\r\n";

    std::string header;
    while(std::getline(s, header) && header != "\r")
        std::cout << header << "\n";

    std::cout << s.rdbuf();
}
```

Stuff of old ...

- ▶ Atari MegaST
- ▶ NeXT Step
- ▶ IBM RS6000 - PowerPC Edition



Boost.Asio 2010



Slushies!



I picked a winner!

Boost.Asio → Networking TS

Networking TS

- ▶ Based on Boost.Asio by Christopher Kohlhoff
- ▶ Entered Boost March 2008
- ▶ March 2017 the 5th Draft of the Network TS published
- ▶ Issaquah 2016 - Unified Executors
- ▶ Standalone Asio implements much of the TS
- ▶ Chris has repository that snapshots Asio with proper names



What is included

- ▶ Networking using TCP and UDP (including multicast)
- ▶ Client and server applications
- ▶ Scalability to handle many concurrent connections
- ▶ Protocol independence between IPv4 and IPv6
- ▶ Name resolution (i.e. DNS)
- ▶ Buffer management
- ▶ Timers

What is not included

- ▶ Protocol implementations such as HTTP, SMTP or FTP
- ▶ Encryption (e.g. SSL, TLS)
- ▶ Operating system specific demultiplexing APIs
- ▶ Support for realtime environments
- ▶ QoS-enabled sockets
- ▶ Other TCP/IP protocols such as ICMP
- ▶ Functions and classes for enumerating network interfaces
- ▶ Other forms of asynchronous I/O, such as files



Part II

Stream



Basic Stream Use

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}
```

Add error checking

```
net::ip::tcp::iostream s;

s.expires_after(5s);
s.connect("www.boost.org", "https");

if(!s)
{
    std::cout << "error: " << s.error().message() << std::endl;
    return -1;
}

s << "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n";
s << "Host: www.boost.org\r\n";
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```

std::error_code

```
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}
```

- ▶ std::error_code entered with C++11
- ▶ Based on Boost library
- ▶ Captures platform specific error
- ▶ Holds a pointer to the error_category, generic mapping



Streams satisfy the T.T.H.W (Time To Hello World) measurement.

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Part III

Synchronous



Asynchronous versus Synchronous

Daughter #1

me: "Please make me a coffee."
daughter: "Sure Dad"

time passes ... I work. She makes a cappuccino.

daughter: "Here is your coffee."
me: "Thanks"



Asynchronous versus Synchronous

Daughter #3

me: "Please make me a coffee."
daughter: "I would love to!"

we both walk to the machine. I supervise (watch). She makes a cappuccino.

daughter: "Here is your coffee."
me: "Thanks"



Synchronous

When should synchronous I/O be used?



Synchronous

- ▶ Often simple programs
- ▶ Default (system level) timeouts meet need
- ▶ Fine grained control, with keen understanding of operations blocking



Synchronous Example

```
net::io_context io_context;
tcp::socket socket(io_context);
tcp::resolver resolver(io_context);

net::connect(socket,
             resolver.resolve("www.boost.org", "http"));

for(auto v : { "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n"
    , "Host: www.boost.org\r\n"
    , "Accept: */*\r\n"
    , "Connection: close\r\n\r\n" })
{
    net::write(socket, net::buffer(v));
}

std::string header;
net::read_until(socket,
                net::dynamic_buffer(header),
                "\r\n\r\n");

std::error_code e;
std::string body;

net::read(socket,
          net::dynamic_buffer(body),
          e);

std::cout << "Header:\n" << header << "Body:\n" << body
<< "Error code: " << e.message() << std::endl;
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net:::io_context

```
net:::io_context io_context;
tcp:::socket socket(io_context);
tcp:::resolver resolver(io_context);
```

net:::io_context is similar to asio:::io_service

The io_context is provided to each of the networking objects.

more on this later...

tcp::socket

```
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tcp::socket socket(io_context);
tcp::resolver resolver(io_context);
```

tcp meets the requirement for an InternetProtocol

There is also udp

tcp::socket

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udp::socket **is a** basic_datagram_socket<udp>

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tcp::resolver

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tcp::resolver

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tcp::resolver resolver(io_context);
```

A resolver performs name resolution.

host name and service name → end_point

-or-

end_point → host name and service name

net::connect

```
net::connect(socket,  
            resolver.resolve("www.boost.org", "http"));
```

Where is the error handling?

net::connect

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Error Handling

Synchronous functions have signatures like:

```
R f (A1 a1, A2 a2, ..., AN aN);
```

```
R f (A1 a1, A2 a2, ..., AN aN, error_code& ec);
```



Error Handling

```
R f (A1 a1, A2 a2, ..., AN aN);
```

Throws an exception matching the type of `system_error`



Error Handling

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R f (A1 a1, A2 a2, ..., AN aN, error_code& ec);
```

Sets the `error_code` appropriately on error; otherwise `!ec` is true



```
net:::connect
```

```
net:::connect(socket,  
              resolver.resolve("www.boost.org", "http"));
```

net:::write

```
for(auto v : { "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n"
               , "Host: www.boost.org\r\n"
               , "Accept: */*\r\n"
               , "Connection: close\r\n\r\n" } )
{
    net:::write(socket, net:::buffer(v));
}
```

Buffers

- ▶ All I/O is performed through buffers
- ▶ Buffers **do not** own the actual memory



Buffers

Three types of buffers:

1. Mutable Buffer Sequence
2. Constant Buffer Sequence
3. Dynamic Buffer

Use a creation function to get a buffer.



Mutable Buffer Sequence Creation

```
mutable_buffer buffer(void* p, size_t n) noexcept;
mutable_buffer buffer(const mutable_buffer& b) noexcept;
mutable_buffer buffer(const mutable_buffer& b, size_t n) noexcept;

template<class T, size_t N>
mutable_buffer buffer(T (&data) [N]) noexcept;

template<class T, size_t N>
mutable_buffer buffer(array<T, N>& data) noexcept;

template<class T, class Allocator>
mutable_buffer buffer(vector<T, Allocator>& data) noexcept;

template<class CharT, class Traits, class Allocator>
mutable_buffer buffer(basic_string<CharT, Traits, Allocator>& data) noexcept;

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Constant Buffer Sequence Creation

```
const_buffer buffer(const void* p, size_t n) noexcept;
const_buffer buffer(const const_buffer& b) noexcept;
const_buffer buffer(const const_buffer& b, size_t n) noexcept;

template<class T, size_t N>
const_buffer buffer(const T (&data) [N]) noexcept;

template<class T, size_t N>
const_buffer buffer(array<const T, N>& data) noexcept;

template<class T, size_t N>
const_buffer buffer(const array<T, N>& data) noexcept;

template<class T, class Allocator>
const_buffer buffer(const vector<T, Allocator>& data) noexcept;

template<class CharT, class Traits, class Allocator>
const_buffer buffer(const basic_string<CharT, Traits, Allocator>& data) noexcept;

template<class CharT, class Traits>
const_buffer buffer(basic_string_view<CharT, Traits> data) noexcept;

template<class T, size_t N>
const_buffer buffer(const T (&data) [N], size_t n) noexcept;

template<class T, size_t N>
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```

Dynamic Buffer Creation

Methods that take a `size_t` are setting the max size.

```
template<class T, class Allocator>
dynamic_vector_buffer<T, Allocator>
dynamic_buffer(vector<T, Allocator>& vec) noexcept;

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dynamic_buffer(basic_string<CharT, Traits, Allocator>& str) noexcept;

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net:::write

```
for(auto v : { "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n"
               , "Host: www.boost.org\r\n"
               , "Accept: */*\r\n"
               , "Connection: close\r\n\r\n" } )
{
    net:::write(socket, net:::buffer(v));
}
```

net::read_until

Synchronous delimited read

```
std::string header;
net::read_until(socket,
                net::dynamic_buffer(header),
                "\r\n\r\n");
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- ▶ reads until delimiter is contained in buffer
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- ▶ How much memory will be consumed?

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net:::read

```
std::error_code e;
std::string body;

net::read(socket,
          net::dynamic_buffer(body),
          e);
```

What is this one doing?

net:::read

```
std::error_code e;
std::string body;

net::read(socket,
          net::dynamic_buffer(body),
          e);
```

What is this one doing?

Demo

Run it!



net:::read_until revisited

```
std::string header;
net:::read_until(socket,
                  net:::dynamic_buffer(header),
                  "\r\n\r\n");
```

- ▶ reads until delimiter is contained in buffer

Reads via `read_some`

net::read with CompletionCondition

Replace:

```
std::string header;
net::read_until(socket,
                net::dynamic_buffer(header),
                "\r\n\r\n");
```

with:

```
net::read(socket,
          net::dynamic_buffer(header),
          CompletionCondition);
```

net::read with CompletionCondition

```
net::read(socket,  
         net::dynamic_buffer(header),  
         CompletionCondition);
```

- ▶ CompletionCondition is called prior to each `read_some`
- ▶ Signature of:

```
std::size_t func(error_code, std::size_t total_read);
```

- ▶ returns the number of bytes to be read on the next `read_some` call

net::read with CompletionCondition

```
net::read(socket,  
         net::dynamic_buffer(header),  
         CompletionCondition);
```

net::read continues to transfer bytes until one of:

- ▶ there is an error
- ▶ CompletionCondition returns 0
- ▶ buffer_size(buffers) is transferred

net::read with CompletionCondition

Replace:

```
std::string header;
net::read_until(socket,
                 net::dynamic_buffer(header),
                 "\r\n\r\n");
```

with:

```
std::string header;
net::read(socket,
          net::dynamic_buffer(header),
          [&header] (auto ec, auto n) -> std::size_t
{
    if(ec ||
       (    header.size() > 3
         && header.compare(header.size()-4, 4,
                           "\r\n\r\n") == 0 ))
    {
        return 0;
    }
    return 1;
});
```

Demo with CompletionCondition

Demo

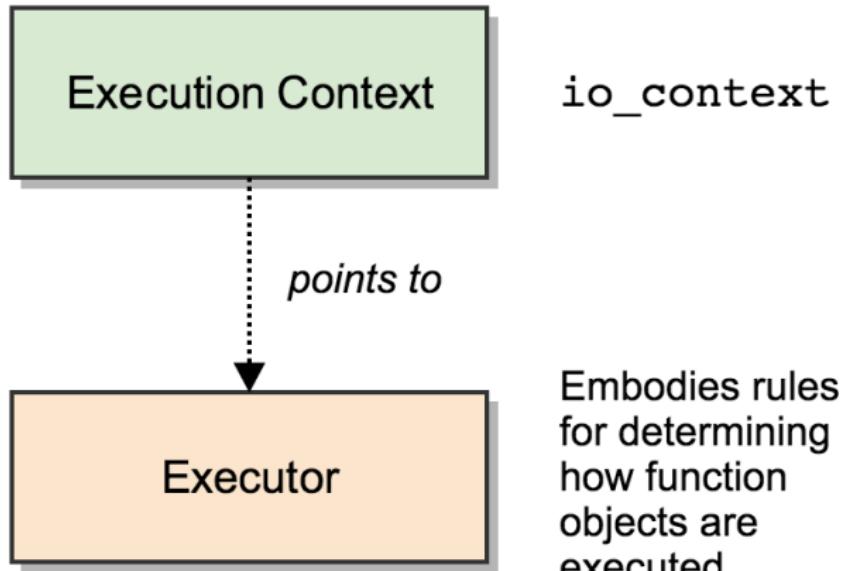


Part IV

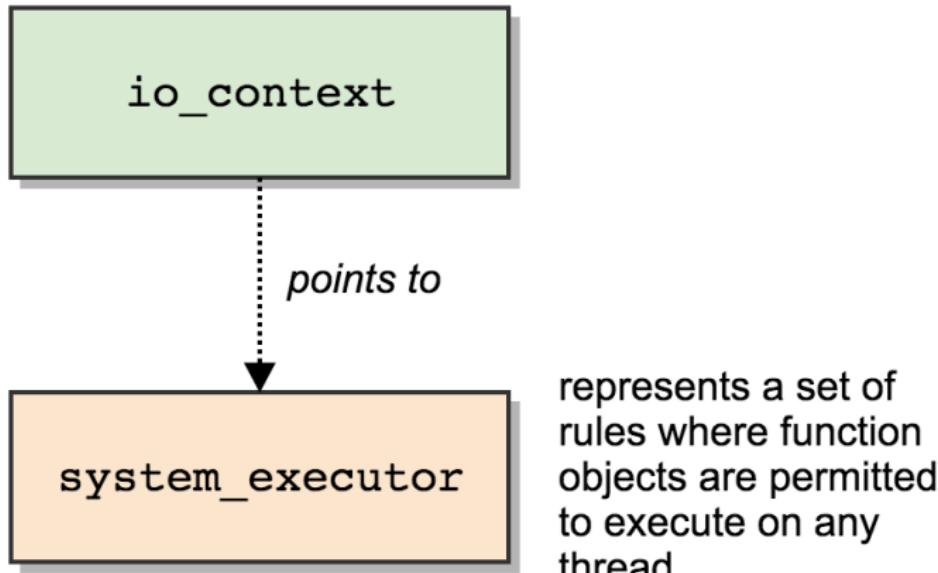
Asynchronous



Revisit io_context



Revisit io_context

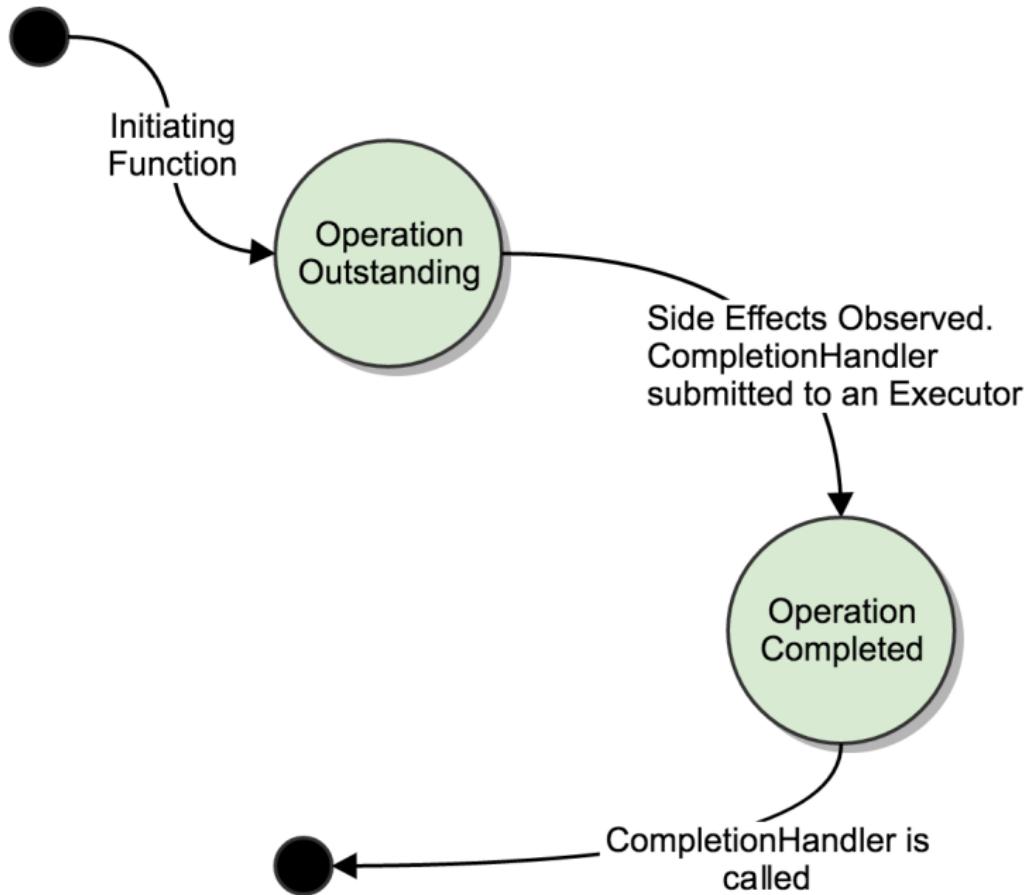


Live Coding ...

`execution_context` and posting work.



Asynchronous Operation



Asynchronous Operation

`async_*` functions are initiating functions.



More live coding ... gasp!

Async Example - Future

```
net::io_context io_context;
std::thread t([&io_context] () {io_context.run(); });

auto resolver = tcp::resolver(io_context);
auto resolve = resolver.async_resolve("www.boost.org", "http",
                                       net::use_future);

tcp::socket socket(io_context);
auto connect = net::async_connect(socket, resolve.get(),
                                   net::use_future);

auto request = "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\nHost: www.boost.org\r\n"
               "Accept: */*\r\nConnection: close\r\n\r\n";
socket.async_send(net::buffer(request), [](auto, auto){});

std::string header;
auto header_read = net::async_read_until(socket, net::dynamic_buffer(header),
                                         "\r\n\r\n",
                                         net::user_future);

// do some stuff ...
if(header_read.get() <= 2) { std::cout << "no header\n"; }

std::string body;
auto body_read = net::async_read(socket, net::dynamic_buffer(body),
                                 net::transfer_all(),
                                 net::use_future);

// do some stuff ...
body_read.get();
std::cout << "Header:\n" << header << "Body:\n" << body << "\n";
t.join();
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Async Example - main

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Async Example - web_page_getter

```
class web_page_getter
{
public:
    using page_type = std::tuple<std::string, std::string>;
    web_page_getter(net::io_context & io_context);
    std::future<page_type> get_page(std::string const & host,
                                     std::string const & port);

private:
    void connect(std::string const & host, std::string const & port);
    void read_header();
    void read_body();
    void send_request();

private:
    net::io_context & io_context_;
    tcp::socket socket_;
    std::string header_;
    std::string body_;
    std::promise<page_type> promise_;
};
```

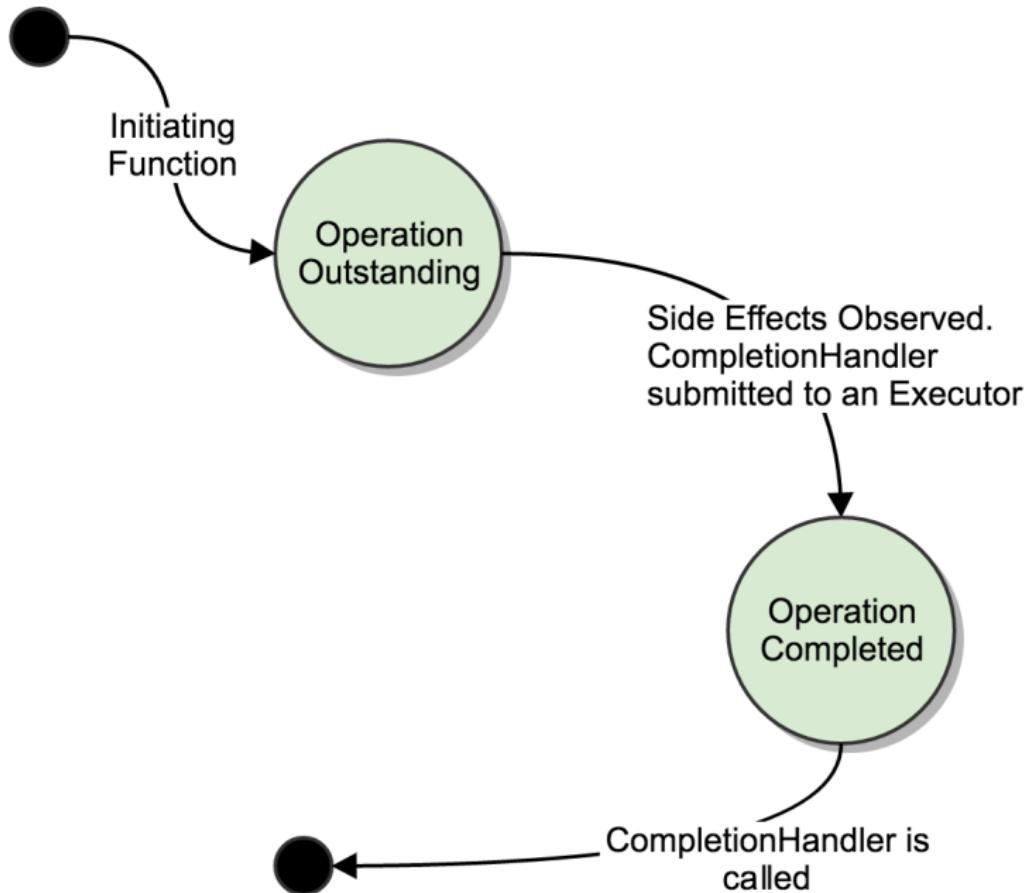
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Chain in the CompletionHandler



Async Example - web_page_getter

```
web_page_getter(net::io_context & io_context)
    : io_context_(io_context)
    , socket_(io_context_)
{ }
```

Async Example - web_page_getter

```
std::future<page_type> get_page(std::string const & host,
                                 std::string const & port)
{
    promise_ = std::promise<page_type>{};
    socket_ = tcp::socket{io_context_};
    header_ = std::string{};
    body_ = std::string{};

    connect(host, port);

    return promise_.get_future();
}
```

Async Example - web_page_getter

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```
void send_request()
{
    auto request = "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n"
                  "Host: www.boost.org\r\n"
                  "Accept: */*\r\n"
                  "Connection: close\r\n\r\n"s;

    socket_.async_send(net::buffer(request),
                      [] (auto, auto){} );
}
```

Async Example - web_page_getter

```
void read_header()
{
    net::async_read_until(socket_,
                          net::dynamic_buffer(header_),
                          "\r\n\r\n",
                          [this] (auto ec, auto bytes_trans)
    {
        if (!ec)
        {
            read_body();
        }
        else
        {
            promise_.set_exception(
                std::make_exception_ptr(ec)
            );
        }
    });
}
```

Async Example - web_page_getter

```
void read_body()
{
    net::async_read(socket_,
                    net::dynamic_buffer(body_),
                    net::transfer_all(),
                    [this](auto ec, auto bytes_trans)
    {
        if(!ec || ec == net::stream_errc::eof )
        {
            promise_.set_value(
                page_type{std::move(header_),
                          std::move(body_) }
            );
        }
        else
        {
            promise_.set_exception(
                std::make_exception_ptr(ec)
            );
        }
        std::error_code close_ec;
        socket_.close(close_ec);
    });
}
```

Do Not Go Crazy!



Is there efficient alternative to ASIO? (`self.cpp`)

submitted 3 months ago by [Z01dbrg](#)

I know ASIO is great according to some people, and I agree that it is better than hand written crap code, but I really really dislike that style of programming in a language without GC. For more examples of what I dislike you have this video filled with examples of Boost.ASIO. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwOv_tw2eA4 This is not about GC being a generally positive thing, I just feel that in case of async it is much nicer than manual shared_pstring for the emulation of GC.

So to be clear I know that 1000 threads can handle 1000 connections, and I can do simple blocking code with those 1000 threads, I am just asking is there efficient alternative to ASIO...

For example could some VS co_await(abomination of a keyword) library for networking be as good as ASIO, and if so is there such library?

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Part V

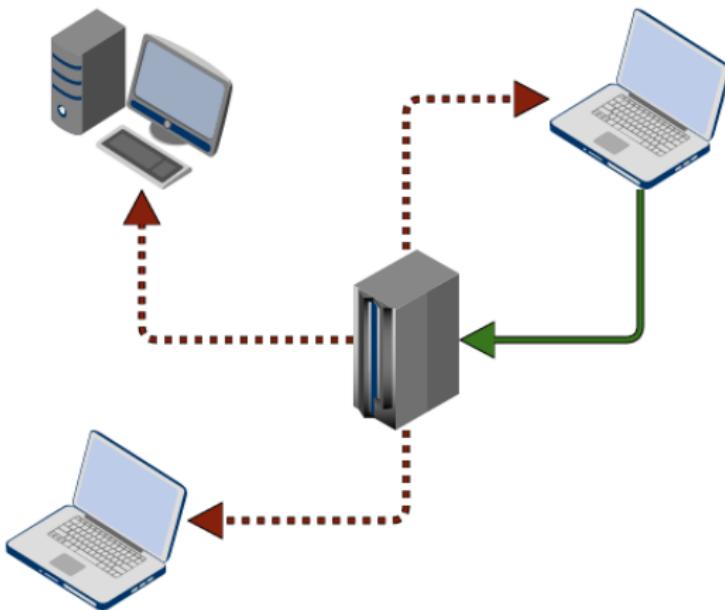
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Outline

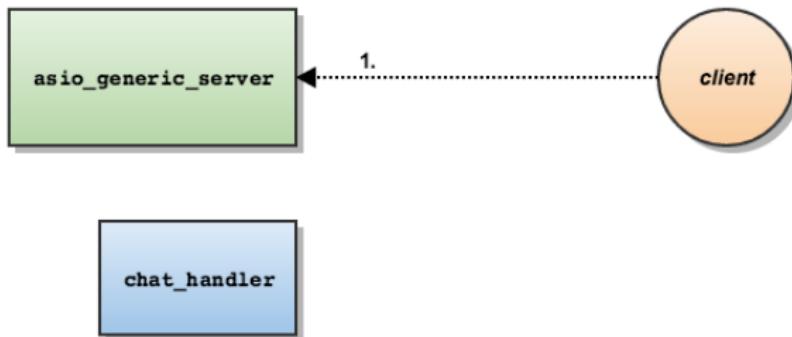
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- Chat Server
 - The Goal

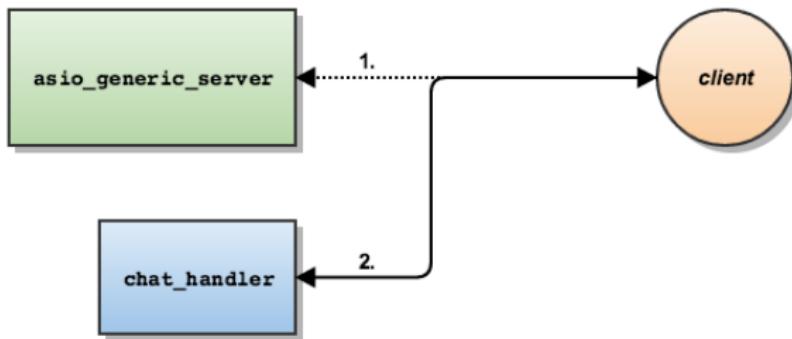
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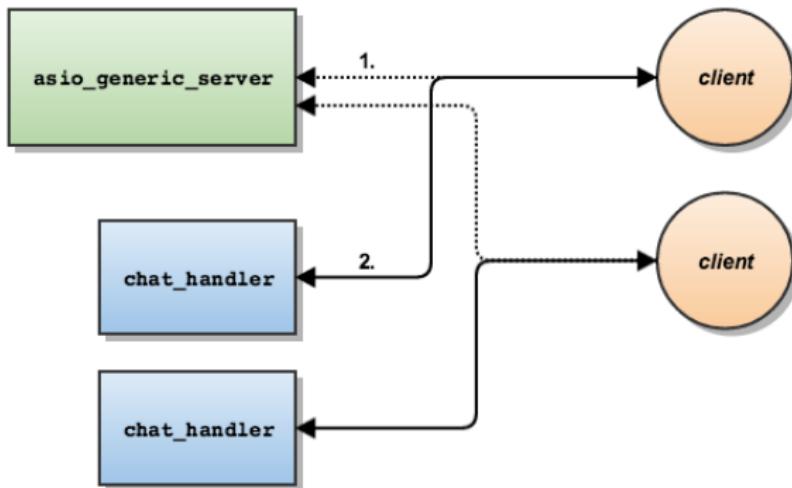
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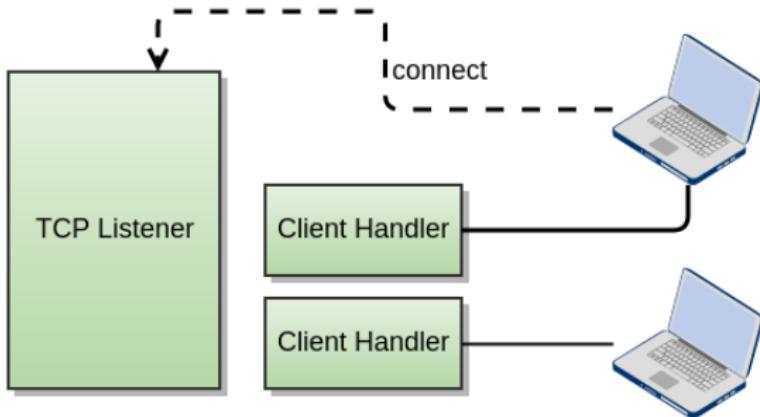
Specific Client Handler



Each Client has a Handler

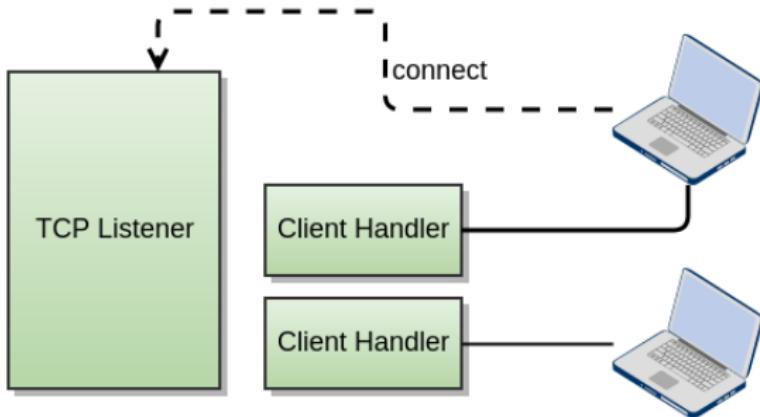


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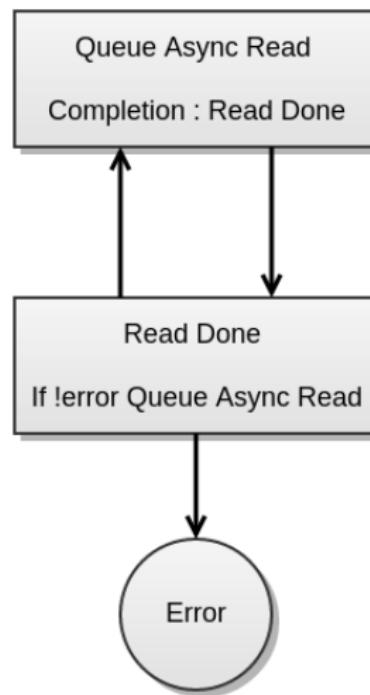
Who owns the Client Handler?

Generic Listener



Who owns the Client Handler?

Chaining Completion Handlers



Copy a reference into the executor

```
class client_handler : std::enable_shared_from_this<client_handler>
{
public:
    client_handler(net::socket && s)
        : socket_(std::move(s))
    {}

    void start() { read_message(); }

private:
    tcp::socket socket_;
    std::string in_buffer_;

};
```

Copy a reference into the executor

```
void read_message()
{
    net::async_read_until(socket_,
        net::dynamic_buffer(in_buffer_),
        '\0',
        [me=shared_from_this()] (auto ec, auto bytes_trans)
    {
        if (!ec)
        {
            me->process_message();
        }
    });
}

void process_message()
{
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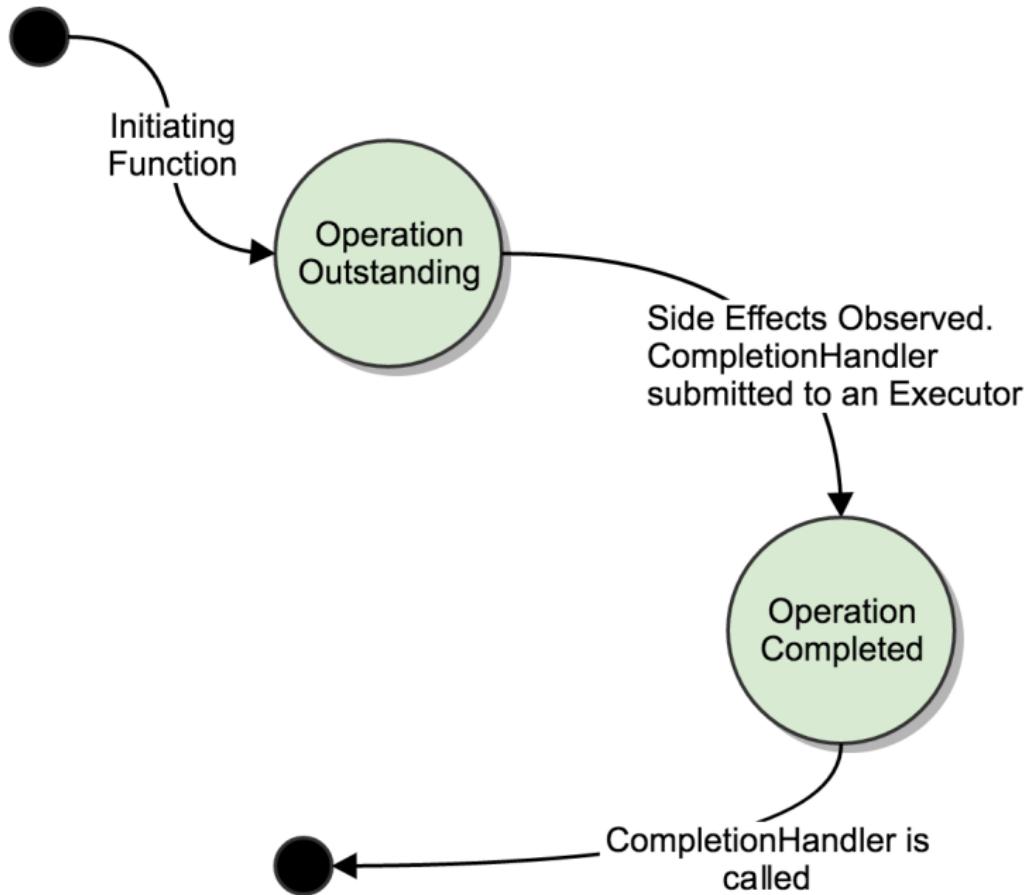
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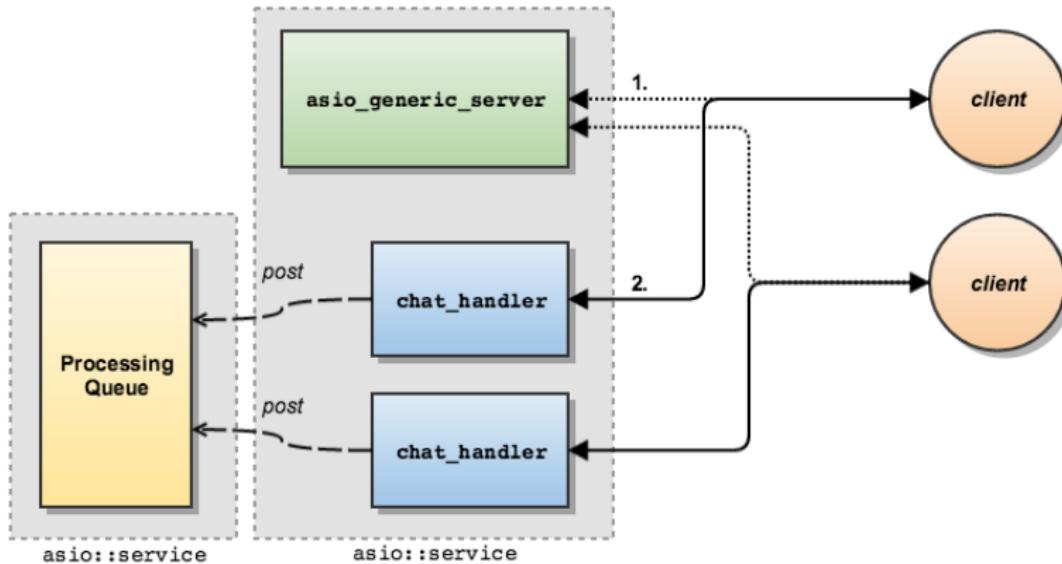
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Asynchronous Operation



Decoupled Services



More...

- ▶ Layered design!
- ▶ Use as a processing executor!
- ▶ Combine with MSM and Spirit



Part VI

Hands On!



Jr. Engineering



Win a Robot!

Using the Networking TS Implementation, submit you name to
win a robot!

