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Gleb Dolgich

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Post-Cologne Mailing

http://www.open-std.org/jtc1/sc22/wg21/docs/papers/2019/#mailing2019-08

▶ Reddit

Arthur O'Dwyer

https://quuxplusone.github.io/blog/2019/08/18/post-cologne-mailing/

► Reddit

Rust vs. C++

Reddit: Is the C++ committee or any key influencers in the C++ community working on anything to tackle the advantages that Rust has over C++ (eg. Rust's borrow checking, compiler-checked concurrency safety and cargo package management)

Vcpkg: 2019.07 Update

https://devblogs.microsoft.com/cppblog/vcpkg-2019-07-update/

https://www.reddit.com/r/cpp/comments/cqta79/vcpkg_201907_update/

Hopefully you will not require specific versions of packages, as the workflow of vcpkg doesn't really support the (very common) scenario well.

Boost 1.71 released

https://www.boost.org/users/history/version_1_71_0.html

- NEW: Variant2: A never-valueless, strong guarantee implementation of std::variant, from Peter Dimov.
- ▶ Reddit

Lambdas vs. Closures

Scott Meyers

► Reddit

Web Framework Benchmarks

https://www.techempower.com/benchmarks/#section=test&runid=26a79c95-5eec-4572-8c94-dd710df659d7&hw=ph&test=update

▶ Reddit

https://github.com/an-tao/drogon

Drogon: A C++14/17 based HTTP web application framework running on Linux/macOS/Unix

Unified function call

Barry Revzin

- What is unified function call syntax anyway?
 - ▶ Reddit
- UFCS Customization and Extension
 - ▶ Reddit
 - ▶ P1282R0 Ceci N'est Pas Une Pipe: Adding a workflow operator to C++

Unified function call

Bjarne Stroustrup

A bit of background for the unified call proposal

Based on real input from code and users, I reluctantly agreed that for compatibility reasons, x.f(y) and f(x,y) could not mean exactly the same. The only feasible way forward was to do a traditional lookup based on the syntax used, and then try the other syntax if the first one failed. Stability – backwards compatibility – is an important feature, overruling my desire for perfection.

P0131 Unified call syntax concerns

Introducing the Rule of DesDeMovA (1/4)

Blog post by Peter Sommerlad

https://blog.safecpp.com/2019/07/01/initial.html

https://accu.org/content/conf2014/Howard_Hinnant_Accu_2014.pdf

Rule of Zero:

Code that you do not write cannot be wrong.

Introducing the Rule of DesDeMovA (2/4)



Introducing the Rule of DesDeMovA (3/4)



Introducing the Rule of DesDeMovA (3/4)



strong_typedef - Create distinct types for distinct purposes

Article by Anthony Williams

https://www.justsoftwaresolutions.co.uk/cplusplus/strong_typedef.html

https://github.com/anthonywilliams/strong_typedef

```
using transaction_id =
    jss::strong_typedef<struct transaction_tag, std::string>;

bool is_a_foo(transaction_id id)
{
    auto &s = id.underlying_value();
    return s.find("foo") != s.end();
}
```

Elements C++ GUI library

https://www.cycfi.com/2019/07/photon-micro-gui/

▶ Reddit

C++ libraries for data visualization

- VTK https://vtk.org/
- ► ROOT https://root.cern.ch/
- matplotlib-cpp https://github.com/lava/matplotlib-cpp
 - matplotlib (Python) https://matplotlib.org/
- QCustomPlot (QT, GPL/commercial) https://www.qcustomplot.com/

CppCast - CMake and VTK with Robert Maynard

http://cppcast.com/2019/07/robert-maynard/

▶ Reddit

CMake line by line - creating a header-only library

http://dominikberner.ch/cmake-interface-lib/

▶ Reddit

https://github.com/bernedom/SI

Professional CMake: A Practical Guide, 4th ed., CMake 3.15

https://crascit.com/professional-cmake/ \$30

OSes built using C++

Reddit

- ► TempleOS
- ▶ Haiku
- Google Fuchsia
- ► IncludeOS
- DistortOS (RTOS)
- Symbian OS (Dead)
- ► SerenityOS

Agner Vector Class Library V2

This is a C++17 class library for using the Single Instruction Multiple Data (SIMD) instructions in modern microprocessors.

https://www.agner.org/optimize/blog/read.php?i=1013

https://github.com/vectorclass/version2 (Apache 2.0)

Manual https://github.com/vectorclass/manual/blob/master/vcl_manual.pdf

Approval tests (1/2)

Also known as **Golden Master Tests** or **Snapshot Testing** (locking down current behaviour)

- CppOnSea 2019 Clare Macrae Quickly testing legacy code https://youtu.be/dtm8V3TIB6k
 - Slides https://slideshare.net/ClareMacrae
 - CppCast with Clare Macrae https://cppcast.com/clare-macrae/
 - r/cpp https://www.reddit.com/r/cpp/comments/ckzc11/cppcast_approval_tests_ with clare macrae/
- Code https://github.com/approvals/ApprovalTests.cpp (Apache 2.0)
- Approval Tests Library Capturing Human Intelligence [available for Java, C#, VB.Net, PHP, Ruby, Node.JS and Python] https://approvaltests.com/ by Llevelyn Falco
 - Supports Catch, Catch 2, Google Test, Okra
- Mutation tests: sabotage the code
 - Mutate++ https://github.com/nlohmann/mutate_cpp

Approval tests (2/2)

Books

- Modern C++ Programming with Test-Driven Development, by Jeff Langr [Safari Books Online]
- Your Code as a Crime Scene, by Adam Tornhill [Safari Books Online]
- Software Design X-Rays, by Adam Tornhill [Safari Books Online]

Tools

- OpenCoverage https://github.com/OpenCppCoverage
- BullseyeCoverage https://www.bullseye.com

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/mdspan_ productionquality_reference_implementation/
- Kokkos https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos
- Multi-dimensional strided array views in Magnum https: //blog.magnum.graphics/backstage/multidimensional-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/

Clang Build Analyzer

https://github.com/aras-p/ClangBuildAnalyzer

Dropbox abandons C++, uses Swift, Kotlin, JavaScript and Electron instead

 Eyal Guthmann (Dropbox): The (not so) hidden cost of sharing code between iOS and Android

It's possible we could have done a better job at leveraging open source C++ libraries, but the open source culture in the C++ development community was (is still?) not as strong as it is in the mobile development community <...>

- Reddit
- HackerNews

It seems like the real issue was that Dropbox lost all of their senior C++ engineers.

- ► The Register: Dropbox would rather write code twice than try to make C++ work on both iOS and Android
 - ▶ Reddit

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Previously

- Djinni
- CppCon 2014: Alex Allain & Andrew Twyman "Practical Cross-Platform Mobile C++ Development
- ► CppCon 2017: Stephen Spann "Cross-Platform Apps with Dropbox's Djinni..."



Tony Van Eerd @tvaneerd

```
try {
    return vec.at(index);
}
catch (std::out_of_range const &) {
    return -1;
}
```

I just saw this in a code review and was going to claim it inefficient, but darn @CompileExplore proved me wrong again. (IIRAC*) All compilers turn it into an if check on the bounds.

*Read ASM

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Twitter: Neural Proposals



Simon Brand @TartanLlama

Threw every C++ proposal title in history into a recurrent neural network and some sound surprisingly legit

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Introducing the Proposal for an Resumable memory related initialization from string_user enuming_values
Integer C++ Function (Revision 9)
Fixing The Konates of Capture
feature lock view-expressions
GENDA, Tiny Proposed Regrogish to Standard Library
Transparentic atomic operations (rev. 3)
Editor's Report for Deprecate Vector Technical Specification and Allocation
Containers for Parflock Points
std::function without a requirement and optimization for the C++2 Defects Record
Propose-a the Generic Memory Modification
Equalized Interaction for the Model Proposal for P0107R2
Introduce types in computing and string that in C++
Contract Design Aliation for be Business
Gegropage initialization finesy policies in point memory scheduler be roding robot and enumerations
Reflection of noexcepts in C++20
std::::haluter tokence related (revision 1)
Meeting Not C++
Parallellative Intermate() and unlumbing cip
What madened: Propose-tight member of Painfreacted Default
Lookup Asiomation TS
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