# C++ Club UK

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## 2019-10 Pre-Belfast Mailing

## Mailing

- Proposal of std::upto, std::indices and std::enumerate
- A Unified Executors Proposal for C++

https://www.reddit.com/r/cpp/comments/dhm138/wg21\_the\_2 01910\_mailing\_is\_now\_available/

- Oh boy (RX) and doubling down
- Oh boy (Graphics)

### **Eric Niebler on Executors**

Corentin: Executors are the least useful part of "A Unified Executors Proposal"

#### Eric Niebler:

It makes me happy to see the power of the Scheduler/Sender/Receiver recognized.

Much of traditional Rx assumes runtime polymorphism and garbage collection / ref counting. That's obviously a poor fit for C++. The sender/receiver design skews toward static polymorphism w/Generic interfaces, and explicit memory mgmt.

## Eric Niebler on Executors (cont.)

The factoring of submit into connect/start gives more flexible ownership semantics, and aligns the design conceptually with coroutines, making coroutines an efficient way of expressing sender/receiver.

Once you introduce concurrency with non-overlapping scopes, the lifetime of your async operation state no longer corresponds to a simple C++ scope. That's why explicit memory mgmt and ownership become issues where they wouldn't be otherwise.

## Eric Niebler on Executors (cont.)

One of coroutines great strengths is that they let us map async lifetime back to C++ scopes. Under the hood, the coroutine is carved up into callbacks, and the operation state (coroutine frame) is getting managed explicitly, but all that gets hidden from you by the coro types.

Sender/receiver is a library reification of this separation. You might argue (and some have) that we should just drop sender/receiver and use coroutines everywhere for everything "async". That's appealing, but goes too far. Coroutines, for all their value, come up short sometimes.

## Eric Niebler on Executors (cont.)

C++ has a long sad history of giving old things new names.

Map and fold would have been better than transform and accumulate, and don't get me started on vector.

Sender/receiver share some pedigree with Observable/Observer, but they really are different beasts ... by necessity.

The intended purpose of sender/receiver is to be a base lingua franca for all C++ async libraries. I expect end-users to interface at much higher levels of abstraction in their own code.

## Coro Examples, by Arthur O'Dwyer

```
https://quuxplusone.github.io/blog/2019/07/03/announcing-coro-examples/
```

https://github.com/Quuxplusone/coro

## wg21.link cheatsheet

```
wg21.link - WG21 redirect service.
Usage:
    wg21.link/nXXXX
    wg21.link/pXXXX
    wg21.link/pXXXXrX
        Get paper.
    wg21.link/standard
        Get working draft.
    wg21.link/cwgXXX
    wg21.link/ewgXXX
    wg21.link/lwgXXX
    wg21.link/lewgXXX
    wq21.link/fsXXX
    wg21.link/editXXX
        Get issue.
    wg21.link/index.json
    wg21.link/index.ndison
    wg21.link/index.txt
    wg21.link/specref.json
        Get everything.
    wg21.link/
        Get usage.
    wg21.link/<something else>
        Get 404.
Sources:
  - http://www.open-std.org/itc1/sc22/wg21/docs/papers/{2002..2018}/,
  - http://www.open-std.org/jtc1/sc22/wg21/docs/cwg {active,defects,closed}.html,
  - http://cplusplus.github.io/EWG/ewg-{active.complete.closed}.html,
  - http://cplusplus.github.io/LWG/lwg-{active, defects, closed}.html,
  - http://issues.isocpp.org/,
  - https://github.com/cplusplus/draft/tree/master/papers.
  - https://github.com/cplusplus/draft issues and pull-requests,
  - the private wiki of the C++ committee, and
  - a few manual additions.
```

## Address Sanitizer in MSVC

```
https://devblogs.microsoft.com/cppblog/addresssanitizer-
asan-for-windows-with-msvc/
https://www.reddit.com/r/cpp/comments/d6k7mt/address_sanit
izer_is_coming_to_msvc/
https://www.reddit.com/r/cpp/comments/dm1emb/addresssaniti
zer_asan_for_windows_with_msvc/
```

# Are there any memory safety libraries for C++?

```
https://www.reddit.com/r/cpp/comments/d0hguz/are_there_any
_memory_safety_libraries_for_c/
https://github.com/duneroadrunner/SaferCPlusPlus/
https://github.com/deplinenoise/ig-memtrace
```

MemTrace is a memory debugging tool developed internally at Insomniac Games.

https://github.com/ivmai/bdwgc

The Boehm-Demers-Weiser conservative C/C++
Garbage Collector (libgc, bdwgc, boehm-gc) https:
//www.hboehm.info/gc/

# MSVC versions are crazy

```
MSC
      1.0
            MSC VER == 100
MSC
      2.0
            MSC VER == 200
MSC
     3.0
            MSC VER == 300
            MSC VER == 400
MSC
   4.0
            MSC_VER == 500
     5.0
MSC
            MSC VER == 600
MSC 6.0
MSC
   7.0
            MSC VER == 700
MSVC++ 1.0
            MSC VER == 800
            MSC_VER == 900
MSVC++ 2.0
            MSC VER == 1000 (Developer Studio 4.0)
MSVC++ 4.0
MSVC++ 4.2
            MSC VER == 1020 (Developer Studio 4.2)
MSVC++ 5.0
            MSC VER == 1100 (Visual Studio 97 version 5.0)
MSVC++ 6.0
            MSC VER == 1200 (Visual Studio 6.0 version 6.0)
            MSC VER == 1300 (Visual Studio .NET 2002 version 7.0)
MSVC++ 7.0
MSVC++ 7.1 _MSC_VER == 1310 (Visual Studio .NET 2003 version 7.1)
MSVC++ 8.0 MSC VER == 1400 (Visual Studio 2005 version 8.0)
MSVC++ 9.0 MSC VER == 1500 (Visual Studio 2008 version 9.0)
MSVC++ 10.0 MSC VER == 1600 (Visual Studio 2010 version 10.0)
MSVC++ 11.0 _MSC_VER == 1700 (Visual Studio 2012 version 11.0)
MSVC++ 12.0 MSC VER == 1800 (Visual Studio 2013 version 12.0)
MSVC++ 14.0 MSC VER == 1900 (Visual Studio 2015 version 14.0)
MSVC++ 14.1 MSC VER == 1910 (Visual Studio 2017 version 15.0)
MSVC++ 14.11 MSC VER == 1911 (Visual Studio 2017 version 15.3)
MSVC++ 14.12 MSC VER == 1912 (Visual Studio 2017 version 15.5)
MSVC++ 14.13 MSC VER == 1913 (Visual Studio 2017 version 15.6)
MSVC++ 14.14 MSC VER == 1914 (Visual Studio 2017 version 15.7)
MSVC++ 14.15 MSC VER == 1915 (Visual Studio 2017 version 15.8)
MSVC++ 14.16 MSC VER == 1916 (Visual Studio 2017 version 15.9)
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#### **Pitchfork**

A de-facto standard C++ project layout, by Colby Pike <vectorofbool@gmail.com>

- Reddit post 1
- Reddit post 2
- Pitchfork GitHub repo
- Pre-paper
- Bloomberg BDE physical code organization

Closing the gap: cross-language LTO between Rust and  $\mathrm{C/C++}$ 

http://blog.llvm.org/2019/09/closing-gap-cross-language-lto-between.html

Reddit descended into an irrelevant but heated discussion on the term "C/C++".

# What's the difference between "STL" and "C++ Standard Library"?

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https://stackoverflow.com/questions/5205491/whats-the-difference-between-stl-and-c-standard-library
https://www.reddit.com/r/cpp/comments/c90sxa/whats_the_dif
```

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STL is a maintainer of MSVC's implementation of the C++ Standard Library.

# Scapix language bridge

```
https://www.scapix.com/introduction/
https://github.com/scapix-com/scapix
https://www.reddit.com/r/cpp/comments/cjvc1u/automatic_c_b
indings_for_various_languages/
https://www.reddit.com/r/cpp/comments/ckf44x/scapix_java_l
ink_modern_c17_jni_wrapper_library/
```

## **CURL** wrappers

#### Swish

- https://github.com/lamarrr/swish
- https://www.reddit.com/r/cpp/comments/c8q0wh/a\_moder n\_c\_17\_http\_client\_library\_for\_humans/

#### CPR

- https://github.com/whoshuu/cpr
- https://whoshuu.github.io/cpr/

## Span Lite

# https://github.com/martinmoene/span-lite

A C++20-like span for C++98, C++11 and later in a single-file header-only library.

## mdspan

- Implementation https://github.com/kokkos/mdspan (BSD 3-Clause)
  - Intro https://github.com/kokkos/mdspan/wiki/A-Gentle-Introduction-to-mdspan
  - r/cpp https://www.reddit.com/r/cpp/comments/cl127i/mds pan\_productionquality\_reference\_implementation/
- Kokkos https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos
- Multi-dimensional strided array views in Magnum
   https://blog.magnum.graphics/backstage/multidimensiona
   l-strided-array-views/
- P0009R9 mdspan: A Non-Owning Multidimensional Array Reference http://wg21.link/p0009r9
- CppCast with Bryce Adelstein Lelbach https://cppcast.com/bryce-lelbach-mdspan/

## Enums, warnings, and default

```
https://brevzin.github.io/c++/2019/08/01/enums-default/
https://www.reddit.com/r/cpp/comments/cubah9/enum_switc
h_warnings/
GCC & Clang:
1 -Wswitch-enum
```

# Machine Learning with C++

#### Reddit

- PyTorch https://pytorch.org/features -- has a pure C++ front end https://pytorch.org/cppdocs/
- TensorFlow for C++ https://www.tensorflow.org/api\_docs/cc
- Shogun https://www.shogun.ml/

The sad history of Unicode printf-style format specifiers in Visual C++

https://devblogs.microsoft.com/oldnewthing/20190830-00/?p=102823

Reddit

# **Introducing Magnum Python Bindings**

https://blog.magnum.graphics/announcements/introducingpython-bindings/

https://github.com/pybind/pybind11

# AnyDuck: A Value Type Erased Type

```
Steve Downey: https://www.sdowney.org/2019/07/anyduck-a-value-type-erased-type/
```

Template meta-programming: Some testing and debugging tricks

https://cukic.co/2019/02/19/tmp-testing-and-debugging-templates/

# using vs. typedef

https://www.nextptr.com/tutorial/ta1193988140/how-cplusplus-using-or-aliasdeclaration-is-better-than-typedef

# Berkeley Container Library (BCL)

https://github.com/berkeley-container-library/bcl

## C++ Interview Questions

https://www.reddit.com/r/cpp/comments/d9xnce/c\_interview\_q uestions/

## Quote

Sturgeon's Law:

90% of everything is crap.