C++ Club Meeting Notes

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CppCon 2017 Trip Report by KDAB

Blog post

Catch2

- Announcement
- GitHub

New:

- Requires C++11
- Clara: a composable command line processor, GitHub, video
- Commas in assertions

```
1 REQUIRE( getPair() == std::pair<true, "banana">() );
```

Microbenchmarking (experimental)

Future plans

- Threading
- Generators/property-based testing

Transwarp

Transwarp is a header-only C++ library for task concurrency. It enables you to free your functors from explicit threads and transparently manage dependencies. Under the hood, a directed acyclic graph is built that allows for efficient traversal and type-safe dependencies. Use transwarp if you want to model your dependent operations in a graph of tasks and intend to invoke the graph more than once (MIT).

▶ GitHub

Don't use C++ auto?

Article

Optimizing software in C++, by Agner Fog

PDF

This manual is for advanced programmers and software developers who want to make their software faster. It is assumed that the reader has a good knowledge of the C++ programming language and a basic understanding of how compilers work.

The recommendations are based on the x86 family of microprocessors from Intel, AMD and VIA including the 64-bit versions.

ULID: Universally Unique Lexicographically Sortable Identifier

- GitHub
- ► C++ header-only, MIT
- ▶ 128-bit compatibility with UUID
- ▶ 1.21e+24 unique ULIDs per millisecond
- Lexicographically sortable!
- Canonically encoded as a 26 character string, as opposed to the 36 character UUID
- Uses Crockford's base32 for better efficiency and readability (5 bits per character)
- Case insensitive
- No special characters (URL safe)
- Monotonic sort order (correctly detects and handles the same millisecond)

Ctla: Compile-time linear algebra in C++

GitHub (MIT)

- Header-only library
- All functions constexpr, all computation done at compile time
- Intuitive syntax for initialisation, indexing, augmenting
- Matrix arithmetic including inverses and linear systems supported
- Block matrices supported
- Runtime printing in MATLAB-compatible syntax if required

Static-regexp

GitHub (MIT)

Very fast regexp using C++11 templates.

Timertt 1.2.0: A library for working with timers

- ▶ Reddit
- Source (BSD-3-Clause)
- ► Header-only, C++11

Pacific++ Conference in New Zealand

- ▶ Trip report
- ► Pacific++ Conference Website (Christchurch, New Zealand)
- ▶ Videos

CppCon 2017: Barbara Geller & Ansel Sermersheim "Unicode Strings: Why the Implementation Matters"

YouTube

- Unicode introduction
- You cannot interpret a sequence of characters without knowing the encoding
- std::string or std::wstring have no way to specify encoding
- ► MFC, Java, C#, QT: UCS-2, UTF-16
- NET TextField length is specified in storage units => can crash .NET runtime
- CsString

CsString

A library providing Unicode-aware string support for C++.

- ► GitHub (BSD 2-clause)
- Docs
- Header-only, C++11
- Separates encoding from storage
- Extensively tested
- Part of CopperSpice

Most-disliked programming languages on StackOverflow

