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Alternate `atomic_ref` for Non-Lockfree Types

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cd dsunder-draft
git checkout atomic_ref_alt
```

Motivation

Enable implementations of `atomic_ref` which do not require a global lock array while perserving current behavior as much as possible.

Proposed Wording

This font is used to provide guidance to the editors.

Make the following changes in [atomics.ref.generic].

```
namespace std {
    struct atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t    {};
    struct atomic_ref_assume_no_user_lock_t  {};
    struct atomic_ref_prefer_user_lock_t     {};

    inline constexpr atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t    atomic_ref_assume_lock_free {};
    inline constexpr atomic_ref_prefer_user_lock_t    atomic_ref_prefer_user_lock {};
}

namespace std {

    template<class T, class LockT=unspecified> struct atomic_ref {
    private:
        T* ptr;          // exposition only
        Lock* ulock; // exposition only
    public:
        using Lock = LockT;
        using value_type = T;
        static constexpr bool is_always_lock_free = implementation-defined;
        static constexpr bool never_requires_user_lock = implementation-defined;
        static constexpr size_t required_lock_free_alignment = implementation-defined;

        static bool is_lock_free(const T &) noexcept;
        static bool requires_user_lock(const T &) noexcept;

        atomic_ref& operator=(const atomic_ref&) = delete;

        explicit atomic_ref(T&) noexcept;
        atomic_ref(T&, atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t) noexcept;

        atomic_ref(T&, Lock&) noexcept;
        atomic_ref(T&, Lock&, atomic_ref_prefer_user_lock_t) noexcept;

        template<class Select> atomic_ref(T&, ranges::RandomAccessRange<Lock>,
            Select = unspecified) noexcept;
        template<class Select> atomic_ref(T&, ranges::RandomAccessRange<Lock>,
            atomic_ref_prefer_user_lock_t, Select = unspecified) noexcept;

        atomic_ref(const atomic_ref&) noexcept;

        T operator=(T) const noexcept;
        operator T() const noexcept;

        bool is_lock_free() const noexcept;
        void store(T, memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
        T load(memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
        T exchange(T, memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
        bool compare_exchange_weak(T&, T,
                                   memory_order, memory_order) const noexcept;
        bool compare_exchange_strong(T&, T,
                                     memory_order, memory_order) const noexcept;
        bool compare_exchange_weak(T&, T,
                                   memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
```

```

        bool compare_exchange_strong(T&, T,
                                     memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
    };
}

```

Make the following changes in [atomics.ref.operations].

`atomic_ref` instances referencing the same value of `ptr` and `ulock` are called *equivalent*. Concurrent access to the same value through equivalent `atomic_ref` instances does not create a data race. [Note: Concurrent access to the value directly, or through a non-equivalent `atomic_ref` instance, may introduce a data race. — end note]

```
static constexpr bool is_always_lock_free;
```

- 1 The static data member `is_always_lock_free` is `true` if the `atomic_ref` type's operations are always lock-free on objects aligned to `required_lock_free_alignment`, and `false` otherwise.

```
static constexpr size_t required_lock_free_alignment;
```

- 2 The alignment required for an object to be referenced lock-free by an atomic reference, which is at least `alignof(T)`.
- 3 [Note: Hardware could require an object referenced by an `atomic_ref` to have stricter alignment (??) than other objects of type `T`. Furthermore, whether operations on an `atomic_ref` are lock-free could depend on the alignment of the referenced object. For example, lock-free operations on `std::complex<double>` could be supported only if aligned to `2*alignof(double)`. — end note]

```
static constexpr bool never_requires_user_lock;
```

- 4 Is `true` if an implementation never requires the user to provide a lock for objects of type `T` and `false` otherwise.

```
static is_lock_free(T& obj) noexcept;
```

Returns: Returns `true` if atomic operations on the object referenced by `obj` can be lock-free or if the Lock type is equivalent to `atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t`.

```
static requires_user_lock(T& obj) noexcept;
```

Returns: Returns `false` if the type Lock is equivalent to either `atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t` or `atomic_ref_assume_no_user_lock_t`. Otherwise, returns `true` if `atomic_ref` requires the user to provide a valid reference to a Lock object or a non-empty `ranges::RandomAccessRange<Lock>` when constructing an `atomic_ref` from `obj`.

```
explicit atomic_ref(T& obj) noexcept(see below);
```

- 5 *Mandates:* If type Lock is either equivalent to `atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t` or `atomic_ref_assume_no_user_lock_t` then the implementation can possibly be lock-free or not require a user provided lock for some objects of type `T` respectively.

- 6 ~~*Requires:* The referenced object shall be aligned to `required_lock_free_alignment`.~~ *Expects:* The type Lock either meets the *Cpp17BasicLockable* requirements, Lock is equivalent to `atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t`, or Lock is equivalent to `atomic_ref_assume_no_user_lock_t`. Furthermore, `requires_user_lock(obj)` is `false`.

- 7 ~~*Effects:* Constructs an atomic reference that references the object.~~
Equivalent to:

```

    ptr = &obj;
    ulock = nullptr;

```

- 8 *Throws:* Nothing.

- 9 *Remarks:* Calls `terminate()` if `requires_user_lock(obj)` is `true`.

```
atomic_ref(T& obj, atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t);
```

10 *Mandates:* If type `Lock` is either equivalent to `atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t` or `atomic_ref_assume_no_user_lock_t` then the implementation can possibly be lock-free or not require a user provided lock for some objects of type `T` respectively.

11 *Expects:* The type `Lock` either meets the *Cpp17BasicLockable* requirements, `Lock` is equivalent to `atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t`, or `Lock` is equivalent to `atomic_ref_assume_no_user_lock_t`. Furthermore, the object referenced `obj` is be aligned to `required_lock_free_alignment`.

12 *Effects:* Equivalent to:

```
    ptr = &obj;
    ulock = nullptr;
```

13 *Throws:* Nothing.

14 *Remarks:* Calls `terminate` if `is_lock_free(obj)` is false.

```
atomic_ref(T& obj, Lock& lk);
```

15 *Mandates:* If type `Lock` is either equivalent to `atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t` or `atomic_ref_assume_no_user_lock_t` then the implementation can possibly be lock-free or not require a user provided lock for some objects of type `T` respectively.

16 *Expects:* The type `Lock` either meets the *Cpp17BasicLockable* requirements, `Lock` is equivalent to `atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t`, or `Lock` is equivalent to `atomic_ref_assume_no_user_lock_t`. Furthermore, either `requires_user_lock(obj)` is false or all `atomic_ref` objects which concurrently reference the object referenced by `obj` are equivalent.

17 *Effects:* Equivalent to:

```
    ptr = &obj;
    ulock = requires_user_lock(obj) ? &lk : nullptr;
```

18 *Throws:* Nothing.

```
atomic_ref(T& obj, Lock& lk, atomic_ref_prefer_user_lock_t);
```

19 *Mandates:* If type `Lock` is either equivalent to `atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t` or `atomic_ref_assume_no_user_lock_t` then the implementation can possibly be lock-free or not require a user provided lock for some objects of type `T` respectively.

20 *Expects:* The type `Lock` either meets the *Cpp17BasicLockable* requirements, `Lock` is equivalent to `atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t`, or `Lock` is equivalent to `atomic_ref_assume_no_user_lock_t`. Furthermore, all `atomic_ref` objects which concurrently reference the object referenced by `obj` are equivalent.

21 *Effects:* Equivalent to:

```
    ptr = &obj;
    ulock = is_lock_free(obj) ? nullptr : &lk;
```

22 *Throws:* Nothing.

```
template <class Select>
atomic_ref(T& obj, ranges::RandomAccessRange<Lock> lks,
    Select sel = unspecified );
```

23 *Mandates:* If type `Lock` is either equivalent to `atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t` or `atomic_ref_assume_no_user_lock_t` then the implementation can possibly be lock-free or not require a user provided lock for some objects of type `T` respectively. Furthermore, `INVOKE(sel(const T&, ranges::RandomAccessRange<Lock>))` returns a reference to an object of type `Lock`.

24 *Expects:* The type `Lock` either meets the *Cpp17BasicLockable* requirements, `Lock` is equivalent to `atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t`, or `Lock` is equivalent to `atomic_ref_assume_no_user_lock_t`. Also, the range `lks` is non-empty and `INVOKE(sel(obj, lks))` returns a reference to a `Lock` object in the range of `lks`. Furthermore, either `require` is false or for all `atomic_ref` objects which concurrently reference the object referenced by `obj` are equivalent.

25 *Effects:* Equivalent to:

```

    ptr = &obj;
    ulock = requires_user_lock(obj) ?
        std::addressof(INVOKE(sel(obj, lks))) : nullptr;

```

26 *Throws:* Nothing.

27 *Remarks:* Calls `terminate` if the range `lks` is empty. `requires_user_lock(obj)` is true.

```

template <class Select>
atomic_ref(T& obj, ranges::RandomAccessRange<Lock> lks,
    atomic_ref_prefer_user_lock_t, Sel sel = unspecified );

```

28 *Mandates:* If type `Lock` is either equivalent to `atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t` or `atomic_ref_assume_no_user_lock_t` then the implementation can possibly be lock-free or not require a user provided lock for some objects of type `T` respectively. Furthermore, `INVOKE(sel(const T&, ranges::RandomAccessRange<Lock>))` returns a reference to an object of type `Lock`.

29 *Expects:* The type `Lock` either meets the *Cpp17BasicLockable* requirements, `Lock` is equivalent to `atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t`, or `Lock` is equivalent to `atomic_ref_assume_no_user_lock_t`. Also, the range `lks` is non-empty and `INVOKE(sel(obj, lks))` returns a reference to a `Lock` object in the range of `lks`. Furthermore, all `atomic_ref` objects which concurrently reference the object referenced by `obj` are equivalent.

30 *Effects:* Equivalent to:

```

    ptr = &obj;
    ulock = is_lock_free(obj) ?
        nullptr: std::addressof(INVOKE(sel(obj, lks)));

```

31 *Throws:* Nothing.

32 *Remarks:* Calls `terminate` if the range `lks` is empty and `is_lock_free(obj)` is false.

```

atomic_ref(const atomic_ref& ref) noexcept;

```

33 *Effects:* ~~Constructs an atomic reference that references the object referenced by `ref`.~~ Equivalent to:

```

    ptr = ref.obj;
    ulock = ref.ulock;

```

```

void store(T desired, memory_order order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;

```

34 ~~*Requires:*~~ *Expects:* The `order` argument shall not be `memory_order_consume`, `memory_order_acquire`, nor `memory_order_acq_rel`.

35 ~~Atomically replaces the value referenced by `*ptr` with the value of `desired`.~~ *Effects:* If `ulock` is equivalent to `nullptr` then the operation is equivalent to atomically performing the following:

```

    memcpy(ptr, &desired, sizeof(T));

```

Otherwise, equivalent to:

```

    ulock->lock();
    memcpy(ptr, &desired, sizeof(T));
    ulock->unlock();

```

Memory is affected according to the value of `order`.

```

T load(memory_order order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;

```

36 ~~*Requires:*~~ *Expects:* The `order` argument shall not be `memory_order_release` nor `memory_order_acq_rel`.

37 *Effects:* If `ulock` is equivalent to `nullptr` then the operation is equivalent to atomically performing the following:

```

    alignas(T) char result[sizeof(T)];
    memcpy(result, ptr, sizeof(T));
    return *reinterpret_cast<T*>(result);

```

Otherwise, equivalent to:

```

    alignas(T) char result[sizeof(T)];
    ulock->lock();

```

```
memcpy(result, ptr, sizeof(T));
unlock->unlock();
return *reinterpret_cast<T*>(result);
```

Memory is affected according to the value of `order`.

38 ~~*Returns:* Atomically returns the value referenced by **ptr*.~~

```
T exchange(T desired, memory_order order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
```

39 ~~*Atomically replaces the value referenced by **ptr* with *desired*.*~~ *Effects:* If `unlock` is equivalent to `nullptr` then the operation is equivalent to atomically performing the following:

```
alignas(T) char result[sizeof(T)];
memcpy(result, ptr, sizeof(T));
memcpy(ptr, &desired, sizeof(T));
return *reinterpret_cast<T*>(result);
```

Otherwise, equivalent to:

```
alignas(T) char result[sizeof(T)];
unlock->lock();
memcpy(result, ptr, sizeof(T));
memcpy(ptr, &desired, sizeof(T));
unlock->unlock();
return *reinterpret_cast<T*>(result);
```

Memory is affected according to the value of `order`. This operation is an atomic read-modify-write operation (??).

40 *Returns:* Atomically returns the value referenced by **ptr* immediately before the effects.

```
bool compare_exchange_weak(T& expected, T desired,
                           memory_order success, memory_order failure) const noexcept;
```

```
bool compare_exchange_strong(T& expected, T desired,
                             memory_order success, memory_order failure) const noexcept;
```

```
bool compare_exchange_weak(T& expected, T desired,
                           memory_order order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
```

```
bool compare_exchange_strong(T& expected, T desired,
                             memory_order order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
```

41 ~~*Requires:*~~ *Expects:* The failure argument shall not be `memory_order_release` nor `memory_order_acq_rel`.

42 *Effects:* When only one `memory_order` argument is supplied, the value of `success` is `order`, and the value of `failure` is `order` except that a value of `memory_order_acq_rel` shall be replaced by the value `memory_order_acquire` and a value of `memory_order_release` shall be replaced by the value `memory_order_relaxed`.

If `unlock` is equivalent to `nullptr` then the operation is equivalent to atomically performing the following:

```
alignas(T) char old[sizeof(T)];
memcpy(old, ptr, sizeof(T));
bool result = 0 == memcmp(&expected, old, sizeof(T));
if (result) memcpy(ptr, &desired, sizeof(T));
else memcpy(&expected, old, sizeof(T));
return result;
```

Otherwise, equivalent to:

```
alignas(T) char old[sizeof(T)];
unlock->lock();
memcpy(old, ptr, sizeof(T));
bool result = 0 == memcmp(&expected, old, sizeof(T));
if (result) {
    memcpy(ptr, &desired, sizeof(T));
    unlock->unlock();
} else {
```

```

        uunlock->unlock();
        memcpy(&expected, old, sizeof(T));
    }
    return result;

```

43 Let *R* be the return value of the operation. If and only if *R* is `true`, memory is affected according to the value of `success`, and if *R* is `false`, memory is affected according to the value of `failure`.

Retrieves the value in `expected`. It then atomically compares the value representation of the value referenced by `*ptr` for equality with that previously retrieved from `expected`, and if `true`, replaces the value referenced by `*ptr` with that in `desired`. When only one `memory_order` argument is supplied, the value of `success` is `order`, and the value of `failure` is `order` except that a value of `memory_order_acq_rel` shall be replaced by the value `memory_order_acquire` and a value of `memory_order_release` shall be replaced by the value `memory_order_relaxed`. If and only if the comparison is `false` then, after the atomic operation, the value in `expected` is replaced by the value read from the value referenced by `*ptr` during the atomic comparison. ~~If the operation returns *R* is~~ `true`, these operations are atomic read-modify-write operations (??) on the value referenced by `*ptr`. Otherwise, these operations are atomic load operations on that memory.

44 *Returns:* The result of the comparison.

45 *Remarks:* A weak compare-and-exchange operation may fail spuriously. That is, even when the contents of memory referred to by `expected` and `ptr` are equal, it may return `false` and store back to `expected` the same memory contents that were originally there. [Note: This spurious failure enables implementation of compare-and-exchange on a broader class of machines, e.g., load-locked store-conditional machines. A consequence of spurious failure is that nearly all uses of weak compare-and-exchange will be in a loop. When a compare-and-exchange is in a loop, the weak version will yield better performance on some platforms. When a weak compare-and-exchange would require a loop and a strong one would not, the strong one is preferable. — end note]

Make the following changes in [atomics.ref.int].

```

namespace std {
    template<Lock> struct atomic_ref<integral, Lock> {
    private:
        integral* ptr;           // exposition only
        Lock* uunlock; // exposition only
    public:
        using value_type = integral;
        using difference_type = value_type;
        static constexpr bool is_always_lock_free = implementation-defined;
        static constexpr bool never_requires_user_lock = implementation-defined;
        static constexpr size_t required_lock_free_alignment = implementation-defined;

        static bool is_lock_free(const T &) noexcept;
        static bool requires_user_lock(const T &) noexcept;

        atomic_ref& operator=(const atomic_ref&) = delete;

        explicit atomic_ref(T&) noexcept;
        atomic_ref(integral&, atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t) noexcept;

        atomic_ref(integral&, Lock&) noexcept;
        atomic_ref(integral&, Lock&, atomic_ref_prefer_user_lock_t) noexcept;

        template<class Select> atomic_ref(integral&, ranges::RandomAccessRange<Lock>,
            Select = unspecified) noexcept;
        template<class Select> atomic_ref(integral&, ranges::RandomAccessRange<Lock>,
            atomic_ref_prefer_user_lock_t, Select = unspecified) noexcept;

        atomic_ref(const atomic_ref&) noexcept;

```

```

    integral operator=(integral) const noexcept;
    operator integral() const noexcept;

    bool is_lock_free() const noexcept;
    void store(integral, memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
    integral load(memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
    integral exchange(integral,
        memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
    bool compare_exchange_weak(integral&, integral,
        memory_order, memory_order) const noexcept;
    bool compare_exchange_strong(integral&, integral,
        memory_order, memory_order) const noexcept;
    bool compare_exchange_weak(integral&, integral,
        memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
    bool compare_exchange_strong(integral&, integral,
        memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;

    integral fetch_add(integral,
        memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
    integral fetch_sub(integral,
        memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
    integral fetch_and(integral,
        memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
    integral fetch_or(integral,
        memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
    integral fetch_xor(integral,
        memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;

    integral operator++(int) const noexcept;
    integral operator--(int) const noexcept;
    integral operator++() const noexcept;
    integral operator--() const noexcept;
    integral operator+=(integral) const noexcept;
    integral operator-=(integral) const noexcept;
    integral operator&=(integral) const noexcept;
    integral operator|=(integral) const noexcept;
    integral operator^=(integral) const noexcept;
};
}

```

Make the following changes in [atomics.ref.float].

```

namespace std {
    template<Lock> struct atomic_ref<floating-point, Lock> {
    private:
        floating-point* ptr; // exposition only
        Lock* ulock; // exposition only
    public:
        using value_type = floating-point;
        using difference_type = value_type;
        static constexpr bool is_always_lock_free = implementation-defined;
        static constexpr bool never_requires_user_lock = implementation-defined;
        static constexpr size_t required_lock_free_alignment = implementation-defined;

        static bool is_lock_free(const T &) noexcept;
        static bool requires_user_lock(const T &) noexcept;

        atomic_ref& operator=(const atomic_ref&) = delete;

        explicit atomic_ref(T&) noexcept;
        atomic_ref(floating-point&, atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t) noexcept;

        atomic_ref(floating-point&, Lock&) noexcept;
        atomic_ref(floating-point&, Lock&, atomic_ref_prefer_user_lock_t) noexcept;
    };
}

```



```

template<class Select> atomic_ref(floating-point&, ranges::RandomAccessRange<Lock>,
    Select = unspecified) noexcept;
template<class Select> atomic_ref(floating-point&, ranges::RandomAccessRange<Lock>,
    atomic_ref_prefer_user_lock_t, Select = unspecified) noexcept;

atomic_ref(const atomic_ref&) noexcept;

floating-point operator=(floating-point) noexcept;
operator floating-point() const noexcept;

bool is_lock_free() const noexcept;
void store(floating-point, memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
floating-point load(memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
floating-point exchange(floating-point,
    memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
bool compare_exchange_weak(floating-point&, floating-point,
    memory_order, memory_order) const noexcept;
bool compare_exchange_strong(floating-point&, floating-point,
    memory_order, memory_order) const noexcept;
bool compare_exchange_weak(floating-point&, floating-point,
    memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
bool compare_exchange_strong(floating-point&, floating-point,
    memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;

floating-point fetch_add(floating-point,
    memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
floating-point fetch_sub(floating-point,
    memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;

floating-point operator+=(floating-point) const noexcept;
floating-point operator-=(floating-point) const noexcept;
};
}

```

Make the following changes in [atomics.ref.pointer].

```

namespace std {
    template<class T, Lock> struct atomic_ref<T*, Lock> {
    private:
        T** ptr; // exposition only
        Lock* ulock; // exposition only
    public:
        using value_type = T*;
        using difference_type = ptrdiff_t;
        static constexpr bool is_always_lock_free = implementation-defined;
        static constexpr bool never_requires_user_lock = implementation-defined;
        static constexpr size_t required_lock_free_alignment = implementation-defined;

        static bool is_lock_free(const T &) noexcept;
        static bool requires_user_lock(const T &) noexcept;

        atomic_ref& operator=(const atomic_ref&) = delete;

        explicit atomic_ref(T&) noexcept;
        atomic_ref(T*, atomic_ref_assume_lock_free_t) noexcept;

        atomic_ref(T*, Lock&) noexcept;
        atomic_ref(T*, Lock&, atomic_ref_prefer_user_lock_t) noexcept;

        template<class Select> atomic_ref(T*, ranges::RandomAccessRange<Lock>,
            Select = unspecified) noexcept;
        template<class Select> atomic_ref(T*, ranges::RandomAccessRange<Lock>,
            atomic_ref_prefer_user_lock_t, Select = unspecified) noexcept;
    };
}

```

```

    atomic_ref(const atomic_ref&) noexcept;

    T* operator=(T*) const noexcept;
    operator T*() const noexcept;

    bool is_lock_free() const noexcept;
    void store(T*, memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
    T* load(memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
    T* exchange(T*, memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
    bool compare_exchange_weak(T*&, T*,
                               memory_order, memory_order) const noexcept;
    bool compare_exchange_strong(T*&, T*,
                                 memory_order, memory_order) const noexcept;
    bool compare_exchange_weak(T*&, T*,
                               memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
    bool compare_exchange_strong(T*&, T*,
                                 memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;

    T* fetch_add(difference_type, memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;
    T* fetch_sub(difference_type, memory_order = memory_order_seq_cst) const noexcept;

    T* operator++(int) const noexcept;
    T* operator--(int) const noexcept;
    T* operator++() const noexcept;
    T* operator--() const noexcept;
    T* operator+=(difference_type) const noexcept;
    T* operator-=(difference_type) const noexcept;
};
}

```