### A Perfect Move Forward

### Introduction

#### Few Words About Me

- Developer with experience of more than 14 years.
- Performance expert
- Linux environment expert
- Architect for large scale systems

#### Agenda

- File System Lib
- C++17 new features
- Perfect Forwarding
- Most important thing is feel free to ask questions during the talk.

# C++17 File System

► The new filesystem library is based on boost::filesystem. Some of its components are optional. That means not all functionality of std::filesytem is available on each implementation of the filesystem library. For example, FAT-32 does not support symbolic links.

- The library is based on the three concepts file:
  - File name and path
  - Files can be directories, hard links, symbolic links or regular files
  - Paths can be absolute or relative

- How we used to look at filesystems:
  - Nothing was implemented
  - Used old c functions and strings (getpwd...)
  - The only real implementation that was available is File\* Filestream...

- What can we do now?
  - create and remove directories
  - iterate over directories
  - check properties of files
  - Traversing a path, even recursively

- ► Core Objects
  - path object
  - directory\_entry
  - Directory iterator

- Supportive functions
  - Getting info about paths
  - ► File manipulations
  - ► Write time tags
  - **Permissions**
  - ► Space On Drive
  - File Size

#### Working With Paths

Working With Paths , program output for c:/MyDir/txt.ini

```
exists() = 1
root_name() = C:
root_path() = C:\
relative_path() = MyDir/txt.ini
parent_path() = C:\MyDir
filename() = txt.ini
stem() = txt
extension() = .ini
```

Working With Paths, iteration over path elements

```
#include <iostream>

namespace fs = std::filesystem;

fs::path pathToShow("C:/MyDir");

int i = 0;
for (auto&& part : pathToShow)
{
    cout << "path part: " << i++ << " = " << part << "\n";
}</pre>
```

#### Creating Paths

```
#include <filesystem>
#include <iostream>
namespace fs = std::filesystem;
fs::path p1("C:\\temp");
p1 /= "user";
p1 /= "data";
cout << p1 << "\n";
fs::path p2("C:\\temp\\");
p2 += "user";
p2 += "data";
cout << p2 << "\n";
```

- Creating Paths, Output
- ▶P1- c:\temp\user\data
- ▶P2- c:\temp\userdata

#### Checking File Size

```
#include <filesystem>
#include <iostream>
namespace fs = std::filesystem;
uintmax_t ComputeFileSize(const fs::path& pathToCheck)
    if (fs::exists(pathToCheck) &&
        fs::is_regular_file(pathToCheck))
        auto err = std::error code{};
        auto filesize = fs::file_size(pathToCheck, err);
        if (filesize != static_cast<uintmax_t>(-1))
            return filesize;
    return static_cast<uintmax_t>(-1);
```

Last Write TT

```
#include <filesystem>
#include <iostream>

namespace fs = std::filesystem;

auto timeEntry = fs::last_write_time(entry);
time_t cftime = chrono::system_clock::to_time_t(timeEntry);
cout << std::asctime(std::localtime(&cftime));</pre>
```

#### Permissions

```
void printPerms(fs::perms perm)
 std::cout << ((perm & fs::perms::owner read) !=
           fs::perms::none ? "r" : "-")
            << ((perm & fs::perms::owner write) !=
           fs::perms::none ? "w" : "-")
            << ((perm & fs::perms::owner exec) !=
           fs::perms::none ? "x" : "-")
            << ((perm & fs::perms::group read) !=
           fs::perms::none ? "r" : "-")
            << ((perm & fs::perms::group write) !=
           fs::perms::none ? "w" : "-")
            << ((perm & fs::perms::group exec) !=
            fs::perms::none ? "x" : "-")
            << ((perm & fs::perms::others_read) !=
           fs::perms::none ? "r" : "-")
            << ((perm & fs::perms::others write) !=
           fs::perms::none ? "w" : "-")
            << ((perm & fs::perms::others_exec) !=
           fs::perms::none ? "x" : "-")
            << std::endl:
printPerms(fs::status("someFile.txt").permissions());
```

**▶**Space

#### ► Iteration on dir

```
void DisplayDirTree(const fs::path& pathToShow, int level)
   if (fs::exists(pathToShow) && fs::is_directory(pathToShow))
        auto lead = std::string(level * 3, ' ');
        for (const auto& entry : fs::directory iterator(pathToShow))
            auto filename = entry.path().filename();
            if (fs::is directory(entry.status()))
                cout << lead << "[+] " << filename << "\n";</pre>
                DisplayDirTree(entry, level + 1);
                cout << "\n";
            else if (fs::is_regular_file(entry.status()))
                DisplayFileInfo(entry, lead, filename);
            else
                cout << lead << " [?]" << filename << "\n";</pre>
```

Computing file size async way

```
std::vector<std::filesystem::path> paths;

std::filesystem::recursive_directory_iterator dirpos{ root };

std::copy(begin(dirpos), end(dirpos), std::back_inserter(paths));
```

Computing file size async way

```
template <typename Policy>
uintmax_t ComputeTotalFileSize(const std::vector<std::filesystem::path>& paths,
                              Policy policy)
    return std::transform reduce(
       policy,
       paths.cbegin(), paths.cend(),
                                              // range
       std::uintmax_t{ 0 },
                                          // initial value
       std::plus<>(),
                                             // accumulate ...
       [](const std::filesystem::path& p) { // file size if regular file
       return is_regular_file(p) ? file_size(p)
           : std::uintmax_t{ 0 };
   });
```

► Computing file size async way

```
start = std::chrono::steady clock::now();
uintmax t FinalSize = 0;
if (executionPolicyMode)
FinalSize = ComputeTotalFileSize(paths, std::execution::par);
else
FinalSize = ComputeTotalFileSize(paths, std::execution::seq);
PrintTiming("computing the sizes", start);
std::cout << "size of all " << paths.size()</pre>
        << " regular files: " << FinalSize/1024 << " kbytes\n";</pre>
return 0;
```

- ► Computing file size async way
  - ►On my system I got:
    - ►PAR: 0.623 ms
    - ►SEQ: 1.12564 ms

# C++17 Features

- string\_view
  - non-owning reference to a string. It represents a view of a sequence of characters
  - offers four type synonyms for the underlying character-types

```
    std::string_view
    std::basic_string_view
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    std::basic_string_view
    std::basic_string_view
```

- Why do we need string\_view????
- What's wrong with string?
- There is a cost to working with strings though, and that is that they *own* the underlying buffer in which the string of characters is stored.
- often require dynamic memory

look at the next code

```
#include <iostream>
void* operator new(std::size t n)
    std::cout << "[allocating " << n << " bytes]\n";
    return malloc(n);
bool compare(const std::string& s1, const std::string& s2)
   if (s1 == s2)
       return true;
    std::cout << '\"' << s1 << "\" does not match \"" << s2 << "\"\n";
    return false;
int main()
    std::string str =
    compare(str, "every now and then i feel a bit lonely");
    compare(str, "every now and then i get little bit tired");
    compare(str, "turn around my child");
    return 0;
```

output

```
[allocating 41 bytes]
[allocating 63 bytes]
"turn around !!!!" does not match "every now and then i
feel a bit lonely"
[allocating 66 bytes]
"turn around !!!!" does not match "every now and then i
get little bit tired"
[allocating 45 bytes]
"turn around !!!!" does not match "turn around my child"
```

# String View • Possible

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What happε

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vle strings, but then

tensibly do the same

is Qt's **Qstring**?

C-style string or

```
char* s2);
QString& s2);
ring& s2);
 s2);
:string& s2);
 32);
ing& s2);
```

string\_view is our real solution

```
#include <experimental/string view>
void* operator new(std::size t n)
    std::cout << "[allocating " << n << " bytes]\n";</pre>
    return malloc(n);
bool compare(std::experimental::string view s1,
        const std::experimental::string view s2)
    if (s1 == s2)
        return true;
    std::cout << '\"' << s1 << "\" does not match \"" << s2 << "\"\n";
    return false;
int main()
    std::string str = "turn around !!!!";
    compare(str, "every now and then i feel a bit lonely");
    compare(str, "every now and then i get little bit tired");
    compare(str, "turn around my child");
    return 0;
```

output

[allocating 41 bytes]

"turn around !!!!" does not match "every now and then i feel a bit lonely"

"turn around !!!!" does not match "every now and then i get little bit tired"

"turn around !!!!" does not match "turn around my child"

- Additional benefits
  - creating a string\_view from a substring in an existing string

```
int main()
{
    std::string str = "will this work?";

    std::experimental::string_view sv(&str.at(str.find_first_of('t')));

    compare(str, sv);

    return 0;
}
```

output

[allocating 39 bytes]

"will this work" does not match "this work"

#### **Deduction Guides**

#### Examples:

```
will this work?

Void func() {};

Int main()
{
    std::function f(&func);
}
```

The answer is no.

But now we can teach the compiler what to do

```
namespace std
{
template<typename Ret, typename...
Args> function(Ret, (*)(Args...)) ->
function<Ret(Args...)>;
}
```

#### Before c++17

```
#include <functional>
     void test1(){};
     void test2(int x, double y, std::string z){};
 6
     int main() {
       // i can write
       std::function x = []() { test1(); };
 9
10
       // but if i want another function like test 2?
11
       std::function y = [](int x, double y, std::string z) { test2(x, y, z); };
12
13
       // what about other functions
14
15
```

```
#include <functional>
     namespace std
         template <typename Ret, typename... Arg> function(Ret(*)(Arg...)) ->
         function<Ret (Arg...)>;
         template <typename Class , typename Ret, typename... Arg>
 8
         function(Ret(Class::*)(Arg...)) ->
 9
         function<Ret (Class &, Arg...)>;
10
11
         template <typename Class , typename Ret, typename... Arg>
12
         function(Ret(Class::*)(Arg...) const) ->
13
         function<Ret(const Class &, Arg...)>;
14
15
16
     class TestClass
17
18
         public:
19
         void memFun1() {};
20
21
         void memFun2() const {};
     };
22
23
24
     void test1(){};
25
     void test2(int x, double y, std::string z) {};
26
27
```

```
int main()
    std::function f1(test1);
    std::function f2(test2);
    std::function f3(&TestClass::memFun1);
    std::function f4(&TestClass::memFun2);
    TestClass c;
   f1();
   f2(1, 2.1, "XYZ");
   f3(c);
   f4(c);
```

#### Examples:

what happens if we want to combine 2 lambdas with different signatures?

```
auto 11 = [](){return 4;};
auto 12 = [](int i) {return 10*i; };
```

We want to call combined(int) or combined()

#### Examples:

Don't forget Lambdas are objects too.

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```
auto 11 = []() { return 4; };
auto 12 = [](int i) { return 10*i; };

auto combined = make_combined(std::move(11), std::move(12));
std::cout << combined() << "\n";
std::cout << combined(4) << "\n";</pre>
```

#### Output:

4

40

• Lambda Inheritance c++17:

#### Examples:

```
#include <atomic>
#include <thread>
#include <random>
                                                                             1 main: # @main
#include <chrono>
                                                                             2 mov eax, 5
#include <map>
                                                                             3 ret
#include <utility>
#include <tuple>
#include <type traits>
#include <memory>
template <typename... L>
struct Merged : L...
    template <typename... T>
    Merged(T&&... t): L(std::forward<T>(t))... {};
    using L::operator()...;
template <typename... T>
Merged(T...) -> Merged<std::decay t<T>...>;
int main()
    auto l1 = [](){return 4;};
    auto l2 = [](int i) {return 10*i; };
    Merged merged(l1, l2, [p = std::make_unique<double>(5.)](
    return merged(1.);
```

### Fold Expressions

• Fold Expressions c++14:

Examples:

```
template <typename... T>
auto mult(T... t)
{
    typename std::common_type<T...>::type res{1};
    (void)std::initializer_list<int>{(res *= t, 0)...};
    return res;
}
```

#### Fold Expressions

• Fold Expressions c++17: Examples:

```
template <typename... T>
auto mult(T... t)
    return ( t * ...);
template <typename... T>
auto avg(T... t)
   return (t + ...) / sizeof...(t);
template <typename... T>
auto somthing(T... t)
   const int n = 5;
   return (t + ... + n);
```

```
template <typename... T>
auto somthing2(T... t)
{
    return (t() + ...);
}
```

### Template with auto

- template <auto>
  - indicate a non-type parameter the type of which is deduced at the point of instantiation

#### Examples:

```
C++11: template <typename Type, Type value> constexpr
Type constant = value;
constexpr auto const IntConstant42 = constant<int, 42>
```

C++17: template <auto value> constexpr auto constant = value; constexpr auto const IntConstant42 = constant<42>;

### Template with auto

#### Examples:

```
C++17:
template <auto ... vs> struct HeterogenousValueList {};
using MyList1 = Heterogenous ValueList < 42, 'X', 13u >;
template <auto v0, decltype(v0) ... vs> struct HomogenousValueList {};
using MyList2 = HomogenousValueList<1, 2, 3>;
C++14: template <typename T, T ... vs> struct Cxx14HomogenousValueList {};
using MyList3 = Cxx14HomogenousValueList<int, 1, 2, 3>; //not to bad
template < typename ... ValueTypes > struct Cxx14HeterogenousValueList {}; using
MyList4 = Cxx14HeterogenousValueList<constant<int, 42>, constant<char, 'X'>>;
          //this is much worst that in c++17
```

• std::invoke



interface to

14

So what is it good for ?

```
Learn by example:

struct S { int j = 5;

Int doSomthing(const int i)

{return j*j+i};};
```

```
S s;
cout:: << s.doSomthing(3) //print 28
auto fp = &S::doSomthing; //int (S::*(int))
(s.*fp)(4); //prints 29
```

So what is it good for ?

```
Learn by example:
struct S \{ int j = 5;
Int doSomthing(const int i)
{return j*j+i};
Int doSomthing2(const int i)
{return j+j+i};};
```

```
Int (S::*fp2)(int) = nullptr;
If (expression == true)
  fp2 = &S::doSomthing2;
Else
  fp2 = &S::doSomthing;
```

```
expression = true
cout << (s.*fp2)(1) // prints 11
```

Instead of this monstrosity we can use the invoke

Std::invoke(&S::doSomthing2, s, 1); //will calc 11

You can even do this

Std::invoke(&S::j, s) //returns 5

### **Optional**

 The class template std::optional manages an optional contained value, i.e. a value that may or may not be present

```
std::optional<std::string> create(bool b) {
if (b) return "Precision"; return {}; }
```

std::cout << "create(false) returned " <<
create(false).value\_or("empty");</pre>

### **Optional**

- nullopt
  - Just like null pointer but with a different type
  - Creates an empty optional value

```
auto create2(bool b) { return b ?
std::optional<std::string>{"Precision"} :
std::nullopt; }

if (auto str = create2(true)) {
std::cout << "what do we do" << *str;}</pre>
```

#### **Optional**

More examples

```
std::optional<std::string>
opt1(std::in_place, "C++17");
std::optional<std::string>
opt2(std::in_place,5, 'C');
std::optional<std::string>
opt3(std::in_place,
{'C', '+', '+', '1', '7'});
std::optional<std::string> opt4(opt3);
```

## **Any**

 The class any describes a type-safe container for single values of any type

```
std::any a = 1; a = 3.14;a = true; a = std::string("XYZ");
```

### Any

- any\_cast
  - Performs type-safe access to the contained object

```
std::any a = 1;
std::cout << std::any_cast<int>(a);
a = 3.14;
std::cout << std ::any_cast<double>(a);
a = true;
std::cout << std::boolalpha << std
::any_cast<bool>(a);
```

## Any

Checking the type of any

```
std::any a = 1;
const std::type_info &ti = a.type();
cout << ti.name();</pre>
```

- variant
  - represents a type-safe union
  - at any given time either holds a value of one of its alternative types, or it holds no value

```
std::variant<int, float> v, w;
v = 12; int i = std::get<int>(v); w = std::get<int>(v);
w = std::get<0>(v); w = v;
```

bad\_variant\_access

```
std::variant<int, string> v;
v = 42;
try {
    std::get<string>(v);
} catch(std::bad_variant_access& exp) {...}
```

- Visit
  - allows to apply a visitor to a list of variants

```
std::vector<std::variant<char, long, float, int,
  double, long long>> vecVariant =
{5, '2', 5.4, 100ll, 2011l, 3.5f, 2017};
```

```
for (auto& v: vecVariant){ std::visit([](auto&&
    arg){std::cout << arg << " ";}, v);}</pre>
```

- Common\_type
  - Determines the common type among all types T

that is the type all T... can be implicitly converted to

```
std::common_type<char, long, float, int,
double, long long>::type res{}; //will
peak double
```

Putting it together

```
std::vector<std::variant<char, long, float, int,
   double, long long>> vecVariant =
{5, '2', 5.4, 100ll, 2011l, 3.5f, 2017};
std::common_type<char, long, float, int, double,
   long long>::type res{};

for (auto& v: vecVariant){ std::visit([&res](auto&& arg){res+= arg;}, v);}
```

## Const Expressions and If

- Will This code Compile ?
  - template <typename T>
     auto calcSomthing(const T& t){
     if (std::is\_integral < T>::value)
     return t++;
     else
     return t+0.5;}

Answer: No

## Const Expressions and If

```
template <typename T>
  auto calcSomthing(const T& t){
  if constexpr (std::is_integral<T>::value)
  return t++;
  else
  return t+0.5;}
Cout << calcSomthing(1); //prints 2
Cout << calcSomthing(0.1); //prints 0.6
```

## Multiple Namespaces

```
before c++17
  namespace a
  { namespace b
     { namespace c
        { namespace d
          { struct S;
```

## Multiple Namespaces

```
Multiple name spaces
  namespace a::b::c::d
  {
    struct S;
}
```

# Perfect Forwarding

# Forwarding Motivation by Example

- - The next code segments show an example of a make function that takes an argument and passes it.
    - Example 1 doesn't work on non-copyables and adds another copy for regular objects 😊

```
template <typename T, typename Arg> my_smart_obj<T>
make_smart_obj(Arg arg)
    return my smart obj<T>(new T(arg));

    Example 2 doesn't work for rvalues ⊗ ⊗
```

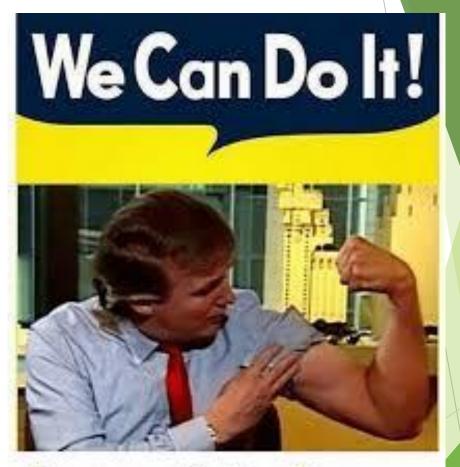
template <typename T, typename Arg> my\_smart\_obj<T> make smart obj(Arg& arg) return my\_smart\_obj<T>(new T(arg));

#### **Forwarding**

- The solution can be adding two overloads but..
- what if we have two arguments?

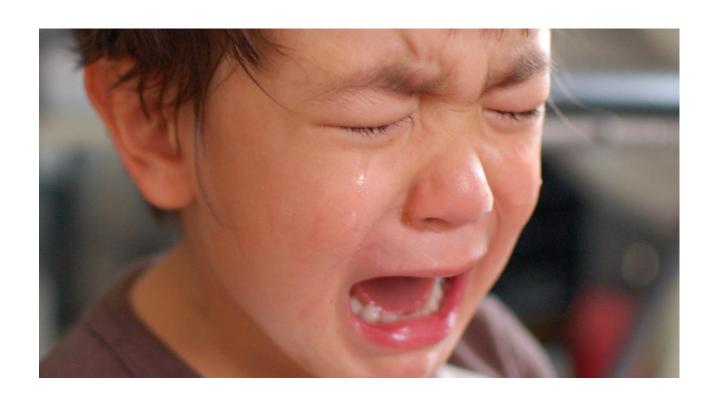
```
Void func(T t, U u);
Void func(T& t, U u);
Void func(T t, U& u);
Void func(T& t, U& u);
```

```
Void func(T t, U u, W w);
Void func(T& t, U u, W w);
Void func(T t, U& u, W w);
Void func(T t, U u, W& w);
Void func(T& t, U& u, W w);
Void func(T& t, U u, W& w);
Void func(T t, U& u, W& w);
Void func(T& t, U& u, W& w);
```



Yes we can President Trump

• And if it is 10 arguments?



- ForwardingHelp me Universal Reference
  - If we are using templates the && receives a different role - it is called universal reference.
  - Reference collapsing rules:
    - X& & becomes X&
    - X& && becomes X&
    - X&& & becomes X&
    - X&& && becomes X&&
  - Example:

```
template <typename T> void Foo(T&& t);
X X;
Foo(x); // resolves to FooX (x); x is X&
Foo(X()); // resolves to FooX>(x); x is X&&
Foo(std::move(x)); // resolves to Foo<X>(x); x is X&&
```

- UR Pitfalls
  - Will this work?

```
template<typename T>
class MyClass
public:
   void func(T&& t) { //do something with t };
};
int x = 25;
MyClass<int> myClass;
myClass.func(x);
```

Meet std::forward

For rvalues, T will be plain type, t is T&&, T&& is returned

```
template <typename T>
T&& forward(typename std::remove_reference<T>::type&& t) {
   return static_cast<T&&>(t);
}
```

For Ivalues, T will be a reference, t is T&, T&& &, T& is returned

```
template <typename T>
T&& forward(typename std::remove_reference<T>::type& t)
{
   return static_cast<T&&>(t);
```

- Perfect Forwarding
  - Now our make\_smart\_obj can forward the argument.
  - No need for crazy overloading ⊕⊕

```
template <typename T, typename Arg> my_smart_obj<T>
make_smart(Arg&& arg) {
  return my_smart_ptr<T>(new T(std::forward<Arg>(arg)));
}
```

• Important: the std::forward function doesn't perform auto deduction!

- Universal reference in other context
  - auto&& is also a way to define a universal reference auto&& rv = std::move(val); //rvalue reference auto&& lv = val; //lvalue reference for (auto&& elem: container) //depends on the iterator. • extra helpful for generic lambdas. auto lambda = [](auto&& fun, auto&&... args) { //do something before invoking fun forward<decltype(fun)>(fun)(forward<decltype(args)>(args )...); //do something after invoking fun };

- Parameter Passing Guidance
  - If function needs to modify the parameter use X&.
  - If the function only observes the parameter use X const &
  - If the function will always copy the parameter
    - If X non-copyable take X&&
    - If X non-moveable take X const&
    - If X is copyable and moveable take X or provide 2 overloads
    - The preferred way is universal reference

- Multiple Parameters
  - Overloading on T const& and T&& is unfeasible
  - Solution: use urefs and static asserts
    template <typename T1, typename T2>
    void create(T1&& t1, T2&& t2)
    {
     static\_assert(std::is\_constructible<someClass1,T1>:
     value,...);
     static\_assert(std::is\_constructible<someClass2,T2>:
     value,...);
     auto x = someClass1(std::forward<T1>(t1));
     auto y = someClass2(std::forward<T2>(t2));
    }

- Multiple Parameters
  - Alternative approach

```
template <typename T1, typename T2>
std::enable_if<
      std::is_constructible<someClass1, T1>::value &&
      std::is_constructible<someClass2, T2>::value >
create(T1&& t1, T2&& t2)
{ ...}
```

- More bad news!
  - Universal reference shadow everything.

```
class Example {
   std::string m_name;
public:
   template <typename T> explicit Example(T&& name) :
        m_name(std::forward<T>(name)){};
   Example(const Example& other);
};
```

So what will happen here?

```
Example e1("Alex"s);
Example e2(e1);
```

- Solution
  - Use enable\_if to avoid clashes with other methods.

- More confusing usage from C++ but its helpful
  - Very helpful for overloading.

```
char* dup_chars() & // this obj is lvalue we can duplicate
```

char\* dup\_chars() && // this is a rvalue just move

# Thank You