

# Pablo Halpern

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## Summary

I am an expert in the C++ programming language, including generic programming and parallel programming. I have written a book on the C++ standard library, am a member of the ISO C++ committee, and have implemented portions of the STL using advanced generic-programming techniques. I am also skilled in large-scale, component-based development, including clear documentation, unit testing, and frequent code review. Most of my recent experience has been in language and runtime design for memory management and parallel programming systems, with previous experience in network-management and system software. I have team leadership experience and would welcome team lead responsibilities, but I do not wish to be a pure manager.

## Specialties

Language and runtime library design for parallelism, memory allocation, reusable component development in C++, unit testing strategies, the C++ standard library.

## Other Skills

<b>General</b>	Strong verbal and written communications skills, team leadership, testing methodologies, large-scale development methodologies, embedded systems, compiler technologies, generic software design, networking technologies, software tools.
<b>Languages &amp; Technologies</b>	C++ (most jobs since 1989), C (since 1982), Python, Perl, XML, HTML, JavaScript, SNMP, Pascal, Unix Shells (Bourne, Bash, Korn, C-shell), Some Java, C#, Tcl.

## Publications and talks

**Book:** [The C++ Standard Library from Scratch](#), Que Publishing, November, 1999.

**CppCon Conference, 2014 to present, Aurora CO:** 10+ talks presented (complete list upon request) on subjects including Parallelism, Allocators, and modern C++. Most presentations are available on YouTube.

**SPAA 2009, Calgary, Canada:** [Reducers and other Cilk++ Hyperobjects](#), **Voted best paper**

**C++ Connections 2005, Las Vegas NV:** [Reconsidering the STL Allocator Model](#),

**C++ Standards Proposals, Papers, and Presentations (since 2005):** Well over 50 papers and hundreds of revisions authored or co-authored, many resulting in adoption by the C++ Standards Committee (WG21). Sampling of important proposals that were accepted by the committee:

- [P2786](#) *Trivial Relocatability For C++26* (2025)
- [P3091](#) *Better lookups for ``map``, ``unordered_map``, and ``flat_map``* (design approved 2025)
- [P2127](#) *Making C++ Software Allocator Aware* (white paper, 2024)
- [P0591](#) *Utility functions to implement uses-allocator construction* (2018)
- [P0076](#) *Vector and Wavefront Policies* (2016).
- [P0155](#) *Parallel Task Blocks* (2015)

- [N4238](#)     *An Abstract Model of Vector Parallelism* (white paper presented in 2014)
- [N3916](#)     *Polymorphic memory resources* (2014)
- [N2554](#)     *The Scoped Allocator Model* (2008)

## Experience

*C++ Library Development Consultant, Halpern-Wight, Inc*, Boston, MA, on behalf of Bloomberg LP (client) Oct 2004 to present

- Designed and implemented changes to Bloomberg's internal STL implementation to make it compatible with the C++17 standard pmr allocator model.
- Authored documentation about the Bloomberg allocator model for both internal and public consumption.
- Performed code reviews for members of the team responsible for the foundation C++ libraries within Bloomberg (BDE), which is also available as [open source](#).
- Collaborated with Bloomberg engineers on numerous C++ Standards proposals, especially those related to allocators and library efficiency (see **C++ Standards Proposals**, above).
- Coordinated a team of subcontractors who contributed to and implemented Bloomberg C++ Standards Proposals.
- Presented solutions to failing tests of concurrency components.

*Parallel Programming Languages Architect, Intel Corp*, Merrimack, NH, Sep 2009 to May 2019

- Chaired committee to coordinate parallelism at Intel.
- Coordinated the design and evolution of parallel programming languages across the suite of parallelism technologies at Intel. Guided teams to ensure that new language syntax and library APIs remain simple and consistent with the language being extended (C, C++, Fortran, or OpenMP).
- Refactored and documented the Cilk parallel runtime scheduler in preparation for open-source release as part of gcc 4.9 and (eventually) Clang/LLVM.
- Gained acceptance for a number of parallelism-related features as a member of the ISO C and C++ standards committees (see **C++ Standards Proposals**, above).
- Prototyped proposed-standard parallelism features in the Clang compiler front end.
- Designed and delivered trainings on Cilk Plus and parallelism, both internally and to customers.

*Member of Technical Staff, Cilk Arts*, Burlington, MA, Nov 2007 to July 2009  
(acquired by **Intel Corp**, July 2009)

- Guided language design to ensure that Cilk++ (an extension of C++ for multicore computing) remained consistent with the rest of the C++ language and library.
- Implemented parallel loop construct in the Cilk++ compiler front-end for Windows.
- Contributed to all aspects of the highly-efficient Cilk++ work-stealing scheduler.
- Implemented and evolved the Cilk++ reducer construct, which was the subject of an award-winning paper presented at SPAA '09.
- Represented Cilk Arts on ISO C++ standards committee.

*Senior Software Engineer, Bloomberg, LP*, New York, NY, Sept 2003 to Feb 2008

- Led a small team implementing a C++ interface layer used by JavaScript rapid-development front end, resulting in dramatically reduced time-to-market for customer applications.
- Worked with the leading authority on component testing and large-scale C++ development to achieve nearly 100% test coverage in the core component library used throughout the organization.

- Implemented large portions of a modified Standard Template Library, using a powerful and flexible memory allocator model.
- Gained acceptance for a number of allocator-related proposals as a member of the ISO C++ standards committee (see **C++ Standards Proposals**, above).
- Led seminars and wrote Perl tools intended to foster better software engineering and testing practices throughout the organization.

*Owner & Lead Software Developer, CLI Power Tools, Wilton, NH, Sept 2001 to Aug 2009*

- Developed tools for building high-quality, Cisco-like command-line interfaces (CLI), cutting 3 to 6 months off customer's development time.
- Full product included compiler for CLI-description language, compact and efficient run-time parser, emacs-like command-line editor, and high-quality customer documentation.
- Provided ongoing support and customization services to customers.

*Founder, President, & Lead consultant, Halpern-Wight Inc., Wilton, NH, Sep 1988 to Aug 2003*

- Helped numerous clients produce high-quality products and services by providing software development contracting services, mentoring, and development-process consulting.
- Served clients from multiple fields, including:

**Proven Process Medical Devices**, East Walpole, MA, 2003 – 2003

**Highland Laboratories**, Ashland, MA, 1993 – 2003 (*Dates are not contiguous.*)

**Nauticus Networks**, Framingham, MA, 2002 – 2002

**Tenor Networks**, Acton, MA, 2001 – 2001

**IPOptical**, Dulles, VA, 2000 - 2001

**Ironbridge Networks**, Lexington, MA, 1999 - 2000

**Xerox Corporation**, Distributed Network Applications, Burlington, MA, 1998 - 1999

**BMC Software, Inc.**, Waltham, MA, 1995 - 1998

**Semaphore Trainings**, headquartered in North Andover, MA, 1993 - 1996

**Business Matters, Inc.**, Waltham, MA, 1993 - 1996

**Hewlett Packard** (Clinical Information Systems), Andover, MA, 1991 - 1993

**Intersolv**, Cambridge, MA, 1989 - 1991

**Millipore Corp.**, Bedford, MA, 1989 - 1990

**Wang Laboratories.**, Lowell, MA, 1988 - 1989

## Summary of Employment Prior to Sep, 1988 (*details upon request*)

**Polygen Corp.** Waltham, MA (now part of **Ligand Pharmaceuticals**, La Jolia, CA), 1985 - 1988

**Desktop Scientific Systems** (co-founder), MA (sold to **Polygen** in July, 1985), 1984 - 1985

**Mass Computer Associates**, Wakefield, MA, 1984 - 1984

**Data Concepts, Inc.**, Lexington, MA, 1982 - 1984

## Education

**Hampshire College**, Amherst, MA - B.A. in Computer Science.

Senior Thesis: *Language Extensions for Improved Data Abstraction*