TRIP REPORT – CPPCON 2020

A virtual journey to the world of C++

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Some ideas

- Not a "formal" discussion – Trying to be maximum interactive as possible.

- Please have your camera on – seeing faces creates a connective discussion.

- Please stay on mute unless you're speaking.

- Your feedback is more than valuable.

FEEDBACK

Q & A – Some ideas

- "I'm not a C++ expert, I'm just another programmer like you".

- Encourage colleagues to answer questions / if you want to make any additions.

- Type questions in chat window.

- Or use "raise hand" feature in Teams at the end of the session.

What to expect from this session

- CppCon overview

- CppCon conference segments

- How I get opportunity to attend CppCon this year?

- CppCon 2020 specialities – "Virtual conference", First impressions

- Some talks I felt so interesting

- Pros & Cons of virtual conference

- Q & A / Your valuable thoughts

- Lightning talk

A quick question

What is Cppcon?

- Annual, week-long face-to-face gathering for the *entire* C++ community.

- Organized by the C++ community for the community. 7th edition this year.

- Project of Standard C++ foundation
  - Non-profit organization supports C++ dev community, promote understanding & use of modern, standard C++ on all compilers and platforms.

- Conference happens in Colorado, US

- Friendly atmosphere designed to help attendees learn from each other

CppCon conference segments

- **Keynote sessions**

- **Panel discussions**

- **C++ talks**

- **Quiz nights**

- **Expo halls, swags**

- **CppCon slack channel**

- **Lightning talks**

- **Birds of a Feather**

- **Ask me Anything**

- **Socializing opportunities**

- **Live music**

- **Follow up Q & A sessions**

- **CppCon Academy (Paid)**

How I get opportunity to attend CppCon this year?

- CppCon conference is usually expensive
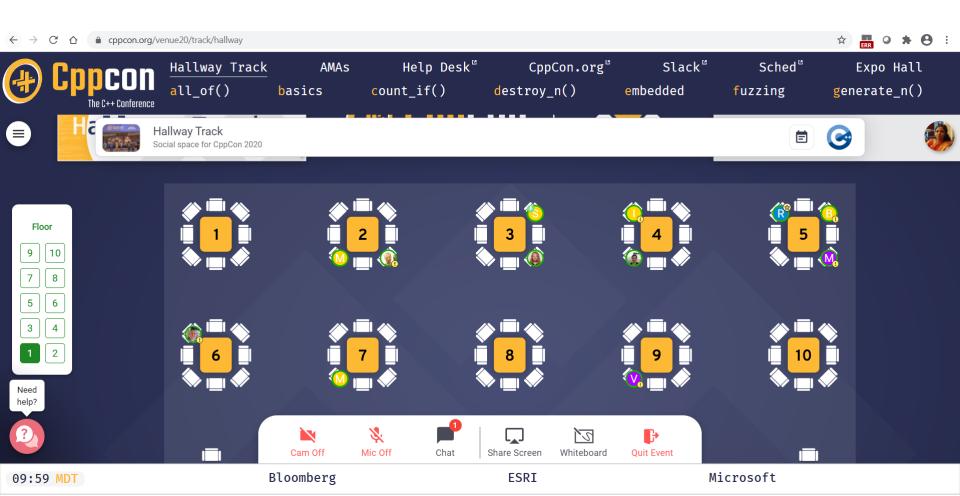 - Premium quality talks, Travel & lodging cost extra

- CppCon 2020 is fully "online" due to Covid 19.
  - Ticket prices slashed down to 300$.

- I came to know about "scholarship" by **#include <C++>**
  - Global, inclusive, and diverse community for developers interested in C++.
  - Without any expectation, I applied for it.
  - Fortunately I was selected and was given a free ticket to attend the week-long CppCon.
  - Conference happened in MST hours; afternoon to late night (Irish time)

CppCon 2020 specialities – "Virtual conference"

- First ever "online" CppCon.

- Almost a thousand attendees from all over the world.

- 87 premium quality C++ talks.

- Chemistry of high-end virtual tools worked like a charm – "Remo" platform was the hero

  - Remo, slack, Youtube, .. for attendees

  - Uber conference, streamyard.com and many more.. for speakers

First impressions

- Welcome session on Sunday, Sep 13th

- Familiarisation with Remo platform - Met some participants at Remo tables.

- Some tables were silent, a few tables were very active, people get crowded to those tables.

- There was a welcoming feel everywhere. Some participants were too actively speaking, some were silently listening.

First impressions

- Lightning talk chair (Michael Caisse) was jumping over several of these tables, trying to find out people to sign up for lightning talk.

- A few previous year's excellent lightning talks were played by Michael Caisse. Most inspiring one was:-
  - CppCon 2018: Walter E. Brown "Thank You (I'm sorry that it's taken me so long to say it)"
  - That lightning talk really deserved a minute of silence and the standing ovation from the attendees then !!!

- Coincidentally, I was in the same Remo table as Walter while this talk was playing. So when the talk was finished, I could get the opportunity to hear his emotional words when someone else asked to him about the talk experience.

Interesting keynote sessions

- All keynote sessions were really informative. Couldn't see all though.
  - First day, conference started with Bjarne's keynote

  - Really inspiring seeing the "Father of C++" still actively involving in C++ community and encouraging the community and language to grow.

  - A specific C++ library for messaging (using modern C++) which his team is now implementing.

  - "The Beauty and power of "primitive" C++"

Interesting keynote sessions

- Second day, keynote session was really impressive and systematic

  - "C++ 20 – An almost complete overview by Marc Gregoire

  - He literally gave a walkthrough of all the major new additions in C++20

  - Author of "Professional C++" textbook.

Interesting keynote sessions

− "Performance Matters" - Emery Berger

  − Professor at Amherst, Massachusetts

  − Really interesting / little known programming factors that affects code performance.

Some talks I felt so interesting

- Future of C++ parallel and concurrency safety guidelines
  - Michael Wong & Ily Burylov
  - Michael Wong – Chair of Embedded/ML study group. Also MISRA C++ / AutoSAR.

- Modern software needs embedded modern C++ programming
  - Michael Wong

- Modern C++ safety and security at 20
  - Mathew Butler

Some talks I felt so interesting

- Structure and interpretation of Computer programs : SICP
  - Conor Hoekstra
  - Talks about the classic computer science book
  - And later, his favourite segment – Some problem solving using standard library headers

- How C++20 changes the way we write code
  - Timur Doumler

Lightning talks favourites

- SICP cover demystified – Conor Hoekstra

- How to cook a chicken – Sy Brand

- Drinking from the Fire Hose - Brian Ruth

- Code samples that compile even more easily – Clare Macrae

- Programming : The last 4000 years – Juanpe Bolivar

Pros and Cons of Virtual conference

Pros

- Ticket price slashed down

- A new positive idea in these pandemic times.

- Private Youtube links provided to attendees.

- Increased diversity / no: of participants

- Watching more than one talk in different tracks

Cons

- Remo platform walkthrough would have helped at least some attendees.

- More stressful for committee and volunteers as they have to manage different time-zones.

- Timezone not convenient for all participants across globe.

- Some participants even tried working and attending conference

- Time for Q & A session could have been improved.

Q & A

Thank you….

Signing off…
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