C++ Club UK Meeting 119

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Reverse Engineering the source code of the BioNTech/Pfizer SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine

Not strictly C++ related, but fascinating nevertheless, and also topical.

- Article
 - Reddit

Why Another C++ (And More™) Conference?

JeanHeyd Meneide (Reddit)

CoSy - Computing Systems Technology Conference

Website

CoSy (pronounced like "cozy") is a Systems Programming Conference:

- Broad scope (C++, C, Rust, Zig, FORTH, Nim, OCaml etc.)
- Double-blind submission reviews

Of course, it's not always possible to double-blind everything! If someone writes a submission about how they wrote a Great Book On Large Scale Software Architecture That's Really Good And Helps You Modularize And Structure Large Software And The Sequel Is Out You Should Buy It Now, they have vastly reduced the pool of people they could be talking about.

- Escaping the Crushing Despair (case in point: CppLang Slack)
 - The... Community? on YouTube

A Small Open Source Game In C++

- Preshing
 - Reddit
 - GitHub
 - Code review

That tongue animation :-)

Graphics Library for simple 2D games

- Reddit
 - SFML
 - Allegro
 - SDL C
 - olcPixelGameEngine

is::Engine - C++ SFML game engine

Reddit announcement

Interactive C++ with Cling

LLVM Blog

Calendar and Time-Zones in C++20: Time of Day

Rainer Grimm

FTL - A functional template library for containers processing in C++

- GitHub
 - Reddit

FTL is a C++17-based library that provides a more convenient API for collections processing. The API is heavily inspired by the Rust programming language.

```
const auto totalVolume = cityTrees.iter()
filter([](const auto &tree) { return tree.kind ==
          Tree::Oak && tree.diameter > 25; })
map([](const auto &tree) { return tree.volume(); })
sum();
```

Compiling C/C++ on Apple M1

- Boris Kolpackov
 - Reddit

Linux developer going Windows

Reddit

BinOpt — A Library for Self-guided Runtime Binary Optimization

• GitHub (LGPLv2.1+)

Best framework to create HTTP server

Reddit

Boost 1.75

- Release notes
 - Reddit

C++ Russia 2020 Moscow

Playlist on YouTube

mocxx: a versatile C++ function mocking framework based on Frida, by Guardsquare

No macros! Doesn't support mocking virtual functions yet.

- Reddit
 - GitHub (C++17, GPL-3.0)
 - Frida Dynamic instrumentation toolkit for developers, reverse-engineers, and security researchers
 - Explanatory blog post at Guardsquare

Compile 1 Million Lines Of C++ In ~2 Minutes With A 16 Core Ryzen 9 5950x

- Embarcadero
 - Reddit

I love how a shitty, bug-ridden development environment that costs US\$1359 for the most basic edition still requires you to buy a separate US\$139 extension to enable parallel builds, a standard feature available on practically every other closed and open source compiler and build system out of the box for \$0 extra.

Dev-C++

A fast, portable, simple, and free C/C++ IDE for Windows, built in Delphi

GitHub

Using std::list::splice to implement a LRU cache

- Article on nextptr
- std::list::splice

What should the state of a moved-from object be?

- Raymond Chen
 - Reddit

Reducing Memory Consumption in Visual Assist

- Blog post
 - Reddit

dont_deduce<T>

- artificial::mind
 - Reddit

```
C++11
```

```
1 template <class T> struct foo_t { using type = T; };
2 template <class T> using foo = typename foo_t<T>::type;
```

C++20

```
1 template <typename T>
2 auto operator+(
3  vec3<T> const& a,
4  std::convertible_to<T> auto const& b
5 ) -> vec3<T>;
```

Writing a custom iterator in modern C++ (C++17)

- Article
 - Reddit

C++ for Swift developers

- Sidharth Juyal
 - Reddit

Wrapping C++ for use in Swift

Reddit

Is Zero a Butterfly?

- Shafik Yaghmour
 - Reddit

std::optional and other useful types

Reddit

If you were allowed to make breaking changes to the C++ specification, what features would you modify/replace/remove to make the language better?

Reddit

EnTT 3.6.0

Gaming meets modern C++ - a fast and reliable entity component system (ECS) and much more.

- Announcement on Reddit
 - GitHub (C++17, MIT)

With std::variant, you choose either performance or sanity

Reddit

MSVC build performance

- Improving code generation time with C++ Build Insights
- Faster C++ builds, simplified: a new metric for time
- The Coalition Sees 27.9X Iteration Build Improvement with Visual Studio 2019
- Faster C++ Iteration Builds
 - Reddit
- C++ Build Analyzer
 - C++ Build Insights SDK

Infix Function Calls with Boost HOF

- Jo Boccara
 - Reddit

Before

```
1 const bool b = isPrefixOf(prefix, text);
```

After

```
1 const bool b = prefix <isPrefixOf> text;
```

Polymorphism Decision Table

Kilian Henneberger

Tracy Profiler

A real time, nanosecond resolution, remote telemetry, hybrid frame and sampling profiler for games and other applications.

Tracy supports profiling CPU (C, C++11, Lua), GPU (OpenGL, Vulkan, OpenCL, Direct3D 12), memory, locks, context switches, per-frame screenshots and more.

GitHub

Latest C++: theory vs. reality

- Reddit
 - Godot game engine C++ standard thread on GitHub

Perhaps it's time for a more opinionated dialect of C++

- Reddit
- Should I litter my code with (the correct) attributes for every function, or just leave it pretty?

A morning kick

