

Mutex locks in C++11 - overview

- **Mutex** – basic lockable object
 - Non-recursive (cannot be locked twice without an intervening unlock)
- Wrapper classes that manage mutex objects:
 - **lock_guard** – keeps the mutex always locked for the duration (lifetime) of the lock_guard variable (i.e., until it goes out of scope)
 - **unique_lock** – unique ownership of the mutex object in both locked and unlocked states
- **condition_variable** – utilizes a unique lock
 - `cv.wait(ul):`
 - Unlocks the unique lock `ul`
 - Puts the calling thread to sleep
 - Condition variable `cv` is notified by another thread
 - Re-locks the unique lock `ul`
 - Wakes the calling thread