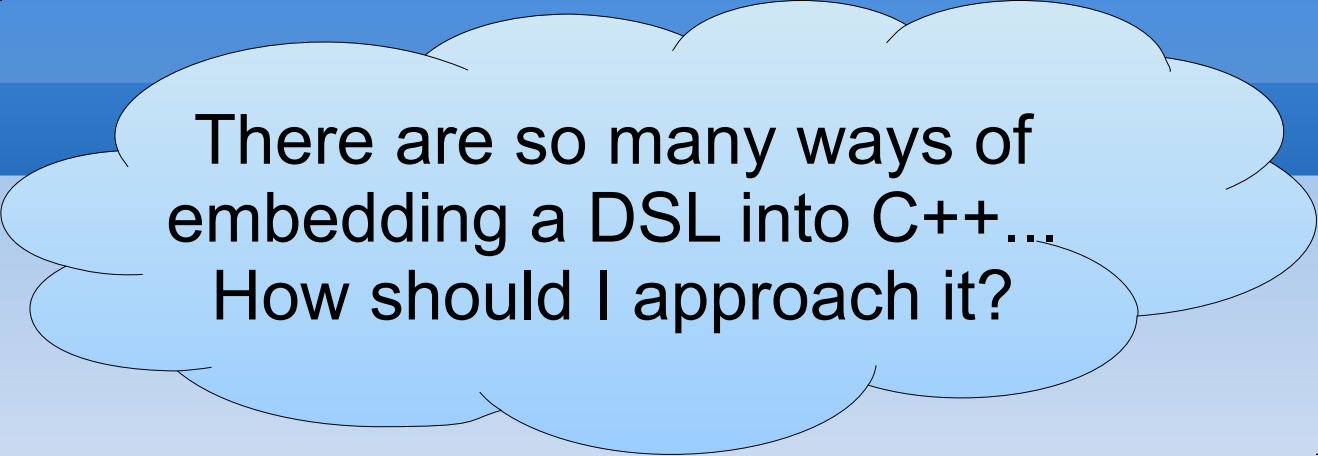


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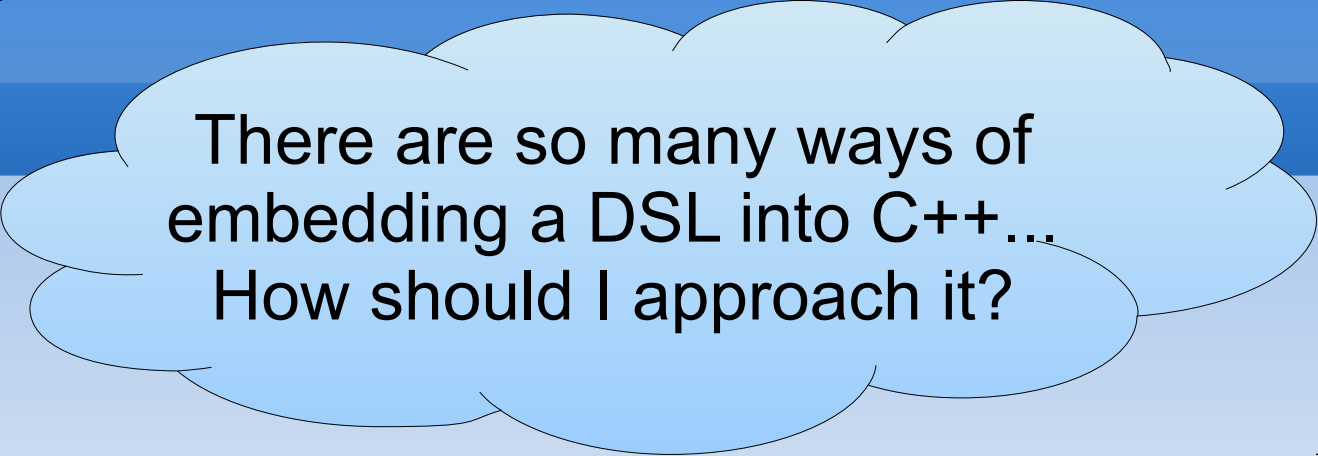
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"A computer programming language of limited expressiveness focused on a particular domain."

Martin Fowler, Domain-Specific Languages

Domain-specific language

- Printf (Text formatting)
- Regular expressions (Text search)
- SQL (Database)
- Lex/Yacc (Parsing)
- *Make (Build system)
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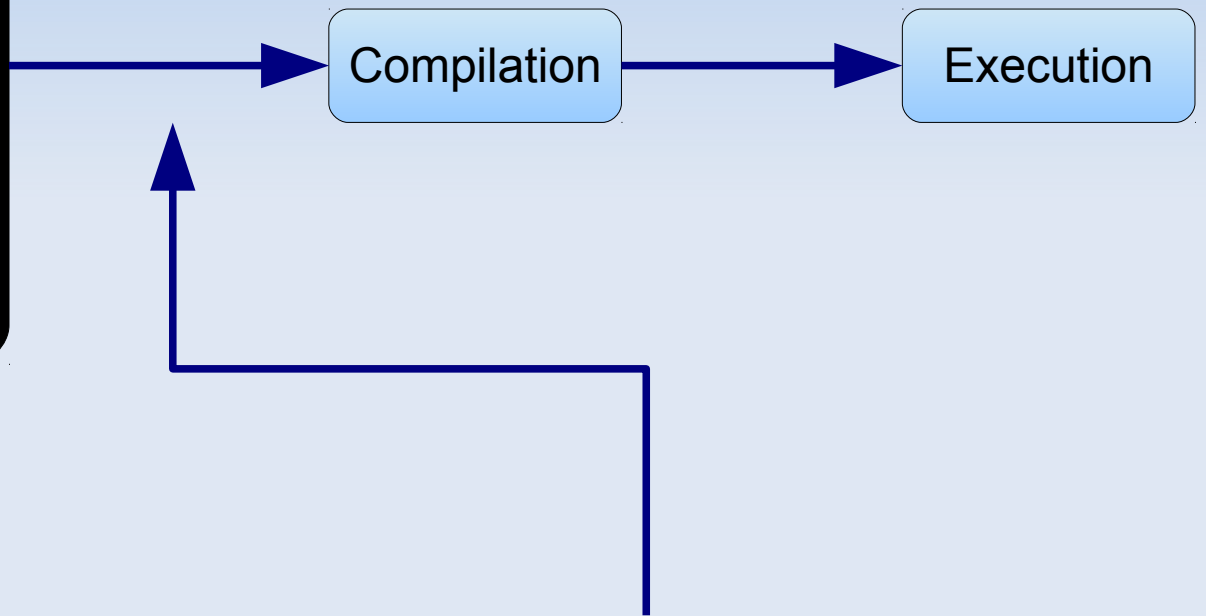
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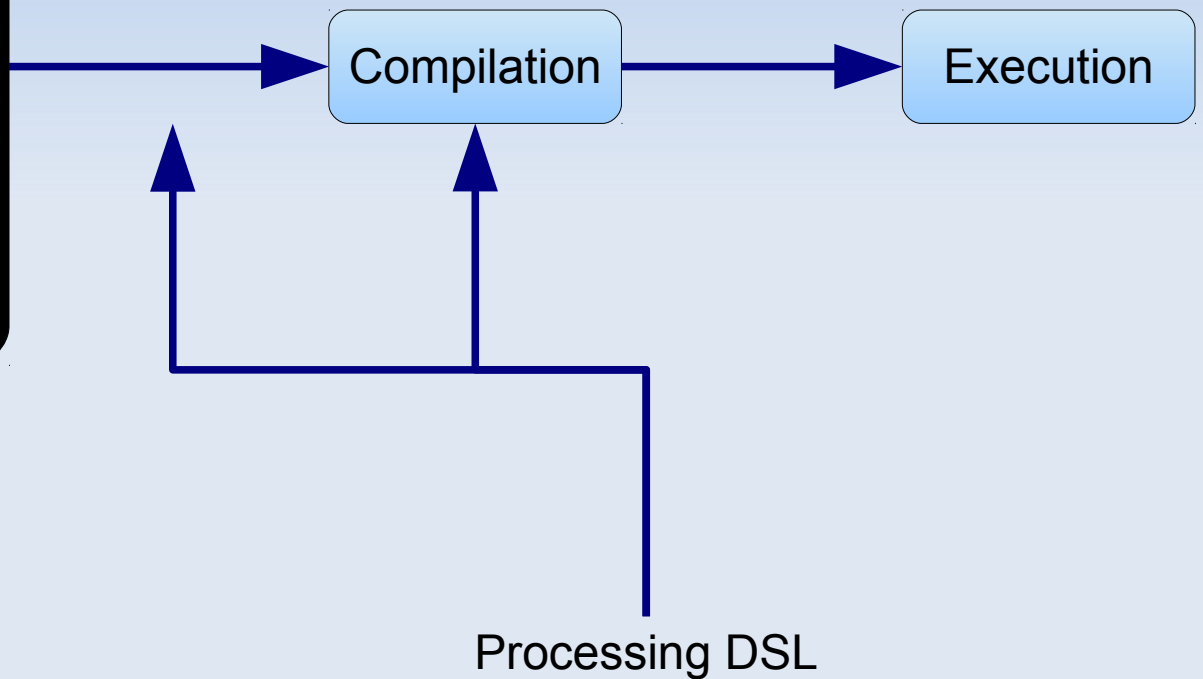
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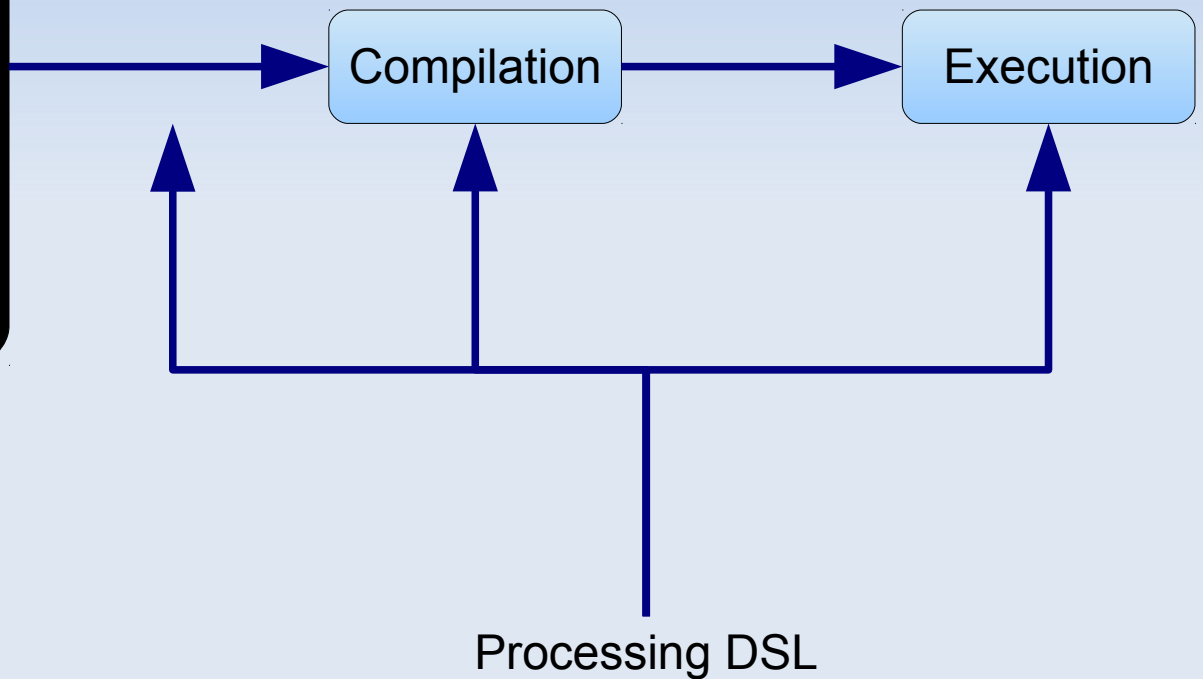
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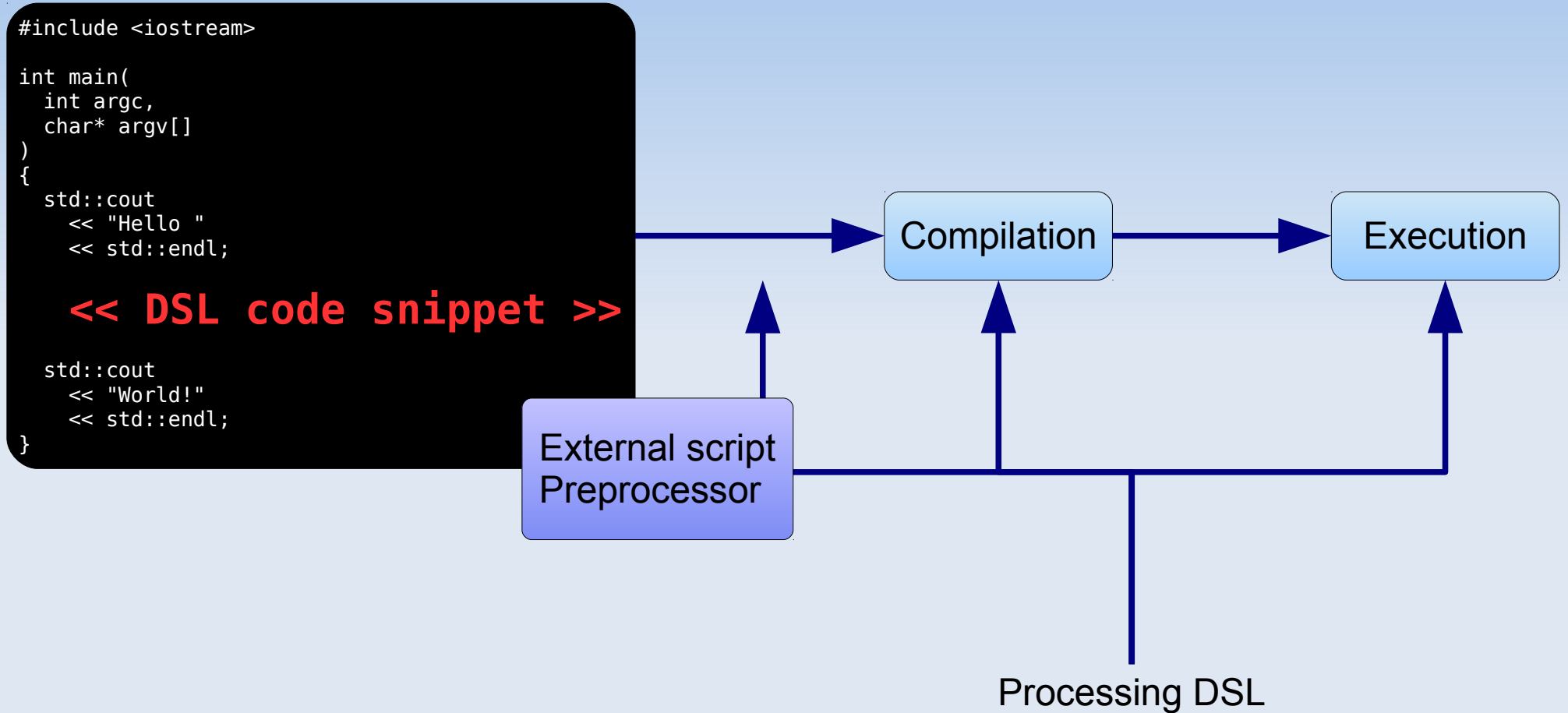
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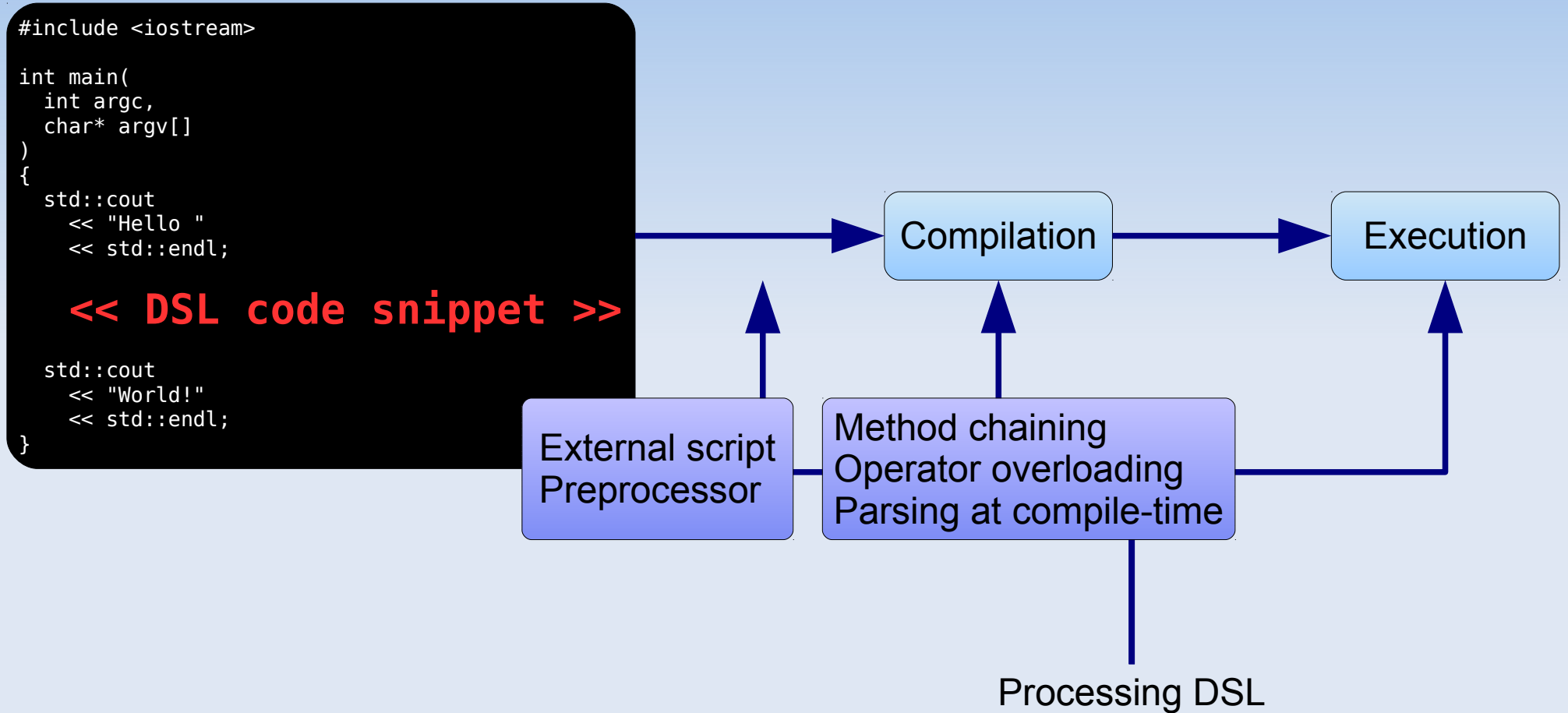
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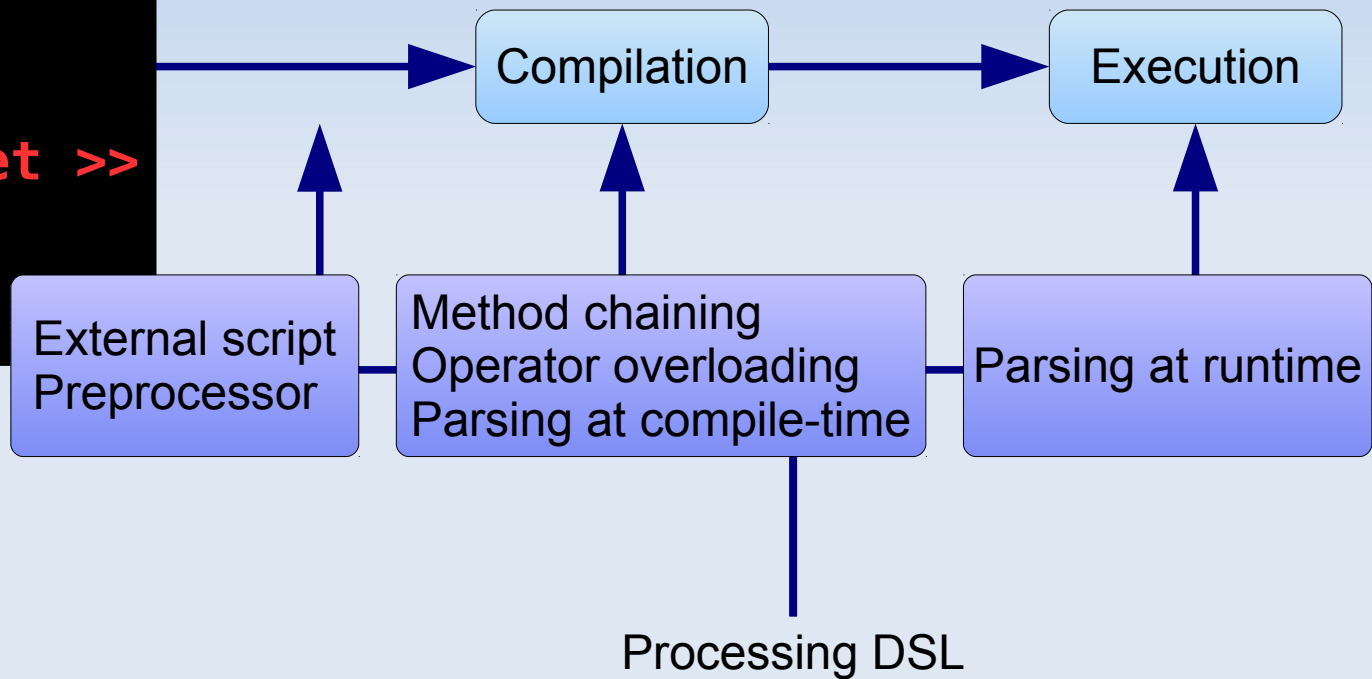
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moc

```
*****
** Meta object code from reading C++ file 'test.cpp'
**
** Created: Fri Apr 18 20:20:51 2014
**       by: The Qt Meta Object Compiler version 63 (Qt 4.8.4)
**
** WARNING! All changes made in this file will be lost!
*****

#ifndef Q_MOC_OUTPUT_REVISION
#error "The header file 'test.cpp' doesn't include <QObject>."
#elif Q_MOC_OUTPUT_REVISION != 63
#error "This file was generated using the moc from 4.8.4. It"
#error "cannot be used with the include files from this version of Qt."
#error "(The moc has changed too much.)"
#endif

QT_BEGIN_MOC_NAMESPACE
static const uint qt_meta_data_MyClass[] = {
    // content:
    6,        // revision
    0,        // classname
    2,  14,   // classinfo
    0,  0,   // methods
    0,  0,   // properties
    0,  0,   // enums/sets
    0,  0,   // constructors
    0,       // flags
    0,       // signalCount

    // classinfo: key, value
    23,  8,
    37,  30,

    0        // eod
};

static const char qt_meta_stringdata_MyClass[] = {
    "MyClass\0Oscar Peterson\0Author\0Active\0"
    "Status\0"
};

void MyClass::qt_static_metacall(QObject *_o, QMetaObject::Call _c, int _id, void **_a)
{
    Q_UNUSED(_o);
    Q_UNUSED(_id);
    Q_UNUSED(_c);
    Q_UNUSED(_a);
}

const QMetaObjectExtraData MyClass::staticMetaObjectExtraData = {
    0, qt_static_metacall
};

const QMetaObject MyClass::staticMetaObject = {
    { &QObject::staticMetaObject, qt_meta_stringdata_MyClass,
      qt_meta_data_MyClass, &staticMetaObjectExtraData }
};

#ifdef Q_NO_DATA_RELOCATION
const QMetaObject &MyClass::getStaticMetaObject() { return staticMetaObject; }
#endif //Q_NO_DATA_RELOCATION

const QMetaObject *MyClass::metaObject() const
{
    return QObject::d_ptr->metaObject ? QObject::d_ptr->metaObject : &staticMetaObject;
}

void *MyClass::qt_metacast(const char *_cname)
{
    if (!_cname) return 0;
    if (!strcmp(_cname, qt_meta_stringdata_MyClass))
        return static_cast<void*>(const_cast< MyClass*>(this));
    return QObject::qt_metacast(_cname);
}

int MyClass::qt_metacall(QMetaObject::Call _c, int _id, void **_a)
{
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    if (_id < 0)
        return _id;
    return _id;
}
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```

Processing before compilation

```
BOOST_FOREACH( char ch, hello )  
{  
    std::cout << ch;  
}
```

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```
if (bool _foreach_is_rvalue9 = false) {}
else if (
    boost::foreach_detail::auto_any_t_foreach_col9 =
    boost::foreach_detail::contain(
        (true ? boost::foreach_detail::make_probe(hello, _foreach_is_rvalue9) : (hello)),
        (boost::foreach_detail::should_copy_impl(
            true ? 0 :
            boost::foreach_detail::or(
                boost::foreach_detail::is_array(hello),
                boost::foreach_is_noncopyable(
                    boost::foreach_detail::to_ptr(hello),
                    boost::foreach_argument_dependent_lookup_hack_value),
                boost::foreach_detail::not(boost::foreach_detail::is_const(hello))),
            true ? 0 :
            boost::foreach_detail::and(
                boost::foreach_detail::not(
                    boost::foreach_is_noncopyable(
                        boost::foreach_detail::to_ptr(hello),
                        boost::foreach_argument_dependent_lookup_hack_value)),
                    boost::foreach_is_lightweight_proxy(
                        boost::foreach_detail::to_ptr(hello),
                        boost::foreach_argument_dependent_lookup_hack_value)),
                    &_foreach_is_rvalue9)))) {}
    boost::foreach_detail::auto_any_t_foreach_cur9 =
    boost::foreach_detail::begin(
        _foreach_col9,
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                            &_foreach_is_rvalue9)))) {}
        else for (
            bool _foreach_continue9 = true;
            _foreach_continue9 &&
            !boost::foreach_detail::done(
                _foreach_cur9,
                _foreach_end9,
                (true ? 0 : boost::foreach_detail::encode_type(hello, boost::foreach_detail::is_const(hello))),
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                boost::foreach_detail::next(
                    _foreach_cur9,
                    (true ? 0 : boost::foreach_detail::encode_type(hello, boost::foreach_detail::is_const(hello))) :
                    (void)0)
                if (boost::foreach_detail::set_false(_foreach_continue9)) {}
            else for (
                char ch =
                boost::foreach_detail::deref(
                    _foreach_cur9,
                    (true ? 0 : boost::foreach_detail::encode_type(hello, boost::foreach_detail::is_const(hello))),
                    !_foreach_continue9;
                _foreach_continue9 = true)
            {
                std::cout << ch;
            }
        }
```

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.where(foo.id > 17 and foo.name.like("%bar%"))
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*((char_('.')[a_any] | char_("a-z")[a_char]) >> -char_('*')[rep])
```

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- ```
std::string s("foo bar");

boost::spirit::qi::parse(
 s.begin(), s.end(),
 ((char_('.') [a_any] | char_("a-z") [a_char]) >> -char_('') [rep])
)
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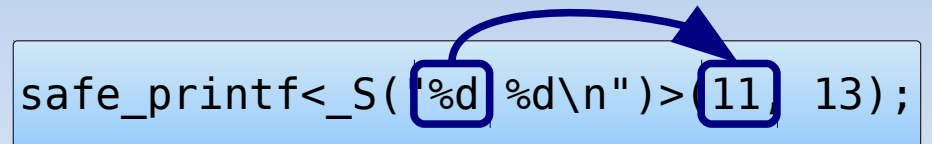
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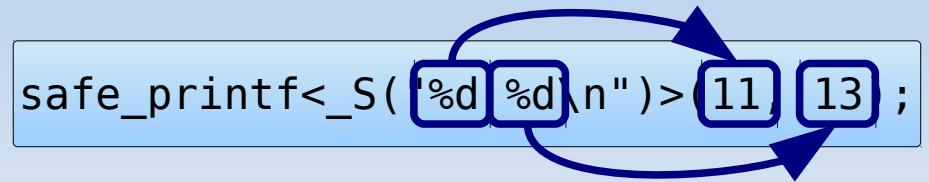


The diagram shows a code snippet: `safe_printf<_S( '%d %d\n' )>(11, 13);`. The format string `'%d %d\n'` is enclosed in a blue box. A blue arrow points from this box to the first argument `11`, which is also enclosed in a blue box. This illustrates how the format string is substituted with the argument value at compile-time.

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The diagram shows a code snippet: `safe_printf<_S( '%d %d\n' )>(11, 13);`. The format string `'%d %d\n'` is enclosed in a box. The arguments `11` and `13` are also enclosed in boxes. Two curved arrows indicate the mapping: one from the first `%d` to the `11` box, and another from the second `%d` to the `13` box, illustrating the compile-time substitution of arguments into the format string.

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```
std::regex("(sub)(.*)")
```

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mysqlpp::Query query = conn.query("select item from stock");
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|----|-----|
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Matching engine

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

- Regular expressions
  - a - z
  - .
  - \*

Regular expression

Matching engine

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

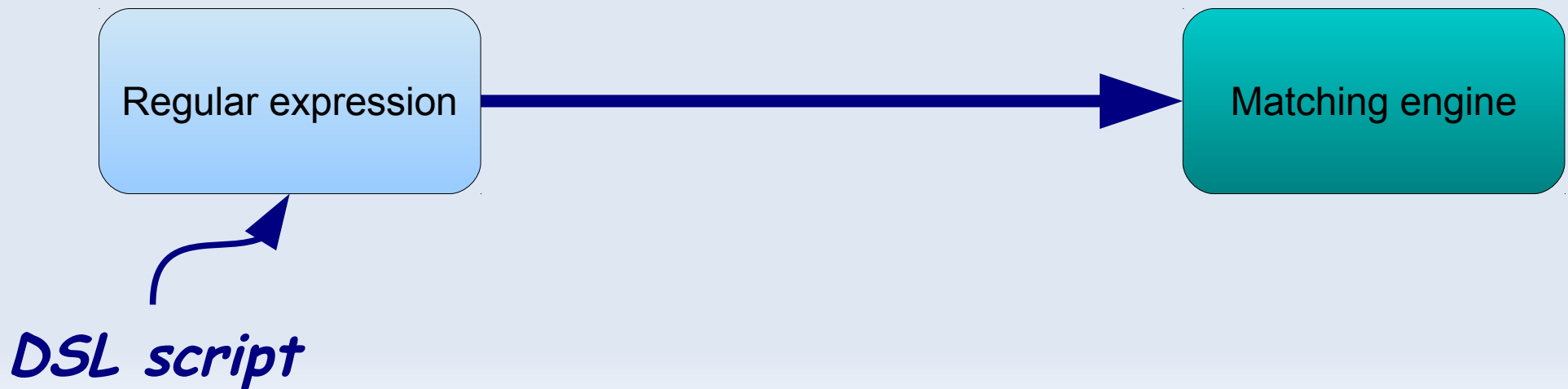
- Regular expressions
  - a - z
  - .
  - \*



# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

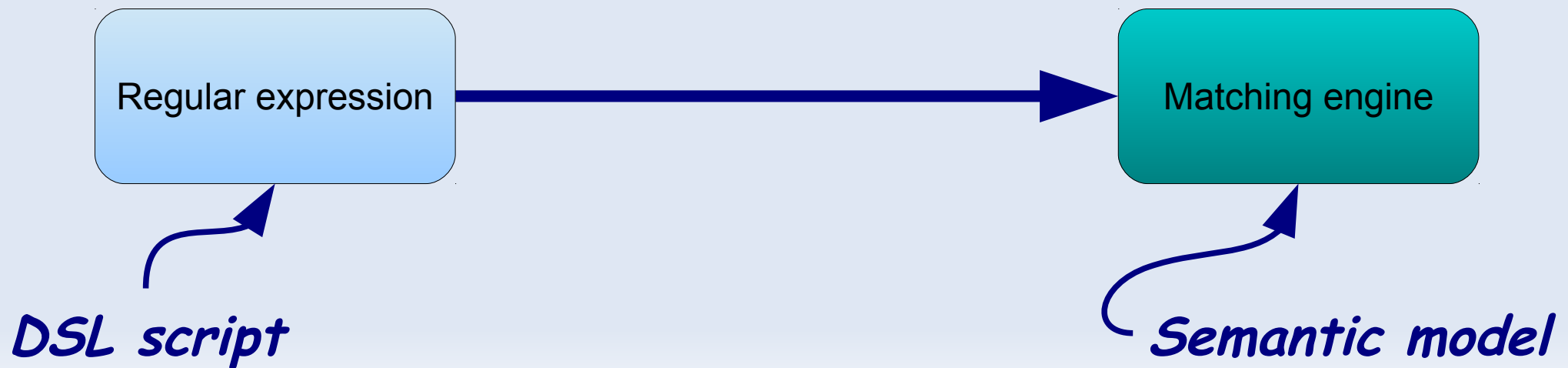
- Regular expressions
  - a - z
  - .
  - \*



# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

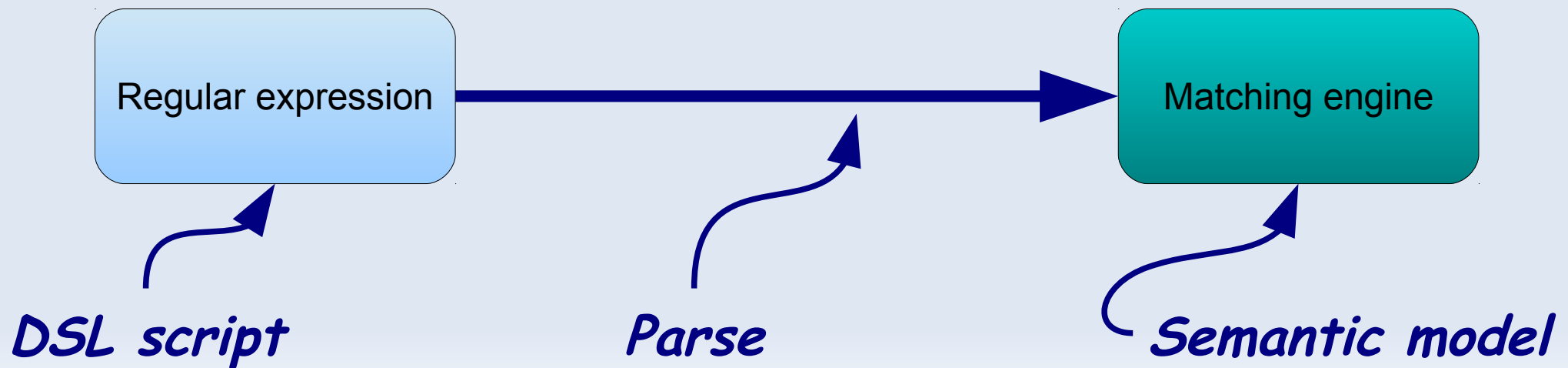
- Regular expressions
  - a - z
  - .
  - \*



# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

- Regular expressions
  - a - z
  - .
  - \*



# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

<< *MATCHING\_ENGINE* >>

re;

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

*<< MATCHING\_ENGINE >>*

re;

```
std::string s("some text");
```



# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
<< MATCHING_ENGINE >>
```

```
re;
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

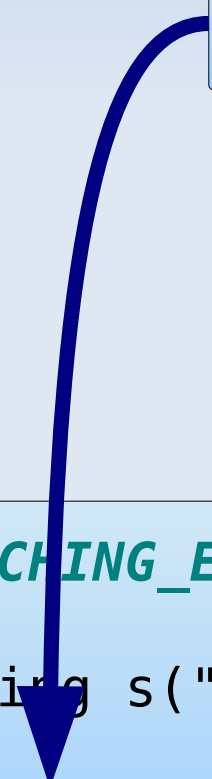
```
 auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
boost::optional< std::string::iterator >
```

```
<< MATCHING_ENGINE >> re;
std::string s("some text");
auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
```



# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

*<< MATCHING\_ENGINE >>*

re;

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{
```

```
}
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
<< MATCHING_ENGINE >>
```

```
re;
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
struct any { /* ... */ };
```

**any**

**re;**

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| ■  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
struct any {

};
```

```
re;
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
struct any { /* ... */ };
```

```
struct any {
 template <class It>
 match(It begin_, It end_) const {

 }
};
```

**any**

**re;**

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
struct any { /* ... */ };
```

```
struct any {
 template <class It>
 boost::optional<It> match(It begin_, It end_) const {

 }
};
```

**any**

**re;**

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```



# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
struct any { /* ... */ };
```

```
struct any {
 template <class It>
 boost::optional<It> match(It begin_, It end_) const {
 return begin_ == end_ ? : ;
 }
};
```

**any**

**re;**

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
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# Example

|    |     |
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| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
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struct any { /* ... */ };
```

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struct any {
 template <class It>
 boost::optional<It> match(It begin_, It end_) const {
 return begin_ == end_ ? boost::optional<It>() :
 ;
 }
};
```

**any**

**re;**

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
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# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
struct any { /* ... */ };
```

```
struct any {
 template <class It>
 boost::optional<It> match(It begin_, It end_) const {
 return begin_ == end_ ? boost::optional<It>() : ++begin_;
 }
};
```

**any**

**re;**

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| .        | abc |
| <b>x</b> | ab\ |
| a*       |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
```

```
char_<'x'> re;

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| .         | abc |
| x         | ab\ |
| <b>a*</b> |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
```

```
repeat<char_<'a'>> re(char_<'a'>());
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| .         | abc |
| x         | ab\ |
| <b>a*</b> |     |

```
template<class E> struct repeat {
 repeat(E e_) : _e(e_) {}

 template<class It>
 boost::optional<It> match(It begin_, It end_) const {
 for (It i = begin_; i != end_;)
 if (auto j = _e.match(i, end_)) { i = *j; }
 else { return i; }
 return end_;
 }

 E _e;
};
```

```
repeat<char_<'a'>>
```

```
re(char_<'a'>());
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |            |
|----|------------|
| .  | <b>abc</b> |
| x  | ab\        |
| a* |            |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
```

```
seq<char_<'a'>, char_<'b'>, char_<'c'>> re(
 char_<'a'>(), char_<'b'>(), char_<'c'>());
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |            |
|----|------------|
| .  | <b>abc</b> |
| x  | ab\        |
| a* |            |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
seq<char_<'a'>, char_<'b'>, char_<'c'>> re(
 char_<'a'>(), char_<'b'>(), char_<'c'>());
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```



# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
seq<char_<'a'>, char_<'b'>, char_<'\\'>> re(
 char_<'a'>(), char_<'b'>(), char_<'\\'>());
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
class dyn_char {
public:
 dyn_char(char c_) : _c(c_) {}

private:
 char _c;
};
```

```
*/ };
*/ };
*/ };
*/ };
```

**<< MATCHING\_ENGINE >>**

re;

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
class dyn_char {
public:
 dyn_char(char c_) : _c(c_) {}

 template <class It>
 boost::optional<It> match(It begin_, It end_) const
 {
 return
 begin_ != end_ && *begin_ == _c ?
 ++begin_ : boost::optional<It>();
 }
private:
 char _c;
};
```

```
*/ };
*/ };
*/ };
*/ };
```

**<< MATCHING\_ENGINE >>**

re;

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
class dyn_char {
public:
 dyn_char(char c_) : _c(c_) {}

 template <class It>
 boost::optional<It> match(It begin_, It end_) const
 {
 return
 begin_ != end_ && *begin_ == _c ?
 ++begin_ : boost::optional<It>();
 }
private:
 char _c;
};
```

```
*/ };
*/ };
*/ };
*/ };
```

```
struct empty {
 template <class It>
 boost::optional<It> match(It begin_, It end_) const {
 return begin_;
 }
};
```

<< MATCHING\_E

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# DSL embedding

```
seq<
 repeat<
 seq<seq<char_<'a'>, any>, char_<'b'>>
 >,
 char_<'c'>
 >(
 repeat<
 seq<seq<char_<'a'>, any>, char_<'b'>>
 >(
 seq<seq<char_<'a'>, any>, char_<'b'>>(
 seq<char_<'a'>, any>(
 char_<'a'>(),
 any()
),
 char_<'b'>()
)
),
 char_<'c'>()
)
)
```

# DSL embedding

a.b\*c

```
seq<
 repeat<
 seq<seq<char_<'a'>, any>, char_<'b'>>
 >,
 char_<'c'>
 >(
 repeat<
 seq<seq<char_<'a'>, any>, char_<'b'>>
 >(
 seq<seq<char_<'a'>, any>, char_<'b'>>(
 seq<char_<'a'>, any>(
 char_<'a'>(),
 any()
),
 char_<'b'>()
)
),
 char_<'c'>()
)
)
```

# DSL embedding

*DSL processing*

a.b\*c

```
seq<
 repeat<
 seq<seq<char_<'a'>, any>, char_<'b'>>
 >,
 char_<'c'>
>(
 repeat<
 seq<seq<char_<'a'>, any>, char_<'b'>>
 >(
 seq<seq<char_<'a'>, any>, char_<'b'>>(
 seq<char_<'a'>, any>(
 char_<'a'>(),
 any()
),
 char_<'b'>()
)
),
 char_<'c'>()
)
```

# Evaluation

**Using the DSL**

**Implementing the DSL**



# Evaluation

## Using the DSL

No syntax changes

## Implementing the DSL

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## Using the DSL

No syntax changes

Compile-time validation

## Implementing the DSL

# Evaluation

## Using the DSL

No syntax changes

Compile-time validation

Readable error messages

## Implementing the DSL

# Evaluation

## Using the DSL

- No syntax changes
- Compile-time validation
- Readable error messages
- Usable in library headers

## Implementing the DSL

# Evaluation

## **Using the DSL**

No syntax changes

Compile-time validation

Readable error messages

Usable in library headers

Code completion

## **Implementing the DSL**

# Evaluation

## **Using the DSL**

- No syntax changes
- Compile-time validation
- Readable error messages
- Usable in library headers
- Code completion

## **Implementing the DSL**

- Only standard C++

# Evaluation

## Using the DSL

- No syntax changes
- Compile-time validation
- Readable error messages
- Usable in library headers
- Code completion

## Implementing the DSL

- Only standard C++
- ”Normal” C++

# Evaluation

## **Using the DSL**

- No syntax changes
- Compile-time validation
- Readable error messages
- Usable in library headers
- Code completion

## **Implementing the DSL**

- Only standard C++
- ”Normal” C++
- No metaprogramming



# Evaluation

## **Using the DSL**

- No syntax changes
- Compile-time validation
- Readable error messages
- Usable in library headers
- Code completion

## **Implementing the DSL**

- Only standard C++
- "Normal" C++
- No metaprogramming
- No build system support

# Just one example...

- Compact notation
- No interaction with the host language
- One matching engine

# Embedding a DSL

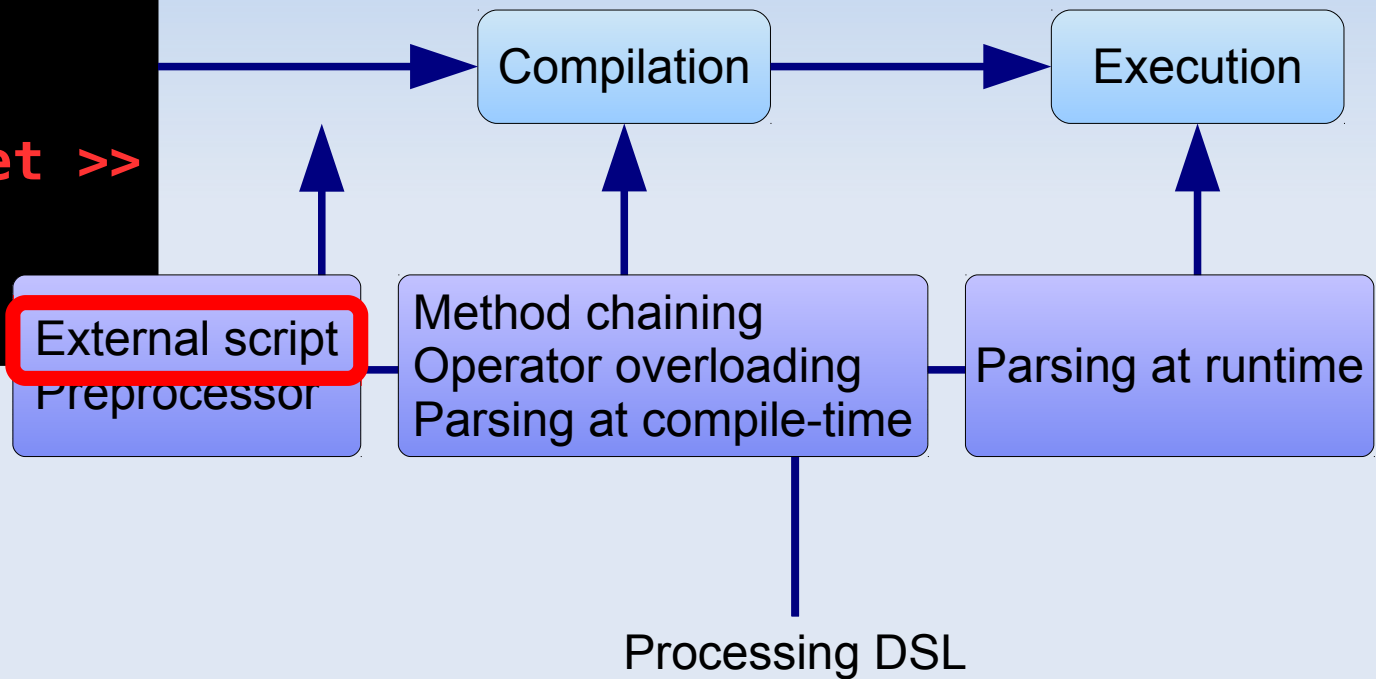
```
#include <iostream>
```

```
int main(
 int argc,
 char* argv[]
)
{
```

```
 std::cout
 << "Hello "
 << std::endl;
```

**<< DSL code snippet >>**

```
 std::cout
 << "World!"
 << std::endl;
}
```



# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| ■  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
auto re = REGEX(.);
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

Python script

```
auto re = REGEX(.);
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example


|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
auto re = any();

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```


Python script



```
auto re = REGEX(.);

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```



# Example


|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| .        | abc |
| <b>x</b> | ab\ |
| a*       |     |

```
auto re = char_<'x'>();

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```


Python script



```
auto re = REGEX(x);

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```



# Example


|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| .         | abc |
| x         | ab\ |
| <b>a*</b> |     |

```
auto re = repeat<char_<'a'>>(char_<'a'>());

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```


Python script



```
auto re = REGEX(a*);

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```






# Example

|    |            |
|----|------------|
| .  | <b>abc</b> |
| x  | ab\        |
| a* |            |

```
auto re = seq<char_<'a'>, char_<'b'>, char_<'c'>>(
 char_<'a'>(), char_<'b'>(), char_<'c'>());
std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```


Python script



```
auto re = REGEX(abc);

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```



# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

<stdin> 1:22 Invalid character: \

Python script

```
auto re = REGEX(ab\);
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Evaluation

External  
script

## Using the DSL

No syntax changes



Compile-time validation

Readable error messages

Usable in library headers

Code completion

## Implementing the DSL

Only standard C++

"Normal" C++

No metaprogramming

No build system support

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# Evaluation

External  
script

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Code completion



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script

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# Evaluation

External  
script

## Using the DSL

No syntax changes



Compile-time validation



Readable error messages



Usable in library headers



Code completion



## Implementing the DSL

Only standard C++



"Normal" C++



No metaprogramming



No build system support



# Embedding a DSL

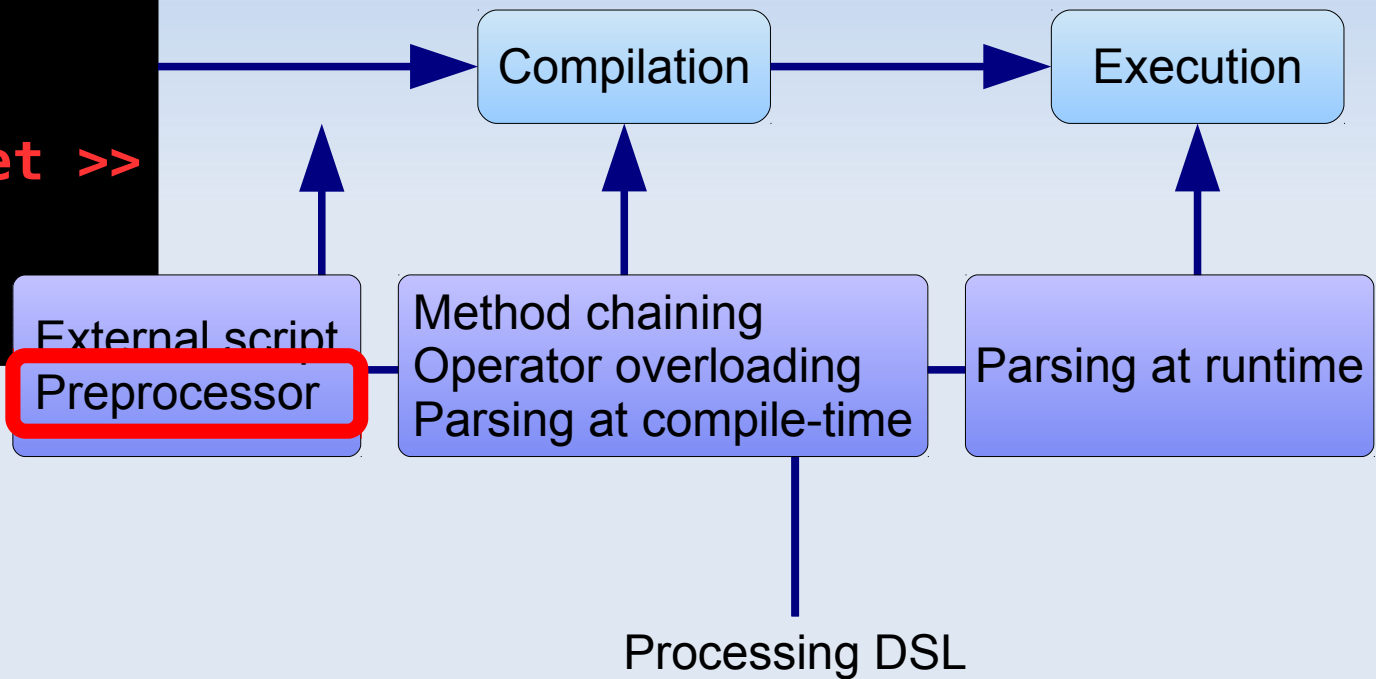
```
#include <iostream>
```

```
int main(
 int argc,
 char* argv[]
)
{
```

```
 std::cout
 << "Hello "
 << std::endl;
```

**<< DSL code snippet >>**

```
 std::cout
 << "World!"
 << std::endl;
}
```



# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
auto re = DOT;
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

Preprocessor

```
auto re = DOT;
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
auto re = any();

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

Preprocessor

```
auto re = DOT;

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
auto re = any();

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

```
#define DOT any()
```

Preprocessor

```
auto re = DOT;

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```



# Example

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| .        | abc |
| <b>x</b> | ab\ |
| a*       |     |

```
auto re = char_<'x'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

```
#define CHAR(c) (char_<#c[0]>())
```

Preprocessor

```
auto re = CHAR(x);
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| .         | abc |
| x         | ab\ |
| <b>a*</b> |     |

```
auto re = repeat<char_<'a'>>(char_<'a'>());

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

```
#define REPEAT(e) (repeat<decltype(e)>(e))
```

Preprocessor

```
auto re = REPEAT(CHAR(a));

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |            |
|----|------------|
| .  | <b>abc</b> |
| x  | ab\        |
| a* |            |

```
auto re = seq<char_<'a'>, char_<'b'>, char_<'c'>>(
 char_<'a'>(), char_<'b'>(), char_<'c'>());
std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

Preprocessor

```
auto reg = SEQ(CHAR(a), CHAR(b), CHAR(c));

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
auto re = seq<char_<'a'>, char_<'b'>, char_<'c'>>(
 char_<'a'>(), char_<'b'>(), char_<'c'>());
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
#define SEQ_ITEM(r, data, i, elem) BOOST_PP_COMMA_IF(i) decltype((elem))
```

```
#define SEQ(...) \
```

```
(\
```

```
 seq< \
```

```
 BOOST_PP_SEQ_FOR_EACH_I(\
```

```
 SEQ_ITEM, \
```

```
 ~, \
```

```
 BOOST_PP_VARIADIC_TO_SEQ(__VA_ARGS__) \
```

```
) \
```

```
 >(__VA_ARGS__) \
```

```
)
```

```
auto reg = SEQ(CHAR(a), CHAR(b), CHAR(c));
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
```

```
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

Preprocessor

```
auto re = SEQ(CHAR(a), CHAR(b), CHAR(\\));

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
auto re = seq<char_<'a'>, char_<'b'>, char_<'\\'>>(
 char_<'a'>(), char_<'b'>(), char_<'\\'>());
std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

Preprocessor

```
auto re = SEQ(CHAR(a), CHAR(b), CHAR(\\));

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
```

```
//
#define CHAR(c) CHAR_ ## c
#define CHAR_(c) (char_<c>())
#define CHAR_a CHAR_('a')
#define CHAR_b CHAR_('b')

// ...

#define CHAR_y CHAR_('y')
#define CHAR_z CHAR_('z')
```

Preprocessor

```
auto re = SEQ(CHAR(a), CHAR(b), CHAR(\\));
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
test.cpp:10:17: error: pasting "CHAR_" and "\" does not give a valid preprocessing token
#define CHAR(c) CHAR_ ## c
 ^
test.cpp:61:39: note: in expansion of macro 'CHAR'
 auto regex = SEQ(CHAR(a), CHAR(b), CHAR(\\));
 ^
test.cpp:61:3: error: stray '\' in program
 auto regex = SEQ(CHAR(a), CHAR(b), CHAR(\\));
 ^
test.cpp:61:3: error: stray '\' in program
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test.cpp: In function 'int main()':
test.cpp:10:17: error: 'CHAR_' was not declared in this scope
#define CHAR(c) CHAR_ ## c
 ^
test.cpp:41:67: note: in definition of macro 'SEQ_ITEM'
#define SEQ_ITEM(r, data, i, elem) BOOST_PP_COMMA_IF(i) decltype((elem))
 ^
test.cpp:61:17: note: in expansion of macro 'SEQ'
 auto regex = SEQ(CHAR(a), CHAR(b), CHAR(\\));
 ^
test.cpp:61:39: note: in expansion of macro 'CHAR'
 auto regex = SEQ(CHAR(a), CHAR(b), CHAR(\\));
 ^
test.cpp:51:5: error: template argument 3 is invalid
 >(__VA_ARGS__) \
 ^
test.cpp:61:14: note: in expansion of macro 'SEQ'
 auto re = SEQ(CHAR(a), CHAR(b), CHAR(\\));
 ^
```

```
*/ };
```

```
*/ };
```

```
*/ };
```

```
*/ };
```

Preprocessor

```
#define CHAR_z CHAR_('z')
```

```
auto re = SEQ(CHAR(a), CHAR(b), CHAR(\\));
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```



```

test.cpp:10:17: error: pasting "CHAR_" and "\" does not give a valid preprocessing token
#define CHAR(c) CHAR_ ## c
 ^
test.cpp:61:39: note: in expansion of macro 'CHAR'
 auto regex = SEQ(CHAR(a), CHAR(b), CHAR(\\));
 ^
test.cpp:61:3: error: stray '\\' in program
 auto regex = SEQ(CHAR(a), CHAR(b), CHAR(\\));
 ^
test.cpp:61:3: error: stray '\\' in program
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test.cpp:10:17: error: 'CHAR_' was not declared in this scope
#define CHAR(c) CHAR_ ## c
 ^
test.cpp:41:67: note: in definition of macro 'SEQ_ITEM'
#define SEQ_ITEM(r, data, i, elem) BOOST_PP_COMMA_IF(i) decltype((elem))
 ^
test.cpp:61:17: note: in expansion of macro 'SEQ'
 auto regex = SEQ(CHAR(a), CHAR(b), CHAR(\\));
 ^
test.cpp:61:39: note: in expansion of macro 'CHAR'
 auto regex = SEQ(CHAR(a), CHAR(b), CHAR(\\));
 ^
test.cpp:51:5: error: template argument 3 is invalid
 >(__VA_ARGS__) \
 ^
test.cpp:61:14: note: in expansion of macro 'SEQ'
 auto re = SEQ(CHAR(a), CHAR(b), CHAR(\\));
 ^

```

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```

*/ };
*/ };
*/ };
*/ };

```

Preprocessor

```
#define CHAR_z CHAR_('z')
```

```
auto re = SEQ(CHAR(a), CHAR(b), CHAR(\\));
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }

```

# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |
| No syntax changes           | ✓               | ✗            |
| Compile-time validation     | ✓               |              |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               |              |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               |              |
| Code completion             | ✗               |              |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               |              |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               |              |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               |              |
| No build system support     | ✗               |              |

# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |
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| Code completion             | ✗               |              |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |
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| No build system support     | ✗               |              |

# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |
| No syntax changes           | ✓               | ✗            |
| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               |              |
| Code completion             | ✗               |              |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               |              |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               |              |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               |              |
| No build system support     | ✗               |              |

# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |
| No syntax changes           | ✓               | ✗            |
| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            |
| Code completion             | ✗               |              |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               |              |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               |              |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               |              |
| No build system support     | ✗               |              |

# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |
| No syntax changes           | ✓               | ✗            |
| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               |              |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               |              |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               |              |
| No build system support     | ✗               |              |

# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |
| No syntax changes           | ✓               | ✗            |
| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               | ✓            |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               |              |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               |              |
| No build system support     | ✗               |              |

# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |
| No syntax changes           | ✓               | ✗            |
| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               | ✓            |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               | ✗            |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               |              |
| No build system support     | ✗               |              |



# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |
| No syntax changes           | ✓               | ✗            |
| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               | ✓            |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               | ✗            |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               | ✗            |
| No build system support     | ✗               |              |

# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |
| No syntax changes           | ✓               | ✗            |
| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               | ✓            |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               | ✗            |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               | ✗            |
| No build system support     | ✗               | ✓            |

# Embedding a DSL

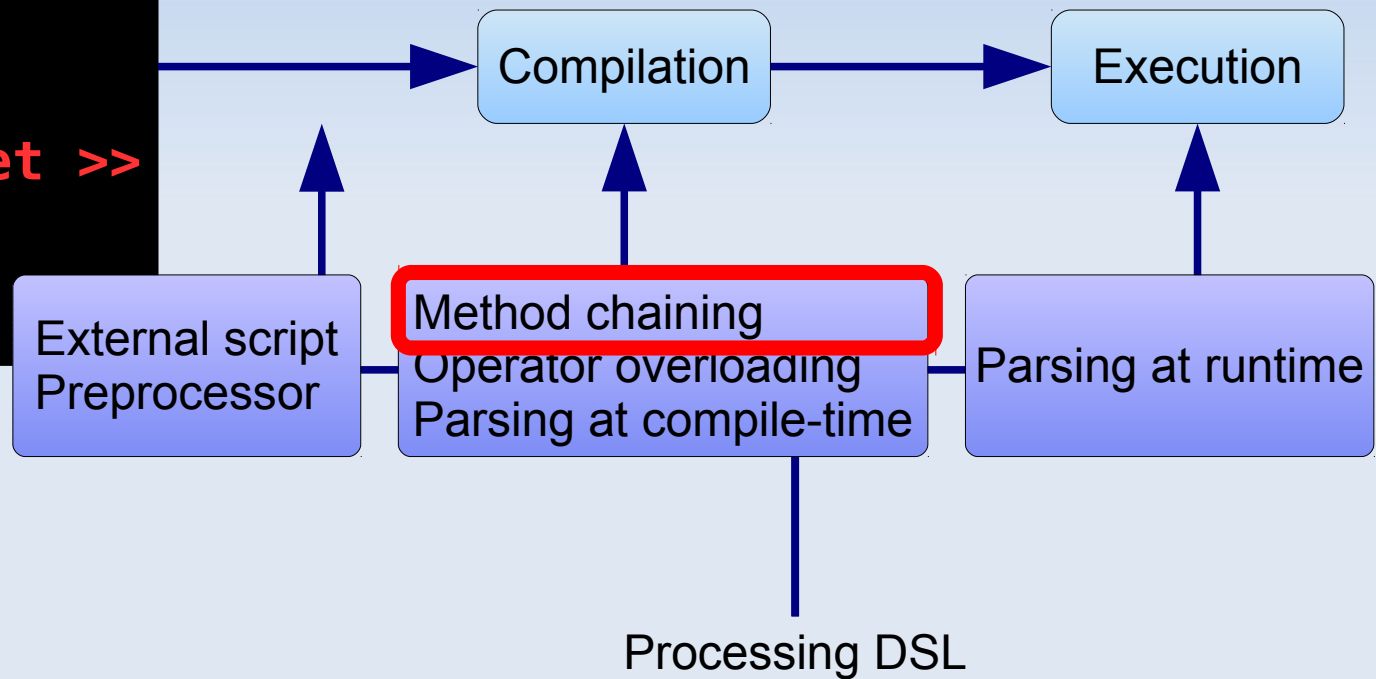
```
#include <iostream>
```

```
int main(
 int argc,
 char* argv[]
)
{
```

```
 std::cout
 << "Hello "
 << std::endl;
```

**<< DSL code snippet >>**

```
 std::cout
 << "World!"
 << std::endl;
}
```



# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
auto re = regex.dot();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <class E>
class regex_impl {
```

```
};
```

```
auto re = regex.dot();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <class E>
class regex_impl {
```

```
};
```

```
const regex_impl<empty> regex;
```

```
auto re = regex.dot();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <class E>
class regex_impl {
 E _e;
public:
 regex_impl(E e_) : _e(e_) {}

};
```

```
const regex_impl<empty> regex;
```

```
auto re = regex.dot();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <class E>
class regex_impl {
 E _e;
public:
 regex_impl(E e_) : _e(e_) {}

 template <class It>
 boost::optional<It> match(It begin_, It end_) const {

 }

};
```

```
const regex_impl<empty> regex;
```

```
auto re = regex.dot();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```



# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <class E>
class regex_impl {
 E _e;
public:
 regex_impl(E e_) : _e(e_) {}

 template <class It>
 boost::optional<It> match(It begin_, It end_) const {
 return _e.match(begin_, end_);
 }
};
```

```
const regex_impl<empty> regex;
```

```
auto re = regex.dot();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <class E>
class regex_impl {
 E _e;
public:
 regex_impl(E e_) : _e(e_) {}

 template <class It>
 boost::optional<It> match(It begin_, It end_) const {
 return _e.match(begin_, end_);
 }

 regex_impl<seq<E, any>> dot() const {
 }
};

const regex_impl<empty> regex;
```

```
auto re = regex.dot();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <class E>
class regex_impl {
 E _e;
public:
 regex_impl(E e_) : _e(e_) {}

 template <class It>
 boost::optional<It> match(It begin_, It end_) const {
 return _e.match(begin_, end_);
 }

 regex_impl<seq<E, any>> dot() const { return seq<E, any>(_e, any()); }
};

const regex_impl<empty> regex;
```

```
auto re = regex.dot();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| .        | abc |
| <b>x</b> | ab\ |
| a*       |     |

```
template <class E>
class regex_impl {
 E _e;
public:
 // ...

 template <char C>
 regex_impl<seq<E, char_<C>>> char_() const {

 return seq<E, ::char_<C>>(_e, ::char_<C>());
 }

};
```

```
auto re = regex.char_<'x'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| .         | abc |
| x         | ab\ |
| <b>a*</b> |     |

```
template <class E>
class regex_impl {
 E _e;
public:
 // ...

 auto repeat() const -> decltype(repeat_last<E>::run(this->get())) {
 return repeat_last<E>::run(this->get());
 }

};
```

```
auto re = regex.char_<'a'>.repeat();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <class E>
class regex_imp
 E e;
public:
 // ...

 auto repeat()
 return repeat(e);
};
```

```
auto re = regex_imp("abc");
```

```
std::string s = "abc";
```

```
if (auto i = re.find(s))
{ std::cout << "Found at " << i << "\n"; }
```

```
template <int I, int N> struct set_nth {
 template <class Seq, class... As, class NthT>
 static auto run(const Seq& s_, NthT nth_, As... as_)
 -> decltype(set_nth<I - 1, N>::run(s_, nth_, s_.template get<I>(), as_...))
 { return set_nth<I - 1, N>::run(s_, nth_, s_.template get<I>(), as_...); }
};

template <int N> struct set_nth<N, N> {
 template <class Seq, class... As, class NthT>
 static auto run(const Seq& s_, NthT nth_, As... as_)
 -> decltype(set_nth<N - 1, N>::run(s_, nth_, nth_, as_...))
 { return set_nth<N - 1, N>::run(s_, nth_, nth_, as_...); }
};

template <int N> struct set_nth<-1, N> {
 template <class Seq, class... As, class NthT>
 static auto run(const Seq&, NthT, As... as_)
 -> decltype(seq<As...>(as_...)) { return seq<As...>(as_...); }
};

template <class E> struct repeat_last {
 static repeat<E> run(E e_) { return repeat<E>(e_); }
};

template <class... Es> struct repeat_last<seq<Es...>> {
 static auto run(const seq<Es...>& s_) ->
 decltype(set_nth<sizeof...(Es) - 1, sizeof...(Es) - 1>::run(
 s_, repeat<decltype(s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>())>
 (s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>()))) {
 return set_nth<sizeof...(Es) - 1, sizeof...(Es) - 1>::run(
 s_, repeat<decltype(s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>())>
 (s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>()));
 };
};
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <class E>
class regex_imp
{
public:
 // ...

```

```
 auto repeat()
 {
 return repeat...
 }
};
```

```
auto re = regex...
```

```
std::string s...
```

```
if (auto i = ...
{ std::cout << ...
}
```

```
template <int I, int N> struct set_nth {
 template <class Seq, class... As, class NthT>
 static auto run(const Seq& s_, NthT nth_, As... as_)
 -> decltype(set_nth<I - 1, N>::run(s_, nth_, s_.template get<I>(), as_...))
 {
 seq<e1, e2, ..., e12, e13>
 };
};

template <int N> struct set_nth<N, N> {
 template <class Seq, class... As, class NthT>
 static auto run(const Seq& s_, NthT nth_, As... as_)
 -> decltype(set_nth<N - 1, N>::run(s_, nth_, nth_, as_...))
 {
 return set_nth<N - 1, N>::run(s_, nth_, nth_, as_...);
 };
};

template <int N> struct set_nth<-1, N> {
 template <class Seq, class... As, class NthT>
 static auto run(const Seq&, NthT, As... as_)
 -> decltype(seq<As...>(as_...)) { return seq<As...>(as_...); }
};

template <class E> struct repeat_last {
 static repeat<E> run(E e_) { return repeat<E>(e_); }
};

template <class... Es> struct repeat_last<seq<Es...>> {
 static auto run(const seq<Es...>& s_) ->
 decltype(set_nth<sizeof...(Es) - 1, sizeof...(Es) - 1>::run(
 s_, repeat<decltype(s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>())>
 (s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>())))) {
 return set_nth<sizeof...(Es) - 1, sizeof...(Es) - 1>::run(
 s_, repeat<decltype(s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>())>
 (s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>()));
 };
};
```

# Example

. abc  
x ab\  
a\*

```
template <class
class regex_imp
 E e;
public:
 // ...
```

```
 auto repeat()
 return repe
};
```

```
auto re = reg
```

```
std::string s
```

```
if (auto i =
{ std::cout <
```

```
template <int I, int N> struct set_nth {
 template <class Seq, class... As, class NthT>
 static auto run(const Seq& s_, NthT nth_, As... as_)
 -> decltype(set_nth<I - 1, N>::run(s_, nth_, s_.template get<I>(), as_...))
 {
 seq<e1, e2, ..., e12, e13>
```

```
template <int N> struct set_nth<-1, N> {
 template <class Seq, class... As, class NthT>
 static auto run(const Seq& s_, NthT nth_, As... as_)
 -> decltype(set_nth<N - 1, N>::run(s_, nth_, nth_, as_...))
 { return set_nth<N - 1, N>::run(s_, nth_, nth_, as_...); }
};
```

e1

e2

e12

e13

```
template <int N> struct set_nth<-1, N> {
 template <class Seq, class... As, class NthT>
 static auto run(const Seq& s_, NthT nth_, As... as_)
 -> decltype(seq<As...>(as_...)) { return seq<As...>(as_...); }
};
```

```
template <class E> struct repeat_last {
 static repeat<E> run(E e_) { return repeat<E>(e_); }
};
```

```
template <class... Es> struct repeat_last<seq<Es...>> {
 static auto run(const seq<Es...>& s_) ->
 decltype(set_nth<sizeof...(Es) - 1, sizeof...(Es) - 1>::run(
 s_, repeat<decltype(s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>())>
 (s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>())))) {
 return set_nth<sizeof...(Es) - 1, sizeof...(Es) - 1>::run(
 s_, repeat<decltype(s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>())>
 (s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>())));
};
```



# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <class E>
class regex_imp
{
public:
 // ...

```

```
 auto repeat()
 {
 return repeat<E>();
 }
};
```

```
auto re = regex_imp<E>();
```

```
std::string s;
```

```
if (auto i = re.find(s))
{
 std::cout << "Found " << s << " at " << i << "\n";
}
```

```
template <int I, int N> struct set_nth {
 template <class Seq, class... As, class NthT>
 static auto run(const Seq& s_, NthT nth_, As... as_)
 -> decltype(set_nth<I - 1, N>::run(s_, nth_, s_.template get<I>(), as_...))
 {
 return set_nth<I - 1, N>::run(s_, nth_, s_.template get<I>(), as_...);
 }
};
```

seq<e1, e2, ..., e12, e13>

```
template <int N> struct set_nth<-1, N> {
 template <class Seq, class... As, class NthT>
 static auto run(const Seq& s_, NthT nth_, As... as_)
 -> decltype(set_nth<N - 1, N>::run(s_, nth_, nth_, as_...))
 {
 return set_nth<N - 1, N>::run(s_, nth_, nth_, as_...);
 }
};
```

unpack

e1

e2

e12

e13

```
template <int N> struct set_nth<-1, N> {
 template <class Seq, class... As, class NthT>
 static auto run(const Seq& s_, NthT nth_, As... as_)
 -> decltype(seq<As...>(as_...)) { return seq<As...>(as_...); }
};
```

```
template <class E> struct repeat_last {
 static repeat<E> run(E e_) { return repeat<E>(e_); }
};
```

repeat<e13>

```
template <class... Es> struct repeat_last<seq<Es...>> {
 static auto run(const seq<Es...>& s_) ->
 decltype(set_nth<sizeof...(Es) - 1, sizeof...(Es) - 1>::run(
 s_, repeat<decltype(s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>())>
 (s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>()))) {
 return set_nth<sizeof...(Es) - 1, sizeof...(Es) - 1>::run(
 s_, repeat<decltype(s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>())>
 (s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>()));
 }
};
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <class E>
class regex_imp
{
public:
 // ...

```

```
 auto repeat()
 {
 return repeat<E>(e_);
 }
};
```

```
auto re = regex_imp<E>();
```

```
std::string s = re.match("ab");
```

```
if (auto i = s.find("ab"))
{
 std::cout << "found at " << i << "\n";
}
```

```
template <int I, int N> struct set_nth {
 template <class Seq, class... As, class NthT>
 static auto run(const Seq& s_, NthT nth_, As... as_)
 -> decltype(set_nth<I - 1, N>::run(s_, nth_, s_.template get<I>(), as_...))
 {
 return set_nth<I - 1, N>::run(s_, nth_, nth_, as_...);
 }
};
```

seq<e1, e2, ..., e12, e13>

```
template <int N> struct set_nth<-1, N> {
 template <class Seq, class... As, class NthT>
 static auto run(const Seq& s_, NthT nth_, As... as_)
 -> decltype(set_nth<N - 1, N>::run(s_, nth_, nth_, as_...))
 {
 return set_nth<N - 1, N>::run(s_, nth_, nth_, as_...);
 }
};
```

unpack

e1

e2

e12

e13

```
template <int N> struct set_nth<-1, N> {
 template <class Seq, class... As, class NthT>
 static auto run(const Seq& s_, NthT nth_, As... as_)
 -> decltype(seq<As...>(as_...)) { return seq<As...>(as_...); }
};
```

```
template <class E> struct repeat_last {
 static repeat<E> run(E e_) { return repeat<E>(e_); }
};
```

repeat<e13>

```
template <class... Es> struct repeat_last<seq<Es...>> {
 static auto run(const seq<Es...>& s_) ->
 decltype(set_nth<sizeof...(Es) - 1, sizeof...(Es) - 1>::run(
 s_, repeat<decltype(s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>()>
 (s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>())))) {
 return set_nth<sizeof...(Es) - 1, sizeof...(Es) - 1>::run(
 s_, repeat<decltype(s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>()>
 (s_.template get<sizeof...(Es) - 1>()))>
 }
};
```

repack

seq<e1, e2, ..., e12, repeat<e13>>

# Example

|    |            |
|----|------------|
| .  | <b>abc</b> |
| x  | ab\        |
| a* |            |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
auto re = regex.char_<'a'>().char_<'b'>().char_<'c'>();

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
auto re = regex.char_<'a'>().char_<'b'>().char_<'\\'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <class E>
class regex_impl {
 E _e;
public:
 // ...

 template <char C>
 regex_impl<seq<E, char_<C>>> char_() const {

 return seq<E, ::char_<C>>(_e, ::char_<C>());
 }

};
```

```
auto re = regex.char_<'a'>().char_<'b'>().char_<'\\'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <class E>
class regex_impl {
 E _e;
public:
 // ...

 template <char C>
 regex_impl<seq<E, char_<C>>> char_() const {
 static_assert(valid_char(C), "Invalid character");
 return seq<E, ::char_<C>>(_e, ::char_<C>());
 }

};
```

```
auto re = regex.char_<'a'>().char_<'b'>().char_<'\\'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <class E>
class regex_impl {
 E _e;
public:
 // ...

 template <char C>
 regex_impl<seq<E, char_<C>>> char_() const {
 static_assert(valid_char(C), "Invalid character");
 return seq<E, ::char_<C>>(_e, ::char_<C>());
 }
};
```

```
constexpr bool valid_char(char c_) { return c_ >= 'a' && c_ <= 'z'; }
```

```
auto re = regex.char_<'a'>().char_<'b'>().char_<'\\'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <class E>
class regex_impl {
```

```
test.cpp: In instantiation of 'regex_impl<seq<E, char_<C> > > regex_impl<E>::char_<C>() const [with char C = '\\'; E = seq<seq<empty, char_<'a'> >, char_<'b'> >]':
test.cpp:110:57: required from here
test.cpp:75:5: error: static assertion failed: Invalid character
 static_assert(valid_char(C), "Invalid character");
 ^
```

```
static_assert(valid_char(C), "Invalid character");
return seq<E, ::char_<C>>(_e, ::char_<C>());
}
```

```
}; constexpr bool valid_char(char c_) { return c_ >= 'a' && c_ <= 'z'; }
```

```
auto re = regex.char_<'a'>().char_<'b'>().char_<'\\'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```



# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <class E>
class regex_impl {
```

```
test.cpp: In instantiation of 'regex_impl<seq<E, char_<C> > > regex_impl<E>::char_<C>() const [with char C = '\\'; E = seq<seq<empty, char_<'a'> >, char_<'b'> >]':
```

```
test.cpp:110:57: required from here
```

```
test.cpp:75:5: error: static assertion failed: Invalid character
 static_assert(valid_char(C), "Invalid character");
 ^
```

```
static_assert(valid_char(C), "Invalid character");
```

```
return seq<E, ::char_<C>>(_e, ::char_<C>());
```

```
}
```

```
};
```

```
constexpr bool valid_char(char c_) { return c_ >= 'a' && c_ <= 'z'; }
```

```
auto re = regex.char_<'a'>().char_<'b'>().char_<'\\'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor | Method chaining |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |                 |
| No syntax changes           | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |
| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            |                 |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            |                 |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            |                 |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            |                 |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |                 |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               | ✓            |                 |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               | ✗            |                 |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               | ✗            |                 |
| No build system support     | ✗               | ✓            |                 |

# Evaluation

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| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            | ✓               |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            |                 |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            |                 |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            |                 |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |                 |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               | ✓            |                 |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               | ✗            |                 |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               | ✗            |                 |
| No build system support     | ✗               | ✓            |                 |

# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor | Method chaining |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |                 |
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| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            |                 |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            |                 |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |                 |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               | ✓            |                 |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               | ✗            |                 |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               | ✗            |                 |
| No build system support     | ✗               | ✓            |                 |

# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor | Method chaining |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |                 |
| No syntax changes           | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |
| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            | ✓               |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            |                 |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |                 |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               | ✓            |                 |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               | ✗            |                 |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               | ✗            |                 |
| No build system support     | ✗               | ✓            |                 |

# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor | Method chaining |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |                 |
| No syntax changes           | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |
| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            | ✓               |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            | ✓               |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |                 |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               | ✓            |                 |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               | ✗            |                 |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               | ✗            |                 |
| No build system support     | ✗               | ✓            |                 |

# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor | Method chaining |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |                 |
| No syntax changes           | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |
| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            | ✓               |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            | ✓               |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |                 |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               | ✗            |                 |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               | ✗            |                 |
| No build system support     | ✗               | ✓            |                 |

# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor | Method chaining |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |                 |
| No syntax changes           | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |
| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            | ✓               |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            | ✓               |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |                 |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               | ✗            |                 |
| No build system support     | ✗               | ✓            |                 |



# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor | Method chaining |
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| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |                 |
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| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            | ✓               |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            | ✓               |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |                 |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |
| No build system support     | ✗               | ✓            |                 |

# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor | Method chaining |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
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| No syntax changes           | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |
| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            | ✓               |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            | ✓               |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |                 |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |
| No build system support     | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               |

# Embedding a DSL

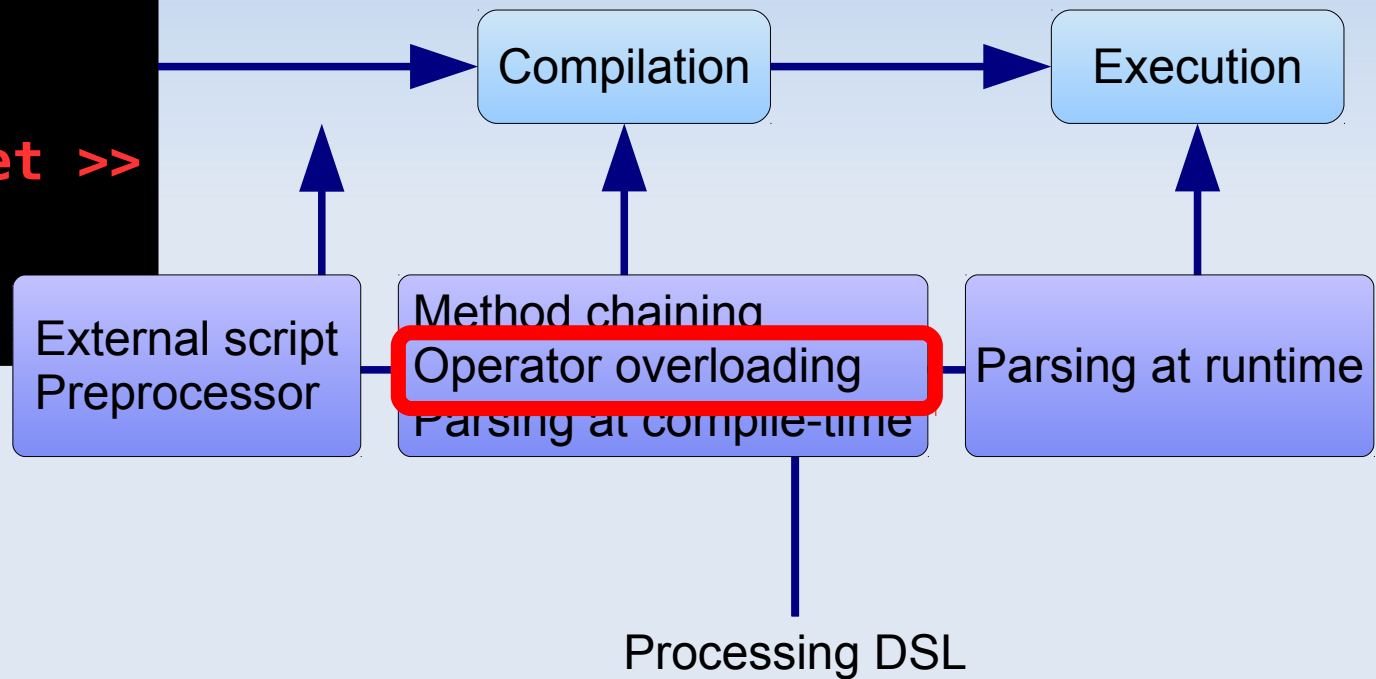
```
#include <iostream>
```

```
int main(
 int argc,
 char* argv[]
)
{
```

```
 std::cout
 << "Hello "
 << std::endl;
```

**<< DSL code snippet >>**

```
 std::cout
 << "World!"
 << std::endl;
}
```



# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
auto re = dot;
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
const any dot;
```

```
auto re = dot;
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| .        | abc |
| <b>x</b> | ab\ |
| a*       |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
auto re = ch<'x'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| .        | abc |
| <b>x</b> | ab\ |
| a*       |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
template <char C>
char_<C> ch() {
 return char_<C>();
}
```

```
auto re = ch<'x'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|          |     |
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| .        | abc |
| <b>x</b> | ab\ |
| a*       |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
template <char C>
char_<C> ch() {
 static_assert(valid_char(C), "Invalid character");
 return char_<C>();
}
```

```
auto re = ch<'x'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```



# Example

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| .         | abc |
| x         | ab\ |
| <b>a*</b> |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
auto re = *ch<'a'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

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| .         | abc |
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| <b>a*</b> |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
template <class E>
 repeat<E>
operator*(E e_) { return repeat<E>(e_); }
```

```
auto re = *ch<'a'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
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# Example

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| .         | abc |
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```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
std::vector<int> v;

*v
```

```
template <class E>
 repeat<E>
operator*(E e_) { return repeat<E>(e_); }
```

```
auto re = *ch<'a'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
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# Example

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| .         | abc |
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| <b>a*</b> |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
template <class E>
typename std::enable_if< , repeat<E>>::type
operator*(E e_) { return repeat<E>(e_); }
```

```
auto re = *ch<'a'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
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# Example

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| .         | abc |
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```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
template <class E>
typename std::enable_if<is_regex<E>::type::value, repeat<E>>::type
operator*(E e_) { return repeat<E>(e_); }
```

```
auto re = *ch<'a'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| .         | abc |
| x         | ab\ |
| <b>a*</b> |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_traits { /* ... */ };
template <class T> struct is_regex { /* ... */ };
template <...>
template <...>
//
```

```
template <class E>
typename std::enable_if<is_regex<E>::type::value, repeat<E>>::type
operator*(E e_) { return repeat<E>(e_); }
```

```
auto re = *ch<'a'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
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# Example

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| .         | abc |
| x         | ab\ |
| <b>a*</b> |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_traits { /* ... */ };
template <class T> struct is_regex : std::false_type {};
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
template <class E>
typename std::enable_if<is_regex<E>::type::value, repeat<E>>::type
operator*(E e_) { return repeat<E>(e_); }
```

```
auto re = *ch<'a'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
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if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
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# Example

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| .         | abc |
| x         | ab\ |
| <b>a*</b> |     |

```
template <char C> struct is_regex { /* */ };
template <class T> struct is_regex : std::false_type {};
template <> struct is_regex<any> : std::true_type {};
//
```

```
template <class E>
typename std::enable_if<is_regex<E>::type::value, repeat<E>>::type
operator*(E e_) { return repeat<E>(e_); }
```

```
auto re = *ch<'a'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
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# Example

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| .         | abc |
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| <b>a*</b> |     |

```
template <char C> struct is_regex { /* */ };
template <class T> struct is_regex : std::false_type {};
template <> struct is_regex<any> : std::true_type {};
template <char C> struct is_regex<char_<C>> : std::true_type {};
//
```

```
template <class E>
typename std::enable_if<is_regex<E>::type::value, repeat<E>>::type
operator*(E e_) { return repeat<E>(e_); }
```

```
auto re = *ch<'a'>();
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```
std::string s("some text");
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```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
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# Example

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| .         | abc |
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| <b>a*</b> |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* */ };
template <class T> struct is_regex : std::false_type {};
template <> struct is_regex<any> : std::true_type {};
template <char C> struct is_regex<char_<C>> : std::true_type {};
// template <class E> struct is_regex<repeat<E>> : is_regex<E> {};
```

```
template <class E>
typename std::enable_if<is_regex<E>::type::value, repeat<E>>::type
operator*(E e_) { return repeat<E>(e_); }
```

```
auto re = *ch<'a'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
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```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
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| .         | abc |
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```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* */ };
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template <> struct is_regex<any> : std::true_type {};
template <char C> struct is_regex<char_<C>> : std::true_type {};
// template <class E> struct is_regex<repeat<E>> : is_regex<E> {};
// ...
```

```
template <class E>
typename std::enable_if<is_regex<E>::type::value, repeat<E>>::type
operator*(E e_) { return repeat<E>(e_); }
```

```
auto re = *ch<'a'>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
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```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
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# Example

|   |     |
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| . | abc |
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```
template <class E>
concept bool Regex() { return is_regex<E>::type::value; }
```

```
template <char C> struct is_regex { /* */ };
template <class T> struct is_regex : std::false_type {};
template <> struct is_regex<any> : std::true_type {};
template <char C> struct is_regex<char_<C>> : std::true_type {};
// template <class E> struct is_regex<repeat<E>> : is_regex<E> {};
// ...
```

```
template <class E>
typename std::enable_if<is_regex<E>::type::value, repeat<E>>::type
operator*(E e_) { return repeat<E>(e_); }
```

```
auto re = *ch<'a'>();
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std::string s("some text");
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if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
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// template <class E> struct is_regex<repeat<E>> : is_regex<E> {};
// ...
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```
template <class E>
typename std::enable_if<is_regex<E>::type::value, repeat<E>>::type
operator*(E e_) { return repeat<E>(e_); }
```

```
template <Regex E>
repeat<E> operator*(E e_) { return repeat<E>(e_); }
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
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template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
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// ..
```

```
template <class E1, class E2>
auto operator>>(E1 e1_, E2 e2_) ->

 seq< E1 , E2 >
 {
 return seq< E1 , E2 >
 (e1_ , e2_);
 }
```

```
auto re = ch<'a'>() >> 'b' >> 'c';
```

```
std::string s("some text");
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```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
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# Example

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```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
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template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
```

```
// ..
template <class E1, class E2>
auto operator>>(E1 e1_, E2 e2_) -> typename std::enable_if<
 is_regex<E1>::type::value && is_regex<E2>::type::value,
 seq< E1 , E2 >
>::type {
 return seq< E1 , E2 >
 (e1_ , e2_);
}
```

```
auto re = ch<'a'>() >> 'b' >> 'c';
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```

```
// ..
template <class E1, class E2>
auto operator>>(E1 e1_, E2 e2_) -> typename std::enable_if<
 is_regex<E1>::type::value || is_regex<E2>::type::value,
 seq< E1 , E2 >
>::type {
 return seq< E1 , E2 >
 (e1_ , e2_);
}
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# Example

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template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
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```

```
// ..
template <class E1, class E2>
auto operator>>(E1 e1_, E2 e2_) -> typename std::enable_if<
 is_regex<E1>::type::value || is_regex<E2>::type::value,
 seq< E1 , E2 >
>::type {
 return seq< E1 , E2 >
 (to_regex(e1_), to_regex(e2_));
}
```

```
auto re = ch<'a'>() >> 'b' >> 'c';
```

```
std::string s("some text");
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if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
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template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ..
template <class E1, class E2>
auto operator>>(E1 e1_, E2 e2_) -> typename std::enable_if<
 is_regex<E1>::type::value || is_regex<E2>::type::value,
 seq<decltype(to_regex(e1_)), decltype(to_regex(e2_))>
>::type {
 return seq<decltype(to_regex(e1_)), decltype(to_regex(e2_))>
 (to_regex(e1_), to_regex(e2_));
}
```

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auto re = ch<'a'>() >> 'b' >> 'c';
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if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
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template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
```

```
// ..
template <class E1, class E2>
auto operator>>(E1 e1_, E2 e2_) -> typename std::enable_if<
 is_regex<E1>::type::value || is_regex<E2>::type::value,
 seq<decltype(to_regex(e1_)), decltype(to_regex(e2_))>
>::type {
 return seq<decltype(to_regex(e1_)), decltype(to_regex(e2_))>
 (to_regex(e1_), to_regex(e2_));
}
```

```
auto template <class E1, class E2> requires Regex<E1>() || Regex<E2>()
st auto operator>>(E1 e1_, E2 e2_) ->
 seq<decltype(to_regex(e1_)), decltype(to_regex(e2_))>
if {
 return seq<decltype(to_regex(e1_)), decltype(to_regex(e2_))>
 (to_regex(e1_), to_regex(e2_));
{ }
```

```
; }
```

# Example

. abc  
x ab\

```
dyn_char to_regex(char c_) {
 return dyn_char(c_);
}
```

```
// ..
template <class E1, class E2>
auto operator>>(E1 e1_, E2 e2_) -> typename std::enable_if<
 is_regex<E1>::type::value || is_regex<E2>::type::value,
 seq<decltype(to_regex(e1_)), decltype(to_regex(e2_))>
>::type {
 return seq<decltype(to_regex(e1_)), decltype(to_regex(e2_))>
 (to_regex(e1_), to_regex(e2_));
}
```

```
auto re = ch<'a'>() >> 'b' >> 'c';
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

. abc  
x ab\

```
template <class E>
 E
to_regex(E e_) { return e_; }

dyn_char to_regex(char c_) {
 return dyn_char(c_);
}
```

```
// ..
template <class E1, class E2>
auto operator>>(E1 e1_, E2 e2_) -> typename std::enable_if<
 is_regex<E1>::type::value || is_regex<E2>::type::value,
 seq<decltype(to_regex(e1_)), decltype(to_regex(e2_))>
>::type {
 return seq<decltype(to_regex(e1_)), decltype(to_regex(e2_))>
 (to_regex(e1_), to_regex(e2_));
}
```

```
auto re = ch<'a'>() >> 'b' >> 'c';
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

. abc  
x ab\

```
template <class E>
typename std::enable_if<is_regex<E>::type::value, E>::type
to_regex(E e_) { return e_; }

dyn_char to_regex(char c_) {
 return dyn_char(c_);
}
```

```
// ..
template <class E1, class E2>
auto operator>>(E1 e1_, E2 e2_) -> typename std::enable_if<
 is_regex<E1>::type::value || is_regex<E2>::type::value,
 seq<decltype(to_regex(e1_)), decltype(to_regex(e2_))>
>::type {
 return seq<decltype(to_regex(e1_)), decltype(to_regex(e2_))>
 (to_regex(e1_), to_regex(e2_));
}
```

```
auto re = ch<'a'>() >> 'b' >> 'c';
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

. abc  
x ab\

```
template <class E>
typename std::enable_if<is_regex<E>::type::value, E>::type
to_regex(E e_) { return e_; }
```

```
template <Regex E>
E to_regex(E e_) { return e_; }
```

```
seq<decltype(to_regex(e1_)), decltype(to_regex(e2_))>
>::type {
 return seq<decltype(to_regex(e1_)), decltype(to_regex(e2_))>
 (to_regex(e1_), to_regex(e2_));
}
```

```
auto re = ch<'a'>() >> 'b' >> 'c';
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| . | abc |
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```
template <class E>
typename std::enable_if<is_regex<E>::type::value, E>::type
to_regex(E e_) { return e_; }

dyn_char to_regex(char c_) {
 return dyn_char(c_);
}

// ...
```

```
auto re = ch<'a'>() >> 'b' >> '\\';

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```



# Example

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| . | abc |
| x | ab\ |

```
template <class E>
typename std::enable_if<is_regex<E>::type::value, E>::type
to_regex(E e_) { return e_; }

dyn_char to_regex(char c_) {
 if (valid_char(c_)) { return dyn_char(c_); }
 else { throw regex_error(std::string("Invalid character ") + c_); }
}

// ...
```

```
auto re = ch<'a'>() >> 'b' >> '\\';
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

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|---|-----|
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```
template <class E>
typename std::enable_if<is_regex<E>::type::value, E>::type
to_regex(E e_) { return e_; }

dyn_char to_regex(char c_) {
 if (valid_char(c_)) { return dyn_char(c_); }
 else { throw regex_error(std::string("Invalid character ") + c_); }
}

// ...
```

```
terminate called after throwing an instance of 'regex_error'
what(): Invalid character \
```

```
auto re = ch<'a'>() >> 'b' >> '\\';
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor | Method chaining | Operator overloading |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |                 |                      |
| No syntax changes           | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✗                    |
| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            | ✓               |                      |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |                      |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               |                      |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            | ✓               |                      |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |                 |                      |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               |                      |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |                      |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |                      |
| No build system support     | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               |                      |

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |                 |                      |
| No syntax changes           | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✗                    |
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| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |                      |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               |                      |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            | ✓               |                      |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |                 |                      |
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| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               |                      |
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| No metaprogramming          | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               |                      |
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| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            | ✓               | ✗                    |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✓                    |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               | ✓                    |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            | ✓               | ✗                    |
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| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✓                    |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               | ✓                    |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            | ✓               | ✗                    |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |                 |                      |
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| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               | ✓                    |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            | ✓               | ✗                    |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |                 |                      |
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| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |                 |                      |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               | ✓                    |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✗                    |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✗                    |
| No build system support     | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               | ✓                    |

# Embedding a DSL

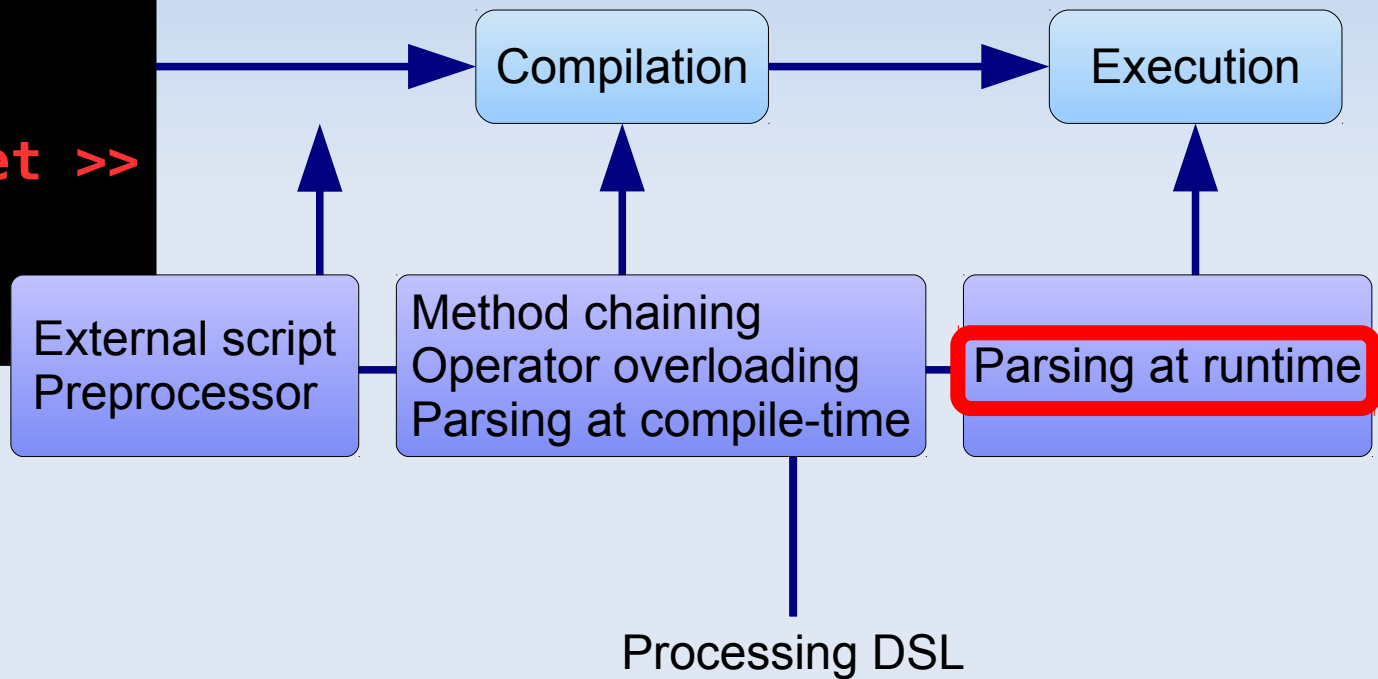
```
#include <iostream>
```

```
int main(
 int argc,
 char* argv[]
)
{
```

```
 std::cout
 << "Hello "
 << std::endl;
```

**<< DSL code snippet >>**

```
 std::cout
 << "World!"
 << std::endl;
}
```



# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
regex re(".");
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
regex parse(const std::string& re_) {
 // ...
}
```

```
regex re(".");
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

```

class regex_interface {
public:
 virtual ~regex_interface() {}

 virtual boost::optional<const char*> match(
 const char* begin_,
 const char* end_
) const = 0;

 virtual regex_interface* clone() const = 0;
};

```

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```

{ /* ... */ };
{ /* ... */ };
{ /* ... */ };
{ /* ... */ };

```

```

regex re(".");

```

```

std::string s("some text");

```

```

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }

```

```

class regex_interface {
public:
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 virtual boost::optional<const char*> match(
 const char* begin_,
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) const = 0;

 virtual regex_interface* clone() const = 0;
};

```

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```

{ /* ... */ };
{ /* ... */ };
{ /* ... */ };
{ /* ... */ };

```

```

template <class E> class regex_impl :
 public regex_interface {

```

```

regex re(".");

```

```

std::string s("some text");

```

```

if (auto i = re.match(s, 0)) {
 std::cout << "matched: " << s.substr(i.begin(), i.end()) << "\n";
}

```



```

class regex_interface {
public:
 virtual ~regex_interface() {}

 virtual boost::optional<const char*> match(
 const char* begin_,
 const char* end_
) const = 0;

 virtual regex_interface* clone() const = 0;
};

```

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```

{ /* ... */ };
{ /* ... */ };
{ /* ... */ };
{ /* ... */ };

```

```

template <class E> class regex_impl :
 public regex_interface {
public:
 regex_impl(E e_) : _e(e_) {}

```

```

regex re(".");

```

```

std::string s("some text");

```

```

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << s.substr(s.begin(), i.get().end() - s.begin()) << "\n"; }

```

```

private:
 E _e;
};

```

```

class regex_interface {
public:
 virtual ~regex_interface() {}

 virtual boost::optional<const char*> match(
 const char* begin_,
 const char* end_
) const = 0;

 virtual regex_interface* clone() const = 0;
};

```

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|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```

{ /* ... */ };
{ /* ... */ };
{ /* ... */ };
{ /* ... */ };

```

```

regex re(".");

```

```

std::string s("some text");

```

```

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end())) {
 std::cout << "matched: " << s.substr(s.begin(), i->end()) << "\n";
}

```

```

template <class E> class regex_impl :
 public regex_interface {
public:
 regex_impl(E e_) : _e(e_) {}

 virtual boost::optional<const char*> match(
 const char* begin_,
 const char* end_
) const { return _e.match(begin_, end_); }

 virtual regex_interface* clone() const
 { return new regex_impl(*this); }
private:
 E _e;
};

```

```
class regex_interface {
public:
 virtual ~regex_interface() {}

```

```
class regex {
public:
 template <class E> regex(E e_) : _body(new regex_impl<E>(e_)) {}
 regex(const regex& e_) : _body(e_._body->clone()) {}
 regex& operator=(re e_) { swap(e_); return *this; }

 template <class It>
 boost::optional<It> match(It begin_, It end_) const {
 const std::string s(begin_, end_);
 if (auto i = _body->match(s.c_str(), s.c_str() + s.length()))
 {
 std::advance(begin_, *i - s.c_str());
 return begin_;
 } else { return boost::optional<It>(); }
 }

 void swap(re& e_) { _body.swap(e_._body); }

private:
 std::unique_ptr<regex_interface> _body;
};
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s, begin_, end_))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << s.substr(s.c_str() + i, i - s.c_str()) << "\n"; }
```

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

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 E _e;
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# Example

|    |     |
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| ■  | abc |
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| a* |     |

```
void append_char(regex& r_, char c_) {r_=seq<regex,regex>(r_, dyn_char(c_));}
void append_any(regex& r_) { r_ = seq<regex, regex>(r_, any()); }
```

```
void repeat_last(regex& r_) {
 const auto& s = r_.get<seq<regex, regex>>();
 r_ = seq<regex, regex>(s.get<0>(), repeat<regex>(s.get<1>()));
}
```

```
regex parse(const std::string& e_) {
 using boost::spirit::qi::char_;
```

```
 regex r{empty()};
```

```
 auto a_char = boost::bind(append_char, boost::ref(r), _1);
 auto a_any = boost::bind(append_any, boost::ref(r));
 auto rep = boost::bind(repeat_last, boost::ref(r));
```

```
 std::string::const_iterator i = e_.begin();
 if (boost::spirit::qi::parse(i, e_.end(),
 ((char_('.') [a_any] | char_("a-z") [a_char]) >> -char_('') [rep])))
 { if (i == e_.end()) { return r; } else { throw regex_error(/* ... */); } }
 else { throw regex_error(/* ... */); }
}
```

```
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

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|----|-----|
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 else { throw regex_error(/* ... */); }
}
```

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{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
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 std::string::const_iterator i = e_.begin();
 if (boost::spirit::qi::parse(i, e_.end(),
 ((char_('.') [a_any] | char_("a-z") [a_char]) >> -char_('') [rep])))
 { if (i == e_.end()) { return r; } else { throw regex_error("..."); } }
 else { throw regex_error("/* ... */"); }
}
```

```
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
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| a* |     |

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```
void repeat_last(regex& r_) {
 const auto& s = r_.get<seq<regex, regex>>();
 r_ = seq<regex, regex>(s.get<0>(), repeat<regex>(s.get<1>()));
}
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 using boost::spirit::qi::char_;
```

```
 regex r{empty()};
```

```
 auto a_char = boost::bind(append_char, boost::ref(r), _1);
```

```
 auto a_any = boost::bind(append_any, boost::ref(r));
```

```
 auto rep = boost::bind(repeat_last, boost::ref(r), _1);
 return ((('.' | 'a'..'z') '*'?)*)
```

```
std::string::const_iterator i = e_.begin();
```

```
if (boost::spirit::qi::parse(i, e_.end(),
```

```
 ((char_('.') [a_any] | char_("a-z") [a_char]) >> -char_('') [rep])))
```

```
{ if (i == e_.end()) { return r; } else { throw regex_error("..."); } }
```

```
else { throw regex_error("..."); }
```

```
}
```

```
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
regex re(".");
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```



# Example

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| .        | abc |
| <b>x</b> | ab\ |
| a*       |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
regex re("x");
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| .         | abc |
| x         | ab\ |
| <b>a*</b> |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
regex re("a*");
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |            |
|----|------------|
| .  | <b>abc</b> |
| x  | ab\        |
| a* |            |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
regex re("abc");
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
terminate called after throwing an instance of 'regex_error'
 what(): Invalid regular expression (char 3) ab1
```

```
regex re("ab\\");
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Evaluation

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|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
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| Compile-time validation   | ✓               | ✓            | ✓               | ✗                    |                    |
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| Code completion           | ✗               | ✗            | ✓               | ✗                    |                    |
| Implementing the DSL      |                 |              |                 |                      |                    |
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| "Normal" C++              | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✗                    |                    |
| No metaprogramming        | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✗                    |                    |
| No build system support   | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               | ✓                    |                    |

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| No syntax changes           | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✗                    | ✓                  |
| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            | ✓               | ✗                    | ✗                  |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✓                    |                    |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               | ✓                    |                    |
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| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |                 |                      |                    |
| No syntax changes           | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✗                    | ✓                  |
| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            | ✓               | ✗                    | ✗                  |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✓                    | ✓                  |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               | ✓                    |                    |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            | ✓               | ✗                    |                    |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |                 |                      |                    |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               | ✓                    |                    |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✗                    |                    |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✗                    |                    |
| No build system support     | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               | ✓                    |                    |

# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor | Method chaining | Operator overloading | Parsing at runtime |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |                 |                      |                    |
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| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            | ✓               | ✗                    | ✗                  |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✓                    | ✓                  |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               | ✓                    | ✓                  |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            | ✓               | ✗                    |                    |
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| No metaprogramming          | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✗                    |                    |
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# Evaluation

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# Evaluation

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| No build system support     | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               | ✓                    |                    |

# Evaluation

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# Evaluation

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
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| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✓                    | ✓                  |
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| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            | ✓               | ✗                    | ✗                  |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |                 |                      |                    |
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# Evaluation

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| No metaprogramming          | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✗                    | ✓                  |
| No build system support     | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               | ✓                    | ✓                  |

# Embedding a DSL

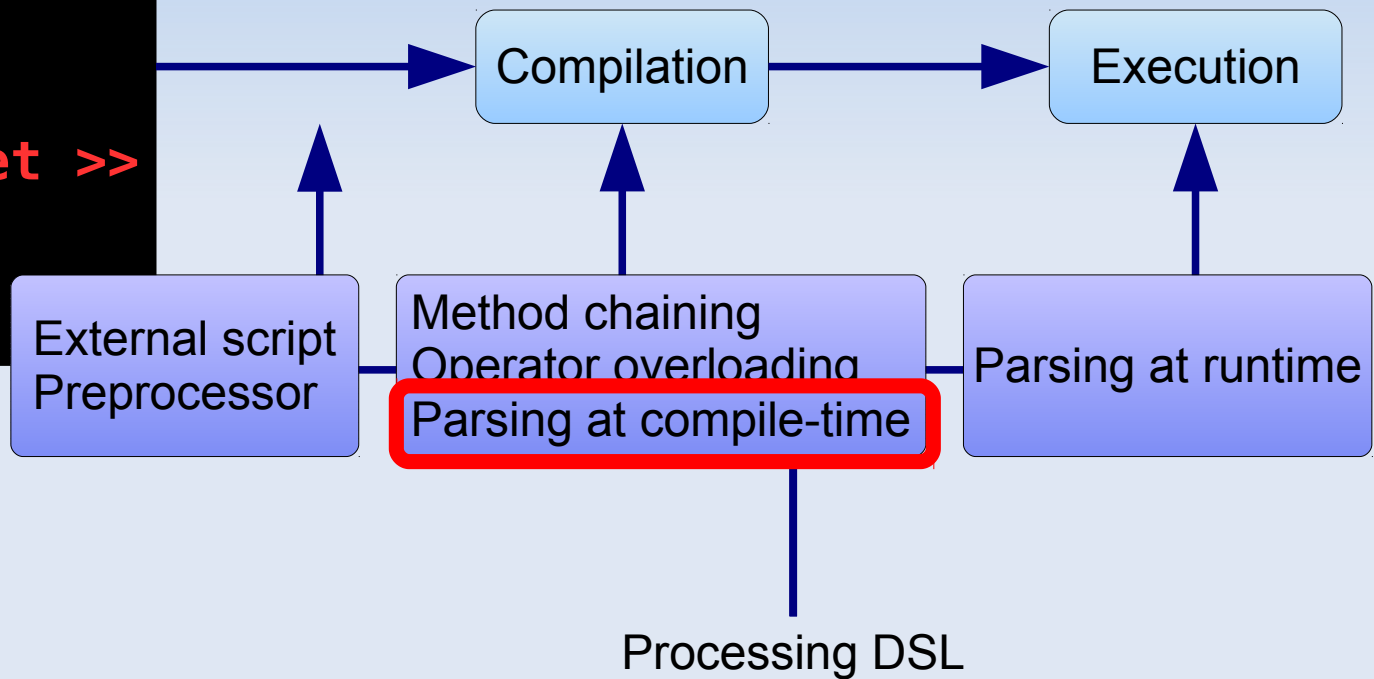
```
#include <iostream>
```

```
int main(
 int argc,
 char* argv[]
)
{
```

```
 std::cout
 << "Hello "
 << std::endl;
```

**<< DSL code snippet >>**

```
 std::cout
 << "World!"
 << std::endl;
}
```



# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

```
auto re = regex<MPLLIBS_STRING(".")>();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

Template  
metaprogram

```
auto re = regex<MPLLIBS_STRING(".>());
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```



# Example


|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
auto re = any();

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(), i); }
```

Template  
metaprogram



```
auto re = regex<MPLLIBS_STRING(".",*)>();

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(), i); }
```

# Example


|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
auto re = any();

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(), i); }
```


Template  
metaprogram



```
auto re = REGEX(".");

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(), *i); }
```



# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| .  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
auto re = any();
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

*"How would you know that you have gone too far with metaprogramming? One warning sign that I use is an urge to use macros to hide "details" that have become too ugly to deal with directly."*

Bjarne Stroustrup, The C++ programming language, Fourth edition

```
in(), i); }
```

Template  
metaprogram

```
auto re = REGEX(".");
```

```
std::string s("some text");
```

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| ■  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
struct invalid_regex_char {
 typedef invalid_regex_char type;
 static std::string get_value() { return std::string("Invalid regex char "); }
};

template <class T> struct returns { typedef T type; };

template <class E> struct default_construct : returns<default_construct<E>> {
 template <class> struct apply : returns<default_construct<E>> {};
 static auto run() RETURNS(E())
};

template <class E, char C> struct build_repeated_impl;
template <class E> struct build_repeated_impl<E, '*'> :
 returns<build_repeated_impl<E, '*'>>
{ static auto run() RETURNS(repeat<decltype(E::run())>(E::run())) };

template <class E> struct build_repeated_impl<E, 'x'> : E {};

struct build_seq {
 template <class A, class B> struct apply : returns<apply<A, B>> {
 static auto run()
 RETURNS(seq<decltype(B::run()), decltype(A::run())>(B::run(), A::run()))
 };
};

struct build_repeated : returns<build_repeated> {
 template <class Seq> struct apply :
 build_repeated_impl<typename front<Seq>::type, back<Seq>::type::value> {};
};

struct char_to_regex : returns<char_to_regex>
{ template <class C> struct apply : default_construct<char_<C::type::value>> {}; };

typedef transform<lit_c<'.>, default_construct<any>> dot;
typedef transform<range_c<'a', 'z'>, char_to_regex> ch;

typedef transform<
 sequence<
 one_of<dot, ch>,
 one_of<lit_c<'*'>, return_<boost::mpl::char_<'x'>>>
 >,
 build_repeated
> repeated;

typedef entire_input<
 foldl<repeated, default_construct<empty>, build_seq>,
 invalid_regex_char
> regex_grammar;

typedef mpllibs::metaparse::build_parser<regex_grammar> regex_parser;

#define REGEX(s) (regex_parser::apply<MPLLIBS_STRING((s))>::type::run())
```

```
(), s.end()))
std::string(s.begin(), i); }
```

Template  
metaprogram

```
if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| ■  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
struct invalid_regex_char {
 typedef invalid_regex_char type
 static std::string get_value() { return std::string("Invalid regex char "); }
};
```

```
template <class T> struct returns { typedef T type; };
```

```
template <class E> struct default_construct { returns default_construct<E> };
template <class E> struct default_construct { returns default_construct<E> };
template <class E> struct default_construct { returns default_construct<E> };
};
```

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template <class E> struct default_construct { returns default_construct<E> };
template <class E> struct default_construct { returns default_construct<E> };
template <class E> struct default_construct { returns default_construct<E> };
};
```

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template <class E> struct default_construct { returns default_construct<E> };
template <class E> struct default_construct { returns default_construct<E> };
template <class E> struct default_construct { returns default_construct<E> };
};
```

```
struct build_seq {
 template <class E> struct default_construct { returns default_construct<E> };
 static auto r = returns<build_seq>();
};
```

```
struct build_re {
 template <class E> struct default_construct { returns default_construct<E> };
 build_repeated<E> r;
};
```

```
struct char_to_regex {
 template <class E> struct default_construct { returns default_construct<E> };
};
```

```
typedef transform<lit_c<'.'>, default_construct<any>> dot;
typedef transform<range_c<'a', 'z'>, char_to_regex> ch;
typedef
```

```
sequence<
 one_of<dot, ch>,
 one_of<lit_c<'*'>, return_<boost::mpl::char_<'x'>>>
>,
 build_repeated<E>
>
repeated;
```

```
typedef entire_input<
 foldl<repeated, default_construct<empty>, build_seq>,
 invalid_regex_char
>
regex_grammar
```

```
typedef mpl::lib::s
#define REGEX(s) s
```

```
typedef transform<lit_c<'.'>, default_construct<any>> dot;
```

```
typedef transform<range_c<'a', 'z'>, char_to_regex> ch;
```

```
typedef
 transform<
 sequence<
 one_of<dot, ch>,
 one_of<lit_c<'*'>, return_<boost::mpl::char_<'x'>>>
 >,
 build_repeated
 >
 repeated;
```

```
typedef
 entire_input<
 foldl<repeated, default_construct<empty>, build_seq>,
 invalid_regex_char
 >
 regex_grammar;
```

```
if (a
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |     |
|----|-----|
| ■  | abc |
| x  | ab\ |
| a* |     |

```
struct invalid_regex_char {
 typedef invalid_regex_char type
 static std::string get_value() { return std::string("Invalid regex char "); }
};
```

```
template <class T> struct returns { typedef T type; };
```

```
template <class E> struct default_construct { returns<default_construct<E>> };
template <class E> struct default_construct { returns<default_construct<E>> };
template <class E> struct default_construct { returns<default_construct<E>> };
};
```

```
template <class E> struct default_construct { returns<default_construct<E>> };
template <class E> struct default_construct { returns<default_construct<E>> };
template <class E> struct default_construct { returns<default_construct<E>> };
};
```

```
template <class E> struct default_construct { returns<default_construct<E>> };
template <class E> struct default_construct { returns<default_construct<E>> };
template <class E> struct default_construct { returns<default_construct<E>> };
};
```

```
struct build_seq {
 template <class E> struct default_construct { returns<default_construct<E>> };
 static auto r = returns<build_seq>();
 RETURNS(seq);
};
```

```
struct build_re {
 template <class E> struct default_construct { returns<default_construct<E>> };
 build_repeated;
};
```

```
struct char_to_regex {
 template <class E> struct default_construct { returns<default_construct<E>> };
};
```

```
typedef transform<lit_c<'.'>, default_construct<any>> dot;
typedef transform<range_c<'a', 'z'>, char_to_regex> ch;
typedef
```

```
sequence<
 one_of<dot, ch>,
 one_of<lit_c<'*'>, return_<boost::mpl::char_<'x'>>>
>,
 build_repeated
>
repeated;
```

```
typedef entire_input<
 foldl<repeated, default_construct<empty>, build_seq>,
 invalid_regex_char
>
regex_grammar;
```

```
typedef mpl::lib::s
#define REGEX(s)
```

```
typedef transform<lit_c<'.'>, default_construct<any>> dot;
```

```
typedef transform<range_c<'a', 'z'>, char_to_regex> ch;
```

```
typedef
 transform<
 sequence<
 one_of<dot, ch>,
 one_of<lit_c<'*'>, return_<boost::mpl::char_<'x'>>>
 >,
 build_repeated
 >
 repeated;
```

```
typedef
 entire_input<
 foldl<repeated, default_construct<empty>, build_seq>,
 invalid_regex_char
 >
 regex_grammar;
```

```
if (a
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

■     abc  
x     ab\  
a\*

```
struct invalid_regex_char {
 typedef invalid_regex_char type
 static std::string get_value() { return std::string("Invalid regex char "); }
};
```

```
template <class T> struct returns { typedef T type; };
```

```
template <class E> struct default_construct { returns default_construct<E> };
template <class T> struct build_seq { returns build_seq<T> };
template <class T> struct build_repeated { returns build_repeated<T> };
```

```
template <class T> struct build_seq {
 template <class U> struct returns {
 static auto r = T::build_seq<U>();
 };
};
```

```
template <class T> struct build_repeated {
 template <class U> struct returns {
 static auto r = T::build_repeated<U>();
 };
};
```

```
struct build_seq {
 template <class T> struct returns {
 static auto r = build_seq<T>();
 };
};
```

```
struct build_repeated {
 template <class T> struct returns {
 static auto r = build_repeated<T>();
 };
};
```

```
struct char_to_regex {
 template <class T> struct returns {
 static auto r = char_to_regex<T>();
 };
};
```

```
typedef transform<lit_c<'.', default_construct<any>> dot;
typedef transform<range_c<'a', 'z', char_to_regex> ch;
typedef transform<sequence<one_of<dot, ch>, one_of<lit_c<'>*>, return_<boost::mpl::char_<'x'>>>>
>, build_repeated> repeated;
typedef transform<entire_input<foldl<repeated, default_construct<empty>, build_seq>, invalid_regex_char>> regex_grammar
```

```
typedef mpl::lib::define REGEX(s)
```

```
typedef transform<lit_c<'.', default_construct<any>> dot;
```

```
typedef transform<range_c<'a', 'z', char_to_regex> ch;
```

```
typedef
 transform<
 sequence<
 one_of<dot, ch>,
 one_of<lit_c<'>*>, return_<boost::mpl::char_<'x'>>>>
 >,
 build_repeated
 >
 repeated;
```

```
typedef
 entire_input<
 foldl<repeated, default_construct<empty>, build_seq>,
 invalid_regex_char
 >
 regex_grammar;
```

|               |     |                 |
|---------------|-----|-----------------|
| dot           | ::= | '.'             |
| ch            | ::= | 'a'..'z'        |
| repeated      | ::= | (dot   ch) '*'? |
| regex_grammar | ::= | repeated*       |

```
if (a
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example


|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| .        | abc |
| <b>x</b> | ab\ |
| a*       |     |

```
auto re = char_<'x'>();

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```


Template  
metaprogram



```
auto re = REGEX("x");

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```





# Example


|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| .         | abc |
| x         | ab\ |
| <b>a*</b> |     |

```
auto re = repeat<char_<'a'>>(char_<'a'>());

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```


Template  
metaprogram



```
auto re = REGEX("a*");

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```



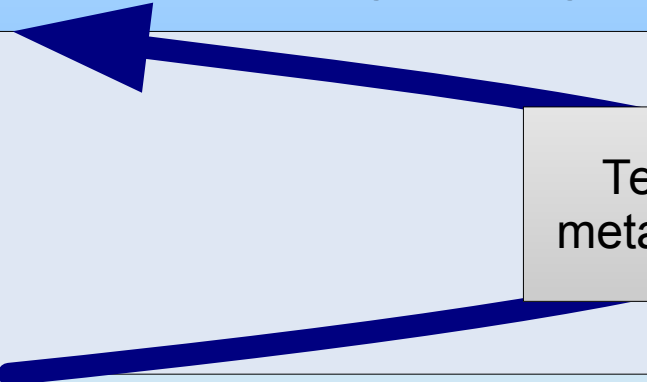
# Example

|    |            |
|----|------------|
| .  | <b>abc</b> |
| x  | ab\        |
| a* |            |

```
auto re = seq<char_<'a'>, char_<'b'>, char_<'c'>>(
 char_<'a'>(), char_<'b'>(), char_<'c'>());
std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

Template  
metaprogram



```
auto re = REGEX("abc");

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

# Example

|    |             |
|----|-------------|
| .  | abc         |
| x  | <b>ab</b> \ |
| a* |             |

```
template <char C> struct char_ { /* ... */ };
 struct any { /* ... */ };
template <class E> struct repeat { /* ... */ };
template <class... Es> struct seq { /* ... */ };
// ...
```

Template  
metaprogram

```
auto re = REGEX("ab\\");

std::string s("some text");

if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
```

abc  
ab\

```
In file included from /usr/include/boost/type_traits/type_with_alignment.hpp:19:0,
 from /usr/include/boost/optional/optional.hpp:26,
 from /usr/include/boost/optional.hpp:15,
 from ./regex_impl.hpp:4,
 from test.cpp:1:
./mpllibs/metaparse/v1/build_parser.hpp: In instantiation of 'struct mpllibs::metaparse::v1::x
/usr/include/boost/mpl/eval_if.hpp:38:31: required from 'struct boost::mpl::eval_if<boost::integral_constant<bool, true>, mpllibs::metaparse::v1::x
G FAILED
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 from ./mpllibs/metamonad/v1/td_metafunction.hpp:9,
 from ./mpllibs/metamonad/td_metafunction.hpp:9,
 from ./mpllibs/metaparse/v1/get_result.hpp:10,
 from ./mpllibs/metaparse/v1/accept_when.hpp:9,
 from ./mpllibs/metaparse/v1/lit.hpp:10,
 from ./mpllibs/metaparse/v1/lit_c.hpp:9,
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metaprogram

std::string s( some text );

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if (auto i = re.match(s.begin(), s.end()))
{ std::cout << "matched: " << std::string(s.begin(),*i); }
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| <b>Using the DSL</b>        |                 |              |                 |                      |                         |                    |
| No syntax changes           | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✗                    | ✓                       | ✓                  |
| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            | ✓               | ✗                    |                         | ✗                  |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✓                    |                         | ✓                  |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               | ✓                    |                         | ✓                  |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            | ✓               | ✗                    |                         | ✗                  |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |                 |                      |                         |                    |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               | ✓                    |                         | ✓                  |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✗                    |                         | ✓                  |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✗                    |                         | ✓                  |
| No build system support     | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               | ✓                    |                         | ✓                  |

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| Compile-time validation     | ✓               | ✓            | ✓               | ✗                    | ✓                       | ✗                  |
| Readable error messages     | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✓                    | ✗                       | ✓                  |
| Usable in library headers   | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               | ✓                    | ✓                       | ✓                  |
| Code completion             | ✗               | ✗            | ✓               | ✗                    | ✗                       | ✗                  |
| <b>Implementing the DSL</b> |                 |              |                 |                      |                         |                    |
| Only standard C++           | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               | ✓                    | ✓                       | ✓                  |
| "Normal" C++                | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✗                    | ✗                       | ✓                  |
| No metaprogramming          | ✓               | ✗            | ✗               | ✗                    | ✗                       | ✓                  |
| No build system support     | ✗               | ✓            | ✓               | ✓                    |                         | ✓                  |

# Evaluation

|                             | External script | Preprocessor | Method chaining | Operator overloading | Parsing at compile-time | Parsing at runtime |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
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# How fast is it?

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- Ubuntu 13.10
- Memory: 4 GB
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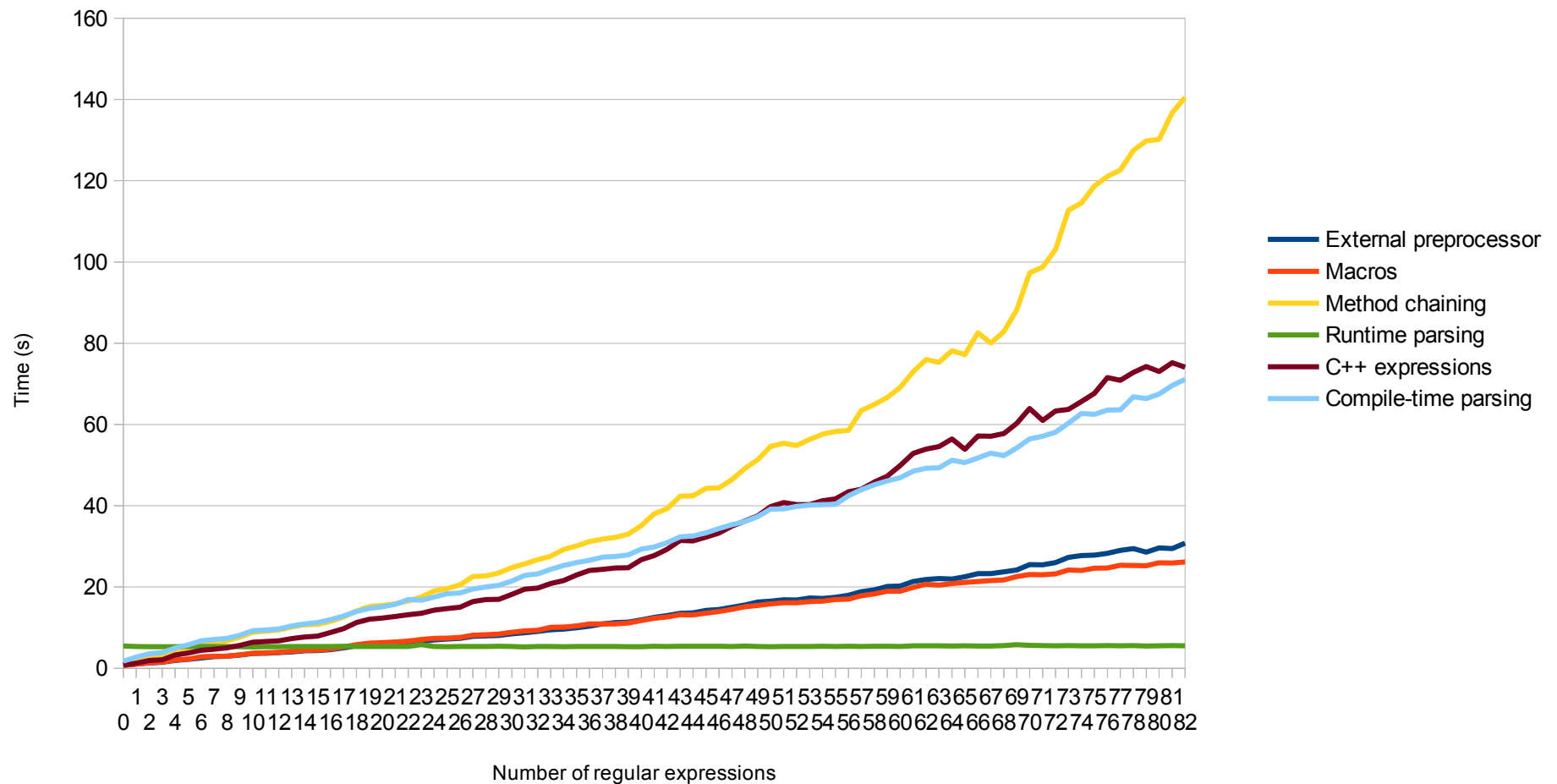
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- Create  $n$  regular expressions
- Try matching one string

# How fast does it compile?

## Compilation speed

GCC 4.8.1, no optimisation

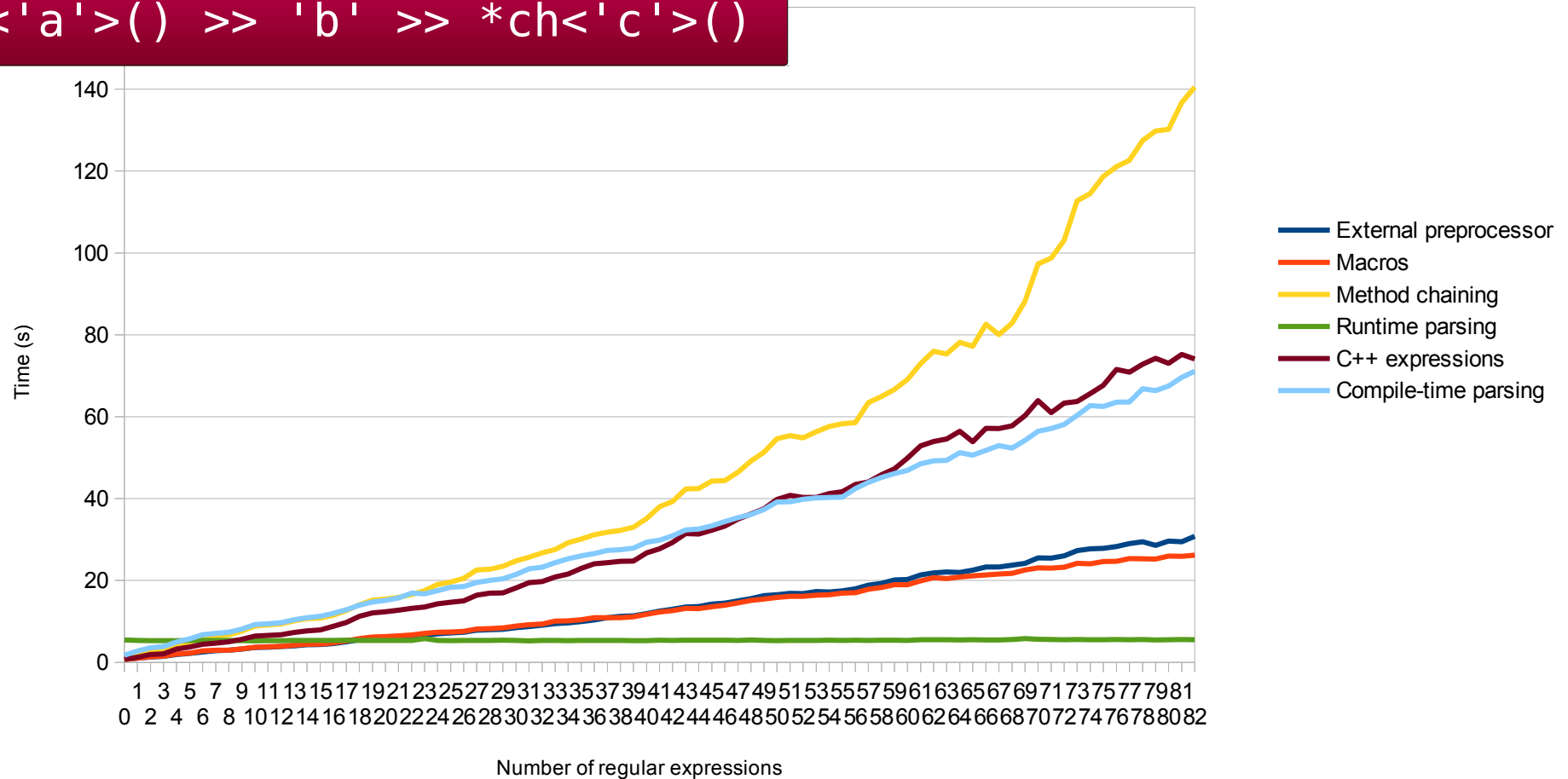


# How fast does it compile?

Compilation speed

GCC 4.8.1, no optimisation

```
ch<'a'>() >> 'b' >> *ch<'c'>()
```



# How fast does it compile?

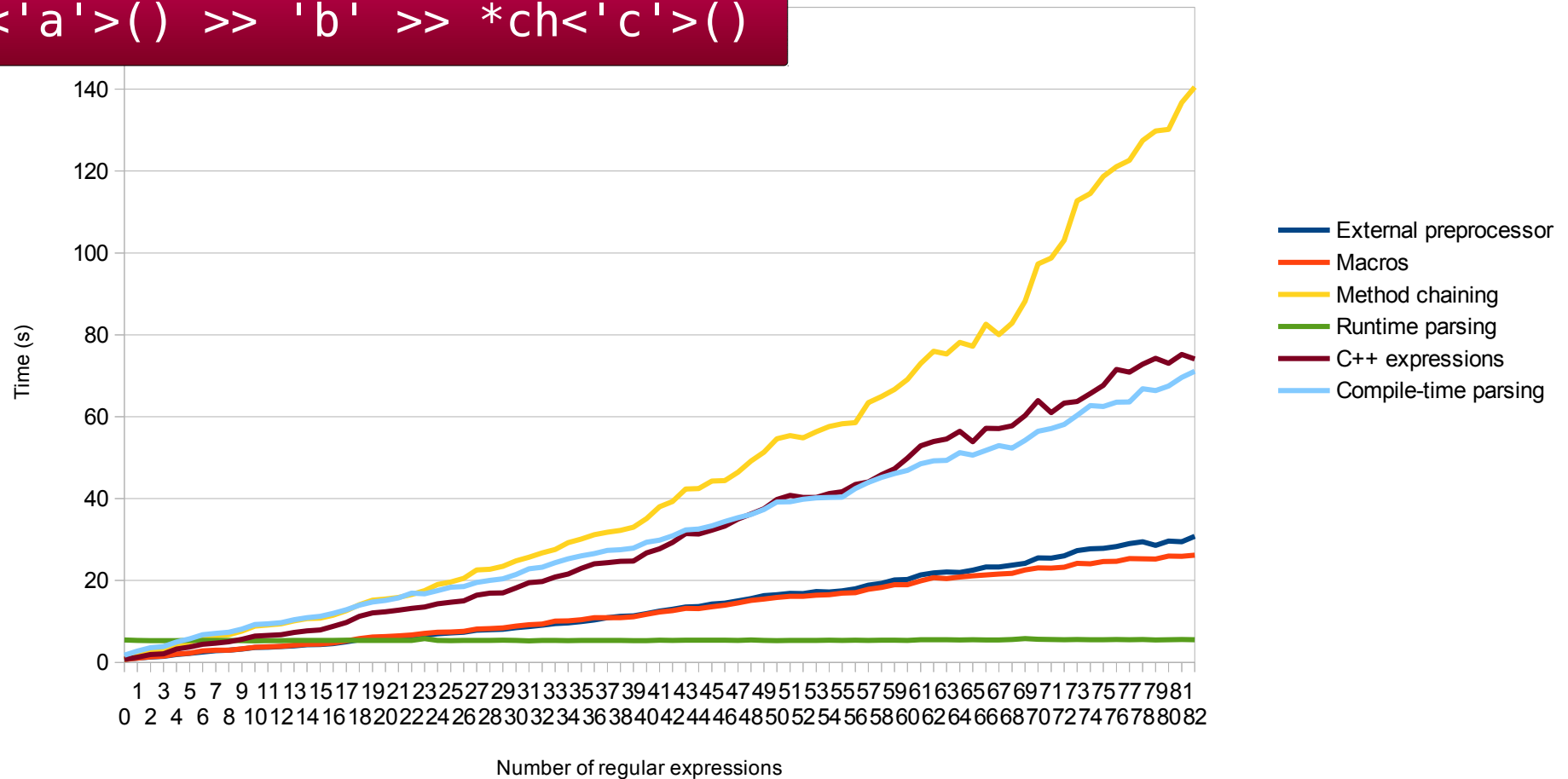
Compilation speed

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regex

```
.char_<'a'>()
.char_<'b'>()
.char_<'c'>().repeat();
```

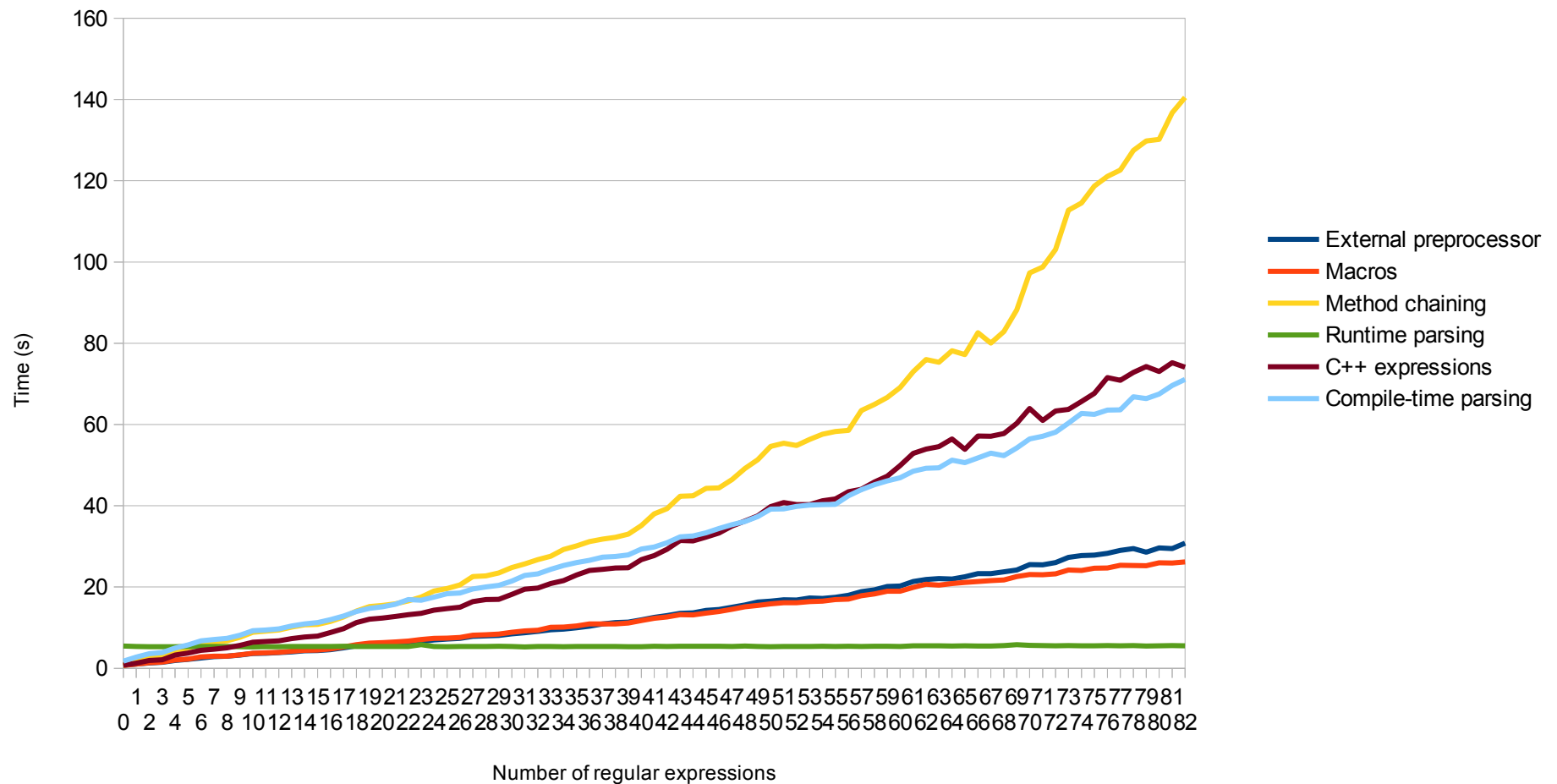
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# How fast does it compile?

## Compilation speed

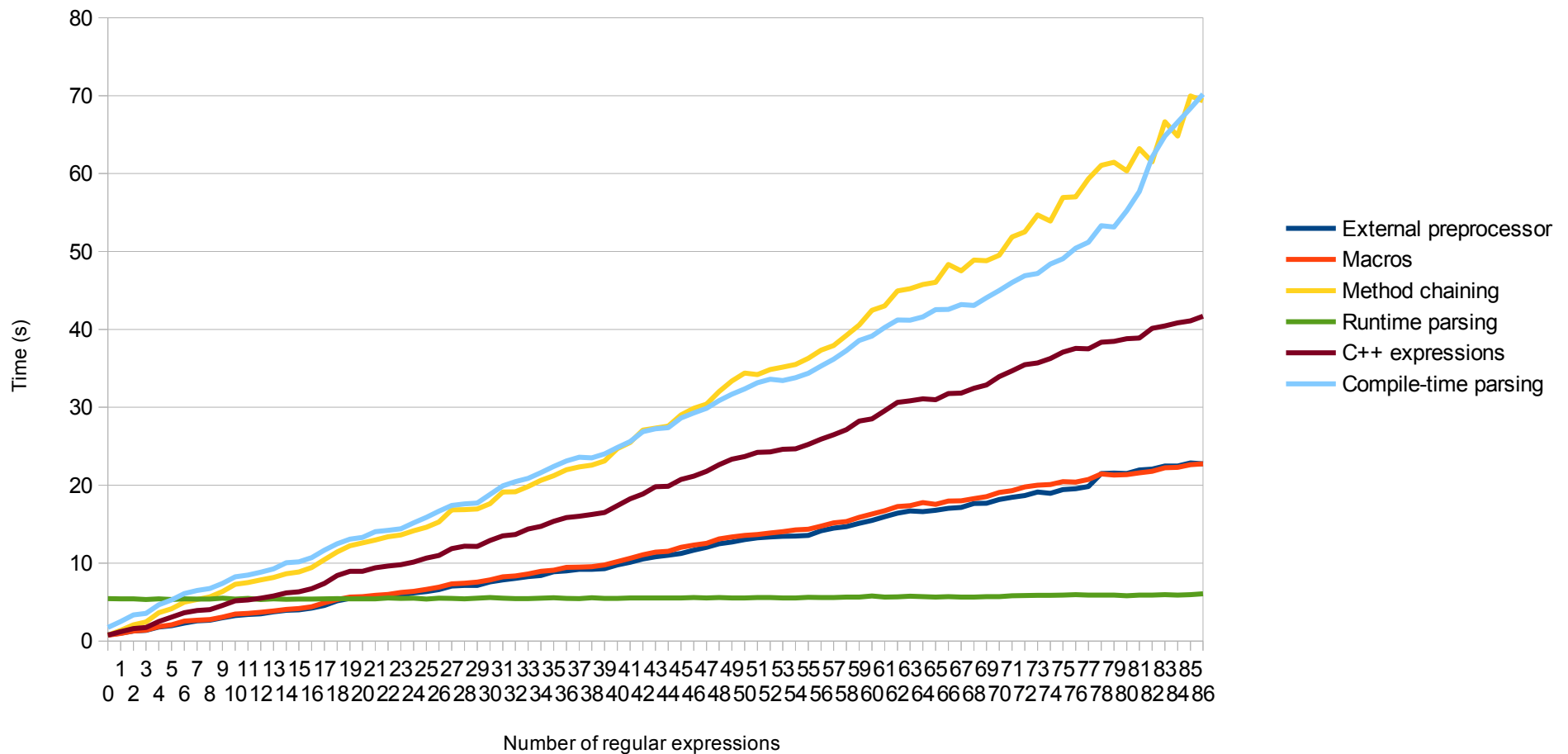
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# How fast does it compile?

Compilation speed

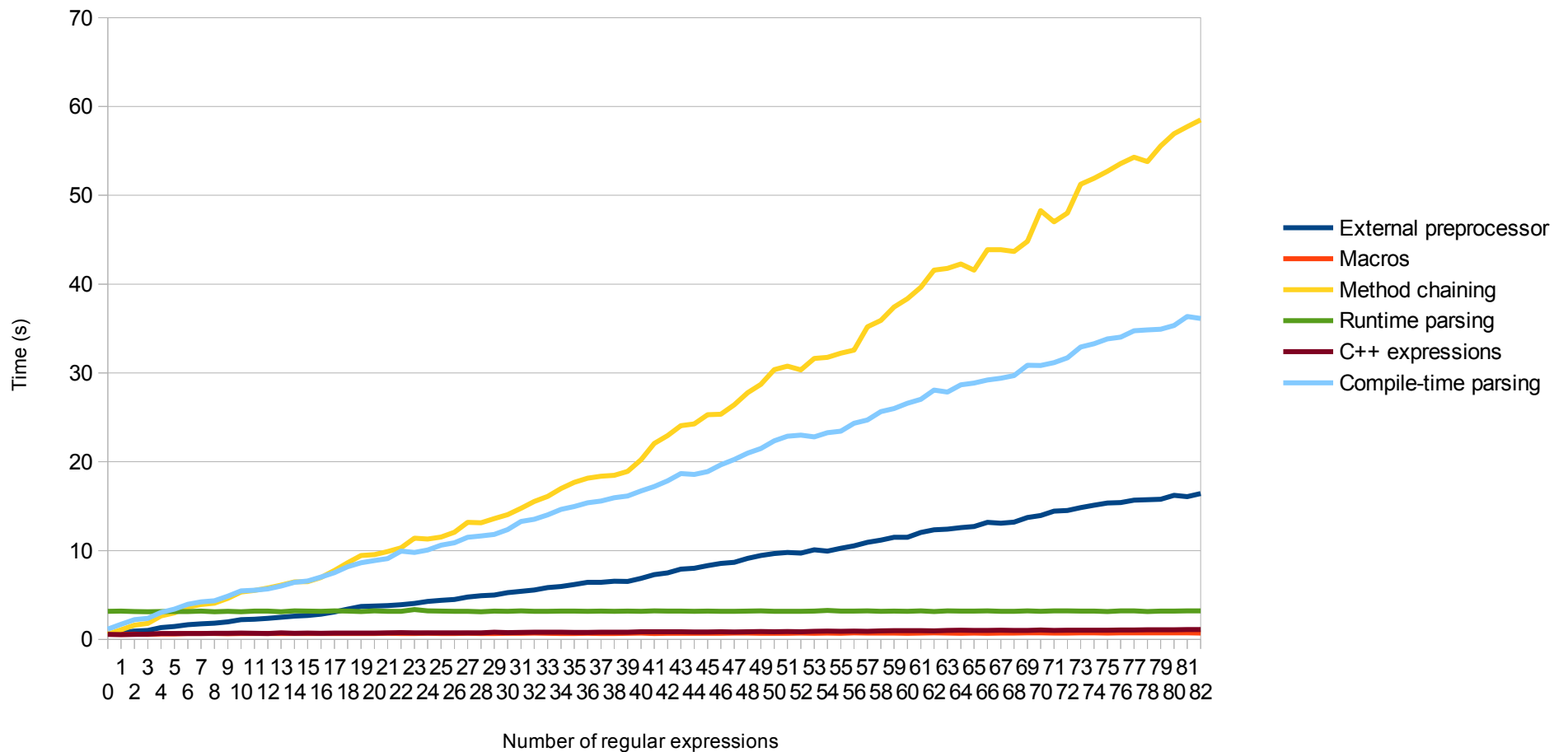
GCC 4.8.1, -O3



# How fast does it run?

## Runtime speed

GCC 4.8.1, no optimisation



# Summary

- Embedding domain-specific languages
- Different methods
  - Before compilation
  - During compilation
  - At runtime



# Q & A

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