# **Boost.Chrono 0.6.0**

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## Warning

Chrono is not part of the Boost libraries.

# **Overview**

"What is time, then? If nobody asks me, I know; if I have to explain it to someone who has asked me, I do not know."

-- Augustine

## **How to Use This Documentation**

This documentation makes use of the following naming and formatting conventions.



- · Code is in fixed width font and is syntax-highlighted.
- Replaceable text that you will need to supply is in italics.
- Free functions are rendered in the code font followed by (), as in free\_function().
- If a name refers to a class template, it is specified like this: class\_template<>; that is, it is in code font and its name is followed by <> to indicate that it is a class template.
- If a name refers to a function-like macro, it is specified like this: MACRO(); that is, it is uppercase in code font and its name is followed by () to indicate that it is a function-like macro. Object-like macros appear without the trailing ().
- Names that refer to *concepts* in the generic programming sense are specified in CamelCase.



## Note

In addition, notes such as this one specify non-essential information that provides additional background or rationale.

Finally, you can mentally add the following to any code fragments in this document:

```
// Include all of Chrono files
#include <boost/chrono.hpp>
using namespace boost::chrono;
```

## **Motivation**

#### **Time**

We all deal with time every day of our lives. We've intuitively known it since birth. Thus we are all very familiar with it and believe it to be a simple matter. The modeling of time in computer programs should be similarly simple. The unfortunate truth is that this perceived simplicity is only skin deep. Fortunately however, we do not need a terribly complicated solution to meet the bulk of our needs. However, overly simplistic solutions can be dangerous and inefficient, and won't adapt as the computer industry evolves.

**Boost.Chrono** aims to implement the new time facilities in C++0x, as proposed in **N2661 - A Foundation to Sleep On**. That document provides background and motivation for key design decisions and is the source of a good deal of information in this documentation.

## Wall clock versus system and user time

To make the timing facilities of Boost. Chrono more generally useful, the library provides a number of clocks that are thin wrappers around the operating system's process time API, thereby allowing the extraction of read (wall clock) time, user CPU time, and system CPU time. (On POSIX-like systems, this relies on times(). On Windows, it relies on GetProcessTimes().)

# **Description**

The **Boost.Chrono** library provides:

- A means to represent time durations: managed by the generic duration class. Examples of time durations include days, minutes, seconds and nanoseconds, which can be represented with a fixed number of clock ticks per unit. All of these units of time duration are united with a generic interface by the duration facility.
- A type for representing points in time: time\_point. A time\_point represents an epoch plus or minus a duration. The library leaves epochs unspecified. A time\_point is associated with a *clock*.
- Several clocks, some of which may not be available on a particular platform: system\_clock, monotonic\_clock and high\_resolution\_clock. A clock is a pairing of a time\_point and duration, and a function which returns a time\_point representing now.



To make the timing facilities more generally useful, **Boost.Chrono** provides a number of clocks that are thin wrappers around the operating system's time APIs, thereby allowing the extraction of read (wall clock) time, user CPU time, system CPU time,

- process\_real\_cpu\_clock, captures real (wall clock) CPU times.
- process\_user\_cpu\_clock, captures user-CPU times.
- process\_system\_cpu\_clock, captures system-CPU times.
- A tuple-like class process\_cpu\_clock, that captures real, user-CPU, and system-CPU times together.
- Thread clocks, when supported by a platform.

Lastly, **Boost.Chrono** includes typeof registration for duration and time\_point to permit using emulated auto with C++03 compilers.

## **Caveat emptor**

The underlying clocks provided by operating systems are subject to many seemingly arbitrary policies and implementation irregularities. That's a polite way of saying they tend to be flakey, and each operating system or even each clock has its own cruel and unusual forms of flakiness. Don't bet the farm on their accuracy, unless you have become deeply familiar with exactly what the specific operating system is guaranteeing, which is often very little.

#### 1/0

It provides I/O for duration and time\_point. It builds on <boost/ratio/ratio\_io.hpp> to provide readable and flexible formatting and parsing for types in <boost/chrono.hpp>. The duration unit names can be customized through a new facet: duration\_punct.

# **Users'Guide**

# **Getting Started**

## **Installing Chrono**

## **Getting Boost.Chrono**

You can get the last stable release of Boost. Chrono by downloading chrono.zip from the Boost Vault

You can also access the latest (unstable?) state from the Boost Sandbox. Just go to here and follow the instructions there for anonymous SVN access.

#### Where to install Boost.Chrono?

The simple way is to decompress (or checkout from SVN) the file in your BOOST\_ROOT directory.

Othesewise, if you decompress in a different directory, you will need to comment some lines, and uncomment and change others in the build/Jamfile and test/Jamfile. Sorry for this, but I have not reached yet to write a Jamfile that is able to work in both environements and use the BOOST\_ROOT variable. Any help is welcome.

## **Building Boost.Chrono**

**Boost.Chrono** is not a header only library. You need to compile it before use.



bjam libs/chrono/build

#### Requirements

**Boost.Chrono** depends on some Boost libraries. For these specific parts you must use either Boost version 1.39.0 or the version in SVN trunk (even if older versions should works also).

In particular, **Boost.Chrono** depends on:

**Boost.Config** for configuration purposes, ...

**Boost.Exception** for throw\_exception, ...

**Boost.Integer** for cstdint conformance, ...

**Boost.MPL** for MPL Assert and bool, logical ...

**Boost.Operators** for operators, ...

**Boost.Ratio** for error\_code, ...

**Boost.System** for error\_code, ...

**Boost.TypeTraits** for is\_base, is\_convertible, common\_type, ...

**Boost.Utility/EnableIf** for enable\_if, ...

## **Building an executable that uses Boost.Chrono**

In addition to link with the Boost.Chrono library you need also to link with the Boost.System library.

## **Exceptions safety**

All functions in the library are exception-neutral and provide strong guarantee of exception safety as long as the underlying parameters provide it.

#### **Thread safety**

All functions in the library are thread-unsafe except when noted explicitly.

#### **Tested compilers**

The implementation will eventually work with most C++03 conforming compilers. Current version has been tested on:

Windows with

- MSVC 10.0
- MSVC 9.0 Express
- MSVC 8.0

Scientific Linux with

• GCC 4.1.2

Cygwin with

- GCC 3.4.4
- GCC 4.3.2



MinGW with

- GCC 4.4.0
- GCC 4.5.0

Initial version was tested on:

MacOS with GCC 4.2.4

Ubuntu Linux with GCC 4.2.4



## Note

Please let us know how this works on other platforms/compilers.



## Note

Please send any questions, comments and bug reports to boost <at> lists <dot> boost <dot> org.

## **Hello World!**

If all you want to do is to time a program's execution, here is a complete program (stopclock\_example.cpp):

```
#include <boost/chrono.hpp>
#include <cmath>

int main()
{
    system_clock::time_point start = system_clock::now();

    for ( long i = 0; i < 10000000; ++i )
        std::sqrt( 123.456L ); // burn some time

        duration<double> sec = system_clock::now() - start;
        cout << "tooks " << sec.count() << " seconds\n";
        return 0;
}</pre>
```

Output was:

```
tooks 0.832 seconds
```

## **Tutorial**

## **Duration**

The duration is the heart of this library. The interface that the user will see in everyday use is nearly identical to that of Boost.DateTime time duration's authored by Jeff Garland, both in syntax and in behavior. This has been a very popular boost library for 7 years. There is an enormous positive history with this interface.

The library consists of six units of time duration:

- hours
- minutes



- seconds
- milliseconds
- microseconds
- nanoseconds

These units were chosen as a subset of the boost library because they are the most common units used when sleeping, waiting on a condition variable, or waiting to obtain the lock on a mutex. Each of these units is nothing but a thin wrapper around a signed integral count. That is, when you construct minutes(3), all that happens is a 3 is stored inside of minutes. When you construct microseconds(3), all that happens is a 3 is stored inside of microseconds.

The only context in which these different types differ is when being converted to one another. At this time, unit-specific compile-time conversion constants are used to convert the source unit to the target unit. Only conversions from coarser units to finer units are allowed (in boost). This restriction ensures that all conversions are always exact. That is, microseconds can always represent any value minutes has.

In Boost.DateTime, these units are united via inheritance. **Boost.Chrono** instead unites these units through the class template duration. That is, in **Boost.Chrono** all six of the above units are nothing but typedefs to different instantiations of duration. This change from Boost.DateTime has a far reaching positive impact, while not changing the syntax of the everyday use at all.

The most immediate positive impact is that the library can immediately generate any unit, any precision it needs. This is sometimes necessary when doing comparisons or arithmetic between duration's of differing precision, assuming one wants the comparison and arithmetic to be exactly correct.

A secondary benefit is that by publishing the class template duration interface, user code can very easily create duration's with any precision they desire. The ratio utility is used to specify the precision, so as long as the precision can be expressed by a rational constant with respect to seconds, this framework can exactly represent it (one third of a second is no problem, and neither is one third of a femto second). All of this utility and flexibility comes at no cost just by making use of the no-run-time-overhead ratio facility.

In Boost.DateTime, hours does not have the same representation as nanoseconds. The former is usually represented with a long whereas a long long is required for the latter. The reason for this is simply range. You don't need many hours to cover an extremely large range of time. But this isn't true of nanoseconds. Being able to reduce the sizeof overhead for some units when possible, can be a significant performance advantage.

**Boost.Chrono** continues, and generalizes that philosophy. Not only can one specify the precision of a duration, one can also specify its representation. This can be any integral type, or even a floating point type. Or it can be a user-defined type which emulates an arithmetic type. The six predefined units all use signed integral types as their representation. And they all have a minimum range of +/- 292 years. nanoseconds needs 64 bits to cover that range. hours needs only 23 bits to cover that range.

## So What Exactly is a duration and How Do I Use One?

A duration has a representation and a tick period (precision).

```
template <class Rep, class Period = ratio<1> > class duration;
```

The representation is simply any arithmetic type, or an emulation of such a type. The representation stores a count of ticks. This count is the only data member stored in a duration. If the representation is floating point, it can store fractions of a tick to the precision of the representation. The tick period is represented by a ratio and is encoded into the duration's type, instead of stored. The tick period only has an impact on the behavior of the duration when a conversion between different duration's is attempted. The tick period is completely ignored when simply doing arithmetic among like duration's.

#### **Example:**



In the final line of code above, there is an implicit conversion from minutes to microseconds, resulting in a relatively large number of microseconds.

If you need to access the tick count within a duration, there is a member count () which simply returns the stored tick count.

```
long long tc = us4.count(); // tc is 300000005
```

These duration's have very simple, very predictable, and very observable behavior. After all, this is really nothing but the time tested interface of Jeff's boost time duration library (unified with templates instead of inheritance).

## What happens if I assign m3 + us3 to minutes instead of microseconds?

```
minutes m4 = m3 + us3;
```

It won't compile. The rationale is that implicit truncation error should not be allowed to happen. If this were to compile, then m4 would hold 5, the same value as m3. The value associated with us3 has been effectively ignored. This is similar to the problem of assigning a double to an int: the fractional part gets silently discarded.

## But what if the truncation behavior is what I want to do?

There is a duration\_cast facility to explicitly ask for this behavior:

```
minutes m4 = duration_cast<minutes>(m3 + us3); // m4.count() == 5
```

In general, one can perform duration arithmetic at will. If duration\_cast isn't used, and it compiles, the arithmetic is exact. Any place one wants to override this exact arithmetic behavior, duration\_cast can be used to explicitly specify that desire. The duration\_cast has the same efficiency as the implicit conversion, and will even be exact as often as it can.

# I'm trafficking in floating point durations. I don't want to deal with writing duration\_cast all over the place. I'm content with the precision of my floating point representation

Not a problem. When the destination of a conversion has floating point representation, all conversions are allowed to happen implicitly.

```
typedef duration<double, ratio<60> > dminutes;
dminutes dm4 = m3 + us3; // dm4.count() == 5.000000083333333
```

## How expensive is all of this?

If you were writing these conversions by hand, you could not make it more efficient. The use of ratio ensures that all conversion constants are simplified as much as possible at compile time. This usually results in the numerator or denominator of the conversion factor simplifying to 1, and being subsequently ignored in converting the run time values of the tick counts.



## How complicated is it to build a function taking a duration parameter?

There are several options open to the user:

• If the author of the function wants to accept any duration, and is willing to work in floating point duration's, he can simply use any floating point duration as the parameter:

```
void f(duration<double> d) // accept floating point seconds
{
    // d.count() == 3.e-6 when passed microseconds(3)
}
f(microseconds(3));
```

• If the author of the function wants to traffic only in integral duration's, and is content with handling nothing finer than say nanoseconds (just as an example), he can simply specify nanoseconds as the parameter:

```
void f(nanoseconds d)
{
    // d.count() == 3000 when passed microseconds(3)
}
f(microseconds(3));
```

In this design, if the client wants to pass in a floating point duration, or a duration of finer precision than nanoseconds, then the client is responsible for choosing his own rounding mode in the conversion to nanoseconds.

```
duration<double> s(1./3); // 1/3 of a second
f(duration_cast<nanoseconds>(s)); // round towards zero in conversion to nanoseconds
```

In the example above, the client of f has chosen "round towards zero" as the desired rounding mode to nanoseconds. If the client has a duration that won't exactly convert to nanoseconds, and fails to choose how the conversion will take place, the compiler will refuse the call:

```
f(s); // does not compile
```

• If the author of the function wants to accept any duration, but wants to work with integral representations and wants to control the rounding mode internally, then he can template the function:

```
template <class Rep, class Period>
void f( duration<Rep, Period> d)
{
    // convert d to nanoseconds, rounding up if it is not an exact conversion
    nanoseconds ns = duration_cast<nanoseconds>(d);
    if (ns < d)
        ++ns;
    // ns.count() == 333333334 when passed 1/3 of a floating point second
}
f( duration<double>(1./3));
```

• If the author in the example does not want to accept floating point based duration's, he can enforce that behavior like so:



```
template <class Period>
void f( duration<long long, Period> d)
{
    // convert d to nanoseconds, rounding up if it is not an exact conversion
    nanoseconds ns = duration_cast<nanoseconds>(d);
    if (ns < d)
        ++ns;
    // ns.count() == 333333334 when passed 33333333333 picoseconds
}

f( duration<long long, pico>(33333333333)); // About 1/3 of a second worth of picoseconds
```

Clients with floating point duration's who want to use f will now have to convert to an integral duration themselves before passing the result to f.

In summary, the author of f has quite a bit of flexibility and control in the interface he wants to provide his clients with, and easy options for manipulating that duration internal to his function.

## **Clocks**

While duration's only have precision and representation to concern themselves, clocks and time\_point's are intimately related and refer to one another. Because clocks are simpler to explain, we will do so first without fully explaining time\_point's. Once clocks are introduced, it will be easier to then fill in what a time\_point is.

A clock is a concept which bundles 3 things:

- 1. A concrete duration type.
- A concrete time\_point type.
- 3. A function called now() which returns the concrete time\_point.

**Boost.Chrono** provides the standard concrete clocks:

- system\_clock
- 2. monotonic\_clock
- 3. high\_precision\_clock

A given platform may not be able to supply all three of these clocks. The user is also able to easily create more clocks.

Given a clock named Clock, it will have:

One can get the current time from Clock with:



```
Clock::time_point t1 = Clock::now();
```

And one can get the time duration between two time\_point's associated with Clock with:

```
Clock::duration d = t1 - Clock::now();
```

And one can specify a past or future time\_point with:

```
Clock::time_point t2 = Clock::now() + d;
```

Note how even if a particular clock becomes obsolete, the next clock in line will have the same API. There is no new learning curve to come up. The only source code changes will be simply changing the type of the clock. The same duration and time\_point framework continues to work as new clocks are introduced. And multiple clocks are safely and easily handled within the same program.

## **Time Point**

A time\_point represents a point in time, as opposed to a duration of time. Another way of saying the same thing, is that a time\_point represents an epoch plus or minus a duration. Examples of time\_point's include:

- 3 minutes after the computer booted.
- 03:14:07 UTC on Tuesday, January 19, 2038
- 20 milliseconds after I started that timer.

In each of the examples above, a different epoch is implied. Sometimes an epoch has meaning for several millennia. Other times the meaning of an epoch is lost after a while (such as the start of a timer, or when the computer booted). However, if two time\_point's are known to share the same epoch, they can be subtracted, yielding a valid duration, even if the definition of the epoch no longer has meaning.

In **Boost.Chrono**, an epoch is a purely abstract and unspecified concept. There is no type representing an epoch. It is simply an idea that relates (or doesn't) time\_point's to a clock, and in the case that they share a clock, time\_point's to one another. time\_point's associated with different clocks are generally not interoperable unless the relationship between the epochs associated with each clock is known.

## So What Exactly is a time\_point and How Do I Use One?

A time\_point has a clock and a duration.

```
template <class Clock, class Duration = typename Clock::duration> class time_point;
```

The time\_point's clock is not stored. It is simply embedded into the time\_point's type and serves two purposes:

- 1. Because time\_point's originating from different clocks have different types, the compiler can be instructed to fail if incompatible time\_point's are used in inappropriate ways.
- 2. Given a time\_point, one often needs to compare that time\_point to "now". This is very simple as long as the time\_point knows what clock it is defined with respect to.

A time\_point's duration is stored as the only data member of the time\_point. Thus time\_point's and their corresponding duration have exactly the same layout. But they have very different meanings. For example, it is one thing to say I want to sleep for 3 minutes. It is a completely different thing to say I want to sleep until 3 minutes past the time I started that timer (unless you just happened to start that timer now). Both meanings (and options for sleeping) have great practical value in common use cases for sleeping, waiting on a condition variable, and waiting for a mutex's lock. These same concepts and tools are found (for example) in Ada.

A timer example:



```
void f()
{
    monotonic_clock::time_point start = monotonic_clock::now();
    g();
    h();
    duration<double> sec = monotonic_clock::now() - start;
    cout << "f() took " << sec.count() << " seconds\n";
}</pre>
```

Note that if one is using the duration between two clock time\_point's in a way where the precision of the duration matters, it is good practice to convert the clock's duration to a known duration. This insulates the code from future changes which may be made to the clock's precision in the future. For example monotonic\_clock could easily be based on the clock speed of the cpu. When you upgrade to a faster machine, you do not want your code that assumed a certain tick period of this clock to start experiencing run time failures because your timing code has silently changed meaning.

A delay loop example:

```
// delay for at least 500 nanoseconds:
auto go = monotonic_clock::now() + nanoseconds(500);
while (monotonic_clock::now() < go)
;</pre>
```

The above code will delay as close as possible to half a microsecond, no matter what the precision of monotonic\_clock is. The more precise monotonic\_clock becomes, the more accurate will be the delay to 500 nanoseconds.

# How to get the actual CPU milliseconds (or other units?) used by the current thread between end and start?

You can use duration\_cast<> to convert the thread\_clock::duration into whatever units you desire. This facility will round down (truncate) if an exact conversion is not possible. Ex:

```
typedef boost::chrono:: milliseconds ms;
ms d = boost::chrono::duration_cast<ms>(end - start);

// d now holds the number of milliseconds from start to end.

std::cout << ms.count() << "ms\n";</pre>
```

As boost::chrono::thread\_clock::duration is nanoseconds, we can convert to nanoseconds, or some integral-based duration which nanoseconds will always exactly convert to, then duration\_cast<> is unnecessary:

```
typedef boost::chrono:: nanoseconds ns;
ns d = end - start;
std::cout << ns.count() << "ns\n";</pre>
```

If you need seconds with a floating point representation you can also eliminate the duration\_cast<>:

```
typedef boost::chrono:: duration<double> sec; // seconds, stored with a double
sec d = end - start;
std::cout << sec.count() << "s\n";</pre>
```

If you're not sure if you need duration\_cast<> or not, feel free to try it without. If the conversion is exact, or if the destination has a floating point representation, it will compile. Else it will not compile.

If you would like to programmatically inspect thread\_clock::duration, you can get the representation type with thread\_clock::rep, and the tick period with thread\_clock::period (which should be a type ratio which has nested values



ratio::num and ratio::den). The tick period of thread\_clock is thread\_clock::period::num /thread\_clock::period::den seconds: 1/1000000000 in this case (1 billionth of a second), stored in a long long.

If you need to use <u>duration\_cast</u><>, but want to round up, instead of down when the conversion is inexact, here is a handy little helper function to do so. Writing it is actually a good starter project for understanding chrono:

## 1/0

Any duration can be streamed out to a basic\_ostream. The run time value of the duration is formatted according to the rules and current format settings for duration::rep. This is followed by a single space and then the compile time unit name of the duration. This unit name is built on the string returned from ratio\_string and the data used to construct the duration\_punct which was inserted into the stream's locale. If a duration\_punct has not been inserted into the stream's locale, a default constructed duration\_punct will be added to the stream's locale.

duration unit names come in two varieties: long and short. The default constructed duration\_punct provides names in the long format. These names are English descriptions. Other languages are supported by constructing a duration\_punct with the proper spellings for "hours", "minutes" and "seconds", and their abbreviations (for the short format). The short or long format can be easily chosen by streaming a duration\_short or duration\_long manipulator respectively.

A time\_point is formatted by outputting its internal duration followed by a string that describes the time\_point::clock epoch. This string will vary for each distinct clock, and for each implementation of the supplied clocks.

## Example:



```
#include <iostream>
#include <boost/chrono/chrono_io.hpp>
int main()
    using namespace std;
    using namespace boost;
    using namespace boost::chrono;
    cout << "milliseconds(3) + microseconds(10) =</pre>
         << milliseconds(3) + microseconds(10) << '\n';</pre>
    cout << "hours(3) + minutes(10) = "</pre>
          << hours(3) + minutes(10) << '\n';
    typedef duration<long long, ratio<1, 2500000000> > ClockTick;
    cout << "ClockTick(3) + nanoseconds(10) = "</pre>
         << ClockTick(3) + nanoseconds(10) << '\n';
    cout << "\nSet cout to use short names:\n";</pre>
    cout << duration_short;</pre>
    cout << "milliseconds(3) + microseconds(10) = "</pre>
         << milliseconds(3) + microseconds(10) << '\n';</pre>
    cout << "hours(3) + minutes(10) = "</pre>
          << hours(3) + minutes(10) << '\n';
    cout << "ClockTick(3) + nanoseconds(10) = "</pre>
         << ClockTick(3) + nanoseconds(10) << '\n';
    cout << "\nsystem_clock::now() = " << system_clock::now() << '\n';</pre>
#ifdef BOOST_CHRONO_HAS_CLOCK_MONOTONIC
    cout << "monotonic_clock::now() = " << monotonic_clock::now() << '\n';</pre>
#endif
    cout << "\nSet cout to use long names:\n" << duration_long</pre>
         << "high_resolution_clock::now() = " << high_resolution_clock::now() << '\n';</pre>
    return 0;
```

## The output could be

```
milliseconds(3) + microseconds(10) = 3010 microseconds
hours(3) + minutes(10) = 190 minutes
ClockTick(3) + nanoseconds(10) = 56 [1/5000000000]seconds

Set cout to use short names:
milliseconds(3) + microseconds(10) = 3010 us
hours(3) + minutes(10) = 190 m
ClockTick(3) + nanoseconds(10) = 56 [1/5000000000]s

system_clock::now() = 1284923218301231 us since Jan 1, 1970
monotonic_clock::now() = 18588963676886 ns since boot

Set cout to use long names:
high_resolution_clock::now() = 18588963785548 nanoseconds since boot
```

Parsing a duration follows rules analogous to the duration converting constructor. A value and a unit (short or long) are read from the basic\_istream. If the duration has an integral representation, then the value parsed must be exactly representable in the target duration (after conversion to the target duration units), else failbit is set. durations based on floating point representations can be parsed using any units that do not cause overflow.



For example a stream containing "5000 milliseconds" can be parsed into seconds, but if the stream contains "5001 milliseconds", parsing into seconds will cause failbit to be set.

#### **Example:**

- include <boost/chrono/chrono\_io.hpp>
- 2. include <sstream>
- 3. include <cassert>

int main() { using namespace std; using namespace boost::chrono;

```
istringstream in("5000 milliseconds 4000 ms 3001 ms");
seconds d(0);
in >> d;
assert(in.good());
assert(d == seconds(5));
in >> d;
assert(in.good());
assert(d == seconds(4));
in >> d;
assert(in.fail());
assert(d == seconds(4));
return 0;
```

istringstream in("5000 milliseconds 4000 ms 3001 ms"); seconds d(0); in >> d; assert(in.good()); assert(d = seconds(5)); in >> d; assert(in.good()); assert(d = seconds(4)); in >> d; assert(in.fail()); assert(d = seconds(4));

```
return 0;
```

## return 0; }

Note that a duration failure may occur late in the parsing process. This means that the characters making up the failed parse in the stream are usually consumed despite the failure to successfully parse.

Parsing a time\_point involves first parsing a duration and then parsing the epoch string. If the epoch string does not match that associated with time\_point::clock then failbit will be set.

### **Example:**



```
#include <boost/chrono/chrono_io.hpp>
#include <sstream>
#include <iostream>
#include <cassert>
int main()
    using namespace std;
    using namespace boost::chrono;
   high_resolution_clock::time_point t0 = high_resolution_clock::now();
    stringstream io;
    io << t0;
    high_resolution_clock::time_point t1;
    io >> t1;
    assert(!io.fail());
    cout << io.str() << '\n';</pre>
    cout << t0 << '\n';
    cout << t1 << '\n';
    high_resolution_clock::time_point t = high_resolution_clock::now();
    cout << t << '\n';
    cout << "That took " << t - t0 << '\n';
    cout << "That took " << t - t1 << '\n';
    return 0;
```

The output could be:

```
50908679121461 nanoseconds since boot
That took 649630 nanoseconds
```

Here's a simple example to find out how many hours the computer has been up (on this platform):

```
#include <boost/chrono/chrono_io.hpp>
#include <iostream>

int main()
{
    using namespace std;
    using namespace boost;
    using namespace boost::chrono;

    typedef time_point<monotonic_clock, duration<double, ratio<3600> >> T;

    T tp = monotonic_clock::now();
    std::cout << tp << '\n';
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

The output could be:



17.8666 hours since boot

## **Examples**

## **Common type**

## min utility

Returns the earliest time\_point.

Being able to easily write this function is a major feature!

```
BOOST_AUTO(t1, system_clock::now() + seconds(3));
BOOST_AUTO(t2, system_clock::now() + nanoseconds(3));
BOOST_AUTO(t3, (min)(t1, t2));
```

See the source file example/min\_time\_point.cpp

## **Duration**

## How you override the duration's default constructor

Next follows how you override the duration's default constructor to do anything you want (in this case zero). All we need to do is to change the representation



```
namespace I_dont_like_the_default_duration_behavior {
template <class R>
class zero_default
public:
    typedef R rep;
private:
   rep rep_;
public:
   zero_default(rep i = 0) : rep_(i) {}
    operator rep() const {return rep_;}
   zero_default& operator+=(zero_default x) {rep_ += x.rep_; return *this;}
   {\tt zero\_default\&\ operator=(zero\_default\ x)\ \{rep\_\ -=\ x.rep\_;\ return\ *this;}\}
    zero_default& operator*=(zero_default x) {rep_ *= x.rep_; return *this;}
    zero_default& operator/=(zero_default x) {rep_ /= x.rep_i return *this;}
    zero_default operator+ () const {return *this;}
    zero_default operator- () const {return zero_default(-rep_);}
    zero_default& operator++()
                                      {++rep_; return *this;}
    zero_default operator++(int)
                                      {return zero_default(rep_++);}
                                      {--rep_; return *this;}
    zero_default& operator--()
    zero_default operator--(int)
                                     {return zero_default(rep_--);}
    friend zero_default operator+(zero_default x, zero_default y) {return x += y;}
    friend zero_default operator-(zero_default x, zero_default y) {return x -= y;}
    friend zero_default operator*(zero_default x, zero_default y) {return x *= y;}
    friend zero_default operator/(zero_default x, zero_default y) {return x /= y;}
    friend bool operator==(zero_default x, zero_default y) {return x.rep_ == y.rep_;}
    friend bool operator!=(zero_default x, zero_default y) {return !(x == y);}
    friend bool operator< (zero_default x, zero_default y) {return x.rep_ < y.rep_;}</pre>
    friend bool operator<=(zero_default x, zero_default y) \{return ! (y < x);\}
    friend bool operator> (zero_default x, zero_default y) {return y < x;}
    friend bool operator>=(zero_default x, zero_default y) {return !(x < y);}</pre>
};
typedef boost::chrono:: duration<zero_default<long long>, boost::nano
typedef boost::chrono:: duration<zero_default<long long>, boost::micro
                                                                               > microseconds;
typedef boost::chrono:: duration<zero_default<long long>, boost::milli
                                                                              > milliseconds;
typedef boost::chrono:: duration<zero_default<long long>
                                                                                > seconds;
typedef boost::chrono:: duration<zero_default<long long>, boost::ratio<60>
                                                                              > minutes;
typedef boost::chrono:: duration<zero_default<long long>, boost::ratio<3600> > hours;
```

### Usage

```
using namespace I_dont_like_the_default_duration_behavior;
milliseconds ms;
std::cout << ms.count() << '\n';</pre>
```

See the source file example/i\_dont\_like\_the\_default\_duration\_behavior.cpp

## runtime resolution

Handle duration with resolution not known until run time



```
class duration
public:
   typedef long long rep;
private:
   rep rep_;
    static const double ticks_per_nanosecond;
public:
    typedef boost::chrono::duration<double, boost::nano> tonanosec;
    duration() {} // = default;
    explicit duration(const rep& r) : rep_(r) {}
    // conversions
    explicit duration(const tonanosec& d)
            : rep_(static_cast<rep>(d.count() * ticks_per_nanosecond)) {}
    // explicit
       operator tonanosec() const {return tonanosec(rep_/ticks_per_nanosecond);}
    // observer
    rep count() const {return rep_;}
    // arithmetic
    duration& operator+=(const duration& d) {rep_ += d.rep_; return *this;}
    duration& operator==(const duration& d) {rep_ += d.rep_; return *this;}
    duration& operator*=(rep rhs)
                                            {rep_ *= rhs; return *this;}
    duration& operator/=(rep rhs)
                                            {rep_ /= rhs; return *this;}
    duration operator+() const {return *this;}
    duration operator-() const {return duration(-rep_);}
    duration& operator++() {++rep_; return *this;}
    duration operator++(int) {return duration(rep_++);}
    duration& operator--()
                                {--rep_; return *this;}
    duration operator--(int) {return duration(rep_--);}
    friend duration operator+(duration x, duration y) {return x += y;}
    friend duration operator-(duration x, duration y) {return x -= y;}
    friend duration operator*(duration x, rep y)
                                                      {return x *= y;}
    friend duration operator*(rep x, duration y)
                                                      {return y *= x;}
    friend duration operator/(duration x, rep y)
                                                      {return x /= y;}
    friend bool operator==(duration x, duration y) {return x.rep_ == y.rep_;}
    friend bool operator!=(duration x, duration y) \{return !(x == y);\}
    friend bool operator< (duration x, duration y) {return x.rep_ < y.rep_;}</pre>
    friend bool operator<=(duration x, duration y) \{return ! (y < x);\}
    friend bool operator> (duration x, duration y) \{return y < x;\}
    friend bool operator>=(duration x, duration y) \{return ! (x < y); \}
```

See the source file here

## Saturating

A "saturating" signed integral type is developed. This type has +/- infinity and a nan (like IEEE floating point) but otherwise obeys signed integral arithmetic. This class is subsequently used as the rep in boost::chrono:: duration to demonstrate a duration class that does not silently ignore overflow.



See the source file example/saturating.cpp

## **Clocks**

## **Cycle count**

Users can easily create their own clocks, with both points in time and time durations which have a representation and precision of their own choosing. For example if there is a hardware counter which simply increments a count with each cycle of the cpu, one can very easily build clocks, time points and durations on top of that, using only a few tens of lines of code. Such systems can be used to call the time-sensitive threading API's such as sleep, wait on a condition variable, or wait for a mutex lock. The API proposed herein is not sensitive as to whether this is a 300MHz clock (with a 3 1/3 nanosecond tick period) or a 3GHz clock (with a tick period of 1/3 of a nanosecond). And the resulting code will be just as efficient as if the user wrote a special purpose clock cycle counter.

```
#include <boost/chrono.hpp>
#include <boost/type_traits.hpp>
#include <iostream>
using namespace boost::chrono;
template <long long speed>
struct cycle_count
    typedef typename boost::__ratio_multiply__<boost::ratio<speed>, boost:: mega>::type
        frequency; // Mhz
    typedef typename boost::_ratio_divide__<boost::ratio<1>, frequency>::type period;
    typedef long long rep;
    typedef boost::chrono:: duration<rep, period> duration;
    typedef boost::chrono:: time_point<cycle_count> time_point;
    static time_point now()
        static long long tick = 0;
        // return exact cycle count
        return time_point(duration(++tick)); // fake access to clock cycle count
};
template <long long speed>
struct approx_cycle_count
    static const long long frequency = speed * 1000000; // MHz
    typedef nanoseconds duration;
    typedef duration::rep rep;
    typedef duration::period period;
    static const long long nanosec_per_sec = period::den;
    typedef boost::chrono:: time_point<approx_cycle_count> time_point;
    static time_point now()
        static long long tick = 0;
        // return cycle count as an approximate number of nanoseconds
        // compute as if nanoseconds is only duration in the std::lib
        return time_point(duration(++tick * nanosec_per_sec / frequency));
};
```

See the source file here



## xtime\_clock

This example demonstrates the use of a timeval-like struct to be used as the representation type for both duraiton and time\_point.

```
class xtime {
private:
    long tv_sec;
    long tv_usec;
    void fixup() {
        if (tv_usec < 0) {</pre>
           tv_usec += 1000000;
            --tv_sec;
public:
    explicit xtime(long sec, long usec) {
        tv_sec = sec;
        tv_usec = usec;
        if (tv_usec < 0 || tv_usec >= 1000000) {
            tv_sec += tv_usec / 1000000;
            tv_usec %= 1000000;
            fixup();
    explicit xtime(long long usec) {
        tv_usec = static_cast<long>(usec % 1000000);
        tv_sec = static_cast<long>(usec / 1000000);
        fixup();
    // explicit
    operator long long() const {return static_cast<long long>(tv_sec) * 1000000 + tv_usec;}
    xtime& operator += (xtime rhs) {
        tv_sec += rhs.tv_sec;
        tv_usec += rhs.tv_usec;
        if (tv_usec >= 1000000) {
           tv_usec -= 1000000;
            ++tv_sec;
        return *this;
    xtime& operator -= (xtime rhs) {
        tv_sec -= rhs.tv_sec;
        tv_usec -= rhs.tv_usec;
        fixup();
        return *this;
    xtime& operator %= (xtime rhs) {
        long long t = tv_sec * 1000000 + tv_usec;
        long long r = rhs.tv_sec * 1000000 + rhs.tv_usec;
        t %= r;
        tv_sec = static_cast<long>(t / 1000000);
        tv_usec = static_cast<long>(t % 1000000);
        fixup();
        return *this;
```



```
friend xtime operator+(xtime x, xtime y) {return x += y;}
    friend xtime operator-(xtime x, xtime y) {return x -= y;}
    friend xtime operator%(xtime x, xtime y) {return x %= y;}
    friend bool operator==(xtime x, xtime y)
        { return (x.tv_sec == y.tv_sec && x.tv_usec == y.tv_usec); }
    friend bool operator<(xtime x, xtime y) {</pre>
        if (x.tv_sec == y.tv_sec)
            return (x.tv_usec < y.tv_usec);</pre>
        return (x.tv_sec < y.tv_sec);</pre>
    friend bool operator!=(xtime x, xtime y) \{ \text{ return } ! (x == y); \}
    friend bool operator> (xtime x, xtime y) { return y < x; }</pre>
    friend bool operator<=(xtime x, xtime y) \{ \text{ return } !(y < x); \}
    friend bool operator>=(xtime x, xtime y) { return !(x < y); }</pre>
    friend std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os, xtime x)</pre>
        {return os << '{' << x.tv_sec << ',' << x.tv_usec << '}';}
};
```

Clock based on timeval-like struct.

```
class xtime_clock
public:
    typedef xtime
                                                    rep;
    typedef boost::micro
                                                    period;
    typedef boost::chrono:: duration<rep, period>
                                                     duration;
    typedef boost::chrono:: time_point<xtime_clock> time_point;
    static time_point now()
    #if defined(BOOST_CHRONO_WINDOWS_API)
        time_point t(duration(xtime(0)));
        gettimeofday((timeval*)&t, 0);
        return t;
    #elif defined(BOOST_CHRONO_MAC_API)
        time_point t(duration(xtime(0)));
        gettimeofday((timeval*)&t, 0);
        return t;
    #elif defined(BOOST_CHRONO_POSIX_API)
        //time_point t(0,0);
        timespec ts;
        ::clock_gettime( CLOCK_REALTIME, &ts );
        xtime xt( ts.tv_sec, ts.tv_nsec/1000);
        return time_point(duration(xt));
    #endif // POSIX
};
```

Usage of xtime\_clock



```
using namespace boost::chrono;
std::cout << "sizeof xtime_clock::time_point = " << sizeof(xtime_clock::time_point) << '\n';
std::cout << "sizeof xtime_clock::duration = " << sizeof(xtime_clock::duration) << '\n';
std::cout << "sizeof xtime_clock::rep = " << sizeof(xtime_clock::duration) << '\n';
xtime_clock::duration delay(milliseconds(5));
xtime_clock::time_point start = xtime_clock::now();
while (xtime_clock::now() - start <= delay) {}
xtime_clock::time_point stop = xtime_clock::now();
xtime_clock::time_point stop = xtime_clock::now();
stime_clock::duration elapsed = stop - start;
std::cout << "paused " << nanoseconds(elapsed).count() << " nanoseconds\n";</pre>
```

See the source file example/timeval\_demo.cpp

## **Conversions**

#### xtime conversions

Example round\_up utility: converts d to To, rounding up for inexact conversions Being able to **easily** write this function is a major feature!

Demonstrate interaction with xtime-like facility:



```
struct xtime
    long sec;
   unsigned long usec;
};
template <class Rep, class Period>
xtime
to_xtime_truncate( duration<Rep, Period> d)
   xtime xt;
   xt.sec = static_cast<long>(duration_cast< seconds>(d).count());
   xt.usec = static_cast<long>(duration_cast< microseconds>(d - seconds(xt.sec)).count());
    return xt;
}
template <class Rep, class Period>
to_xtime_round_up( duration<Rep, Period> d)
   xtime xt;
   xt.sec = static_cast<long>(duration_cast< seconds>(d).count());
   xt.usec = static_cast<unsigned long>(round_up< microseconds>(d - seconds(xt.sec)).count());
   return xt;
microseconds
from_xtime(xtime xt)
   return seconds(xt.sec) + microseconds(xt.usec);
void print(xtime xt)
    std::cout << '{' << xt.sec << ',' << xt.usec << "}\n";
```

## Usage

```
xtime xt = to_xtime_truncate(seconds(3) + milliseconds(251));
print(xt);
milliseconds ms = duration_cast< milliseconds>(from_xtime(xt));
std::cout << ms.count() << " milliseconds\n";
xt = to_xtime_round_up(ms);
print(xt);
xt = to_xtime_truncate(seconds(3) + nanoseconds(999));
print(xt);
xt = to_xtime_round_up(seconds(3) + nanoseconds(999));
print(xt);</pre>
```

See the source file here



## Reporting

## A tiny program that times how long until a key is struck

```
#include <boost/chrono.hpp>
#include <iostream>
#include <iomanip>
using namespace boost::chrono;
template< class Clock >
class timer
  typename Clock::time_point start;
public:
 timer() : start( Clock::now() ) {}
  typename Clock::duration elapsed() const
    return Clock::now() - start;
 double seconds() const
   return elapsed().count() * ((double)Clock::period::num/Clock::period::den);
};
int main()
  timer< system_clock> t1;
 timer< monotonic_clock> t2;
 timer< high_resolution_clock> t3;
 std::cout << "Strike any key: ";
 std::cin.get();
 std::cout << std::fixed << std::setprecision(9);</pre>
 std::cout << "system_clock-----: "</pre>
            << t1.seconds() << " seconds\n";
 std::cout << "monotonic_clock----: "</pre>
            << t2.seconds() << " seconds\n";
  std::cout << "high_resolution_clock--: "
            << t3.seconds() << " seconds\n";
  system_clock::time_point d4 = system_clock::now();
  system_clock::time_point d5 = system_clock::now();
  std::cout << "\nsystem_clock latency-----: " << (d5 - d4).count() << std::endl;
  monotonic_clock::time_point d6 = monotonic_clock::now();
  monotonic_clock::time_point d7 = monotonic_clock::now();
  std::cout << "monotonic_clock latency-----: " << (d7 - d6).count() << std::endl;
  high_resolution_clock::time_point d8 = high_resolution_clock::now();
  high_resolution_clock::time_point d9 = high_resolution_clock::now();
  std::cout << "high_resolution_clock latency--: " << (d9 - d8).count() << std::endl;</pre>
  std::time_t now = system_clock::to_time_t( system_clock::now());
```



The output of this program run looks like this:

See the source file example/await\_keystroke.cpp

#### time command

```
#include <boost/chrono/stopclock.hpp>
#include <cstdlib>
#include <string>
#include <iostream>
int main( int argc, char * argv[] )
  if ( argc == 1 )
    std::cout << "invoke: timex [-v] command [args...]\n"</pre>
        command will be executed and timings displayed\n"
        -v option causes command and args to be displayed\n";
    return 1;
  std::string s;
  bool verbose = false;
  if ( argc > 1 \&\& *argv[1] == '-' \&\& *(argv[1]+1) == 'v' )
    verbose = true;
    ++argv;
    --argc;
  for ( int i = 1; i < argc; ++i )
    if ( i > 1 ) s += ' ';
    s += argv[i];
  if ( verbose )
    { std::cout << "command: \"" << s.c_str() << "\"\n"; }
  boost::chrono::__stopclock__<> t;
  return std::system( s.c_str() );
```

See the source file example/timex.cpp

## 24 hours display

In the example above we take advantage of the fact that time\_points convert as long as they have the same clock, and as long as their internal durations convert. We also take advantage of the fact that a duration with a floating point representation will convert from anything. Finally the I/O system discovers the more readable "hours" unit for our duration<double, ratio<3600>>.



There are many other ways to format durations and time\_points. For example see ISO 8601. Instead of coding every possibility into operator<<, which would lead to significant code bloat for even the most trivial uses, this document seeks to inform the reader how to write custom I/O when desired.

As an example, the function below streams arbitrary durations to arbitrary basic\_ostreams using the format:

[-]d/hh:mm:ss.cc

#### Where:

- d is the number of days
- h is the number of hours
- m is the number of minutes
- ss.cc is the number of seconds rounded to the nearest hundreth of a second
  - 1. include <boost/chronochrono\_io.hpp> #include <ostream> #include <iostream> / format duration as d/hh::mm::ss.cc template <class CharT, class Traits, class Rep, class Period> std::basic\_ostream<CharT, Traits>& display(std::basic\_ostream<CharT, Traits>& os, boost::chrono::duration<Rep, Period> d) { using namespace std; using namespace boost; using namespace boost::chrono;



```
typedef duration<long long, ratio<86400> > days;
    typedef duration<long long, centi> centiseconds;
    // if negative, print negative sign and negate
    if (d < duration<Rep, Period>(0))
        d = -di
        os << '-';
    // round d to nearest centiseconds, to even on tie
    centiseconds cs = duration_cast<centiseconds>(d);
    if (d - cs > milliseconds(5)
        | | (d - cs == milliseconds(5) \&\& cs.count() \& 1))
        ++cs;
    // separate seconds from centiseconds
    seconds s = duration_cast<seconds>(cs);
    cs -= s;
    // separate minutes from seconds
    minutes m = duration_cast<minutes>(s);
    // separate hours from minutes
    hours h = duration_cast<hours>(m);
    m -= h;
    // separate days from hours
    days dy = duration_cast<days>(h);
    h = dy;
    // print d/hh:mm:ss.cc
    os << dy.count() << '/';
    if (h < hours(10))</pre>
        os << '0';
    os << h.count() << ':';
    if (m < minutes(10))</pre>
        os << '0';
    os << m.count() << ':';
     \texttt{if} \ (\texttt{s} < \texttt{seconds}(\texttt{10})) \\
        os << '0';
    os << s.count() << '.';
    if (cs < centiseconds(10))</pre>
        os << '0';
    os << cs.count();
    return os;
int main()
    using namespace std;
    using namespace boost;
    using namespace boost::chrono;
    {\tt display(cout, monotonic\_clock::now().time\_since\_epoch()}
                    + duration<long, mega>(1)) << '\n';
    display(cout, -milliseconds(6)) << '\n';
    \label{eq:display} \verb|display|(cout, duration<|long, mega>(1))| << '\n';
    display(cout, -duration<long, mega>(1)) << '\n';</pre>
```

The output could be:



```
12/06:03:22.95
-0/00:00:00.01
11/13:46:40.00
-11/13:46:40.00
```

## Simulated thread interface demonstration program

The C++0x standard library's multi-threading library requires the ability to deal with the representation of time in a manner consistent with modern C++ practices. Next follows a simulation of this interface.

Free sleep functions

```
namespace boost { namespace this_thread {
template <class Rep, class Period>
void sleep_for(const chrono:: duration<Rep, Period>& d) {
    chrono:: microseconds t = chrono::duration_cast<chrono:: microseconds>(d);
    if (t < d)
        ++t;
    if (t > chrono:: microseconds(0))
        std::cout << "sleep_for " << t.count() << " microseconds\n";</pre>
template <class Clock, class Duration>
void sleep_until(const chrono:: time_point<Clock, Duration>& t) {
    using namespace chrono;
    typedef time_point<Clock, Duration> Time;
    typedef system_clock::time_point SysTime;
    if (t > Clock::now()) {
        typedef typename common_type<typename Time::duration,
                                     typename SysTime::duration>::type D;
        /* auto */ D d = t - Clock::now();
        microseconds us = duration_cast< microseconds>(d);
        if (us < d)
            ++us;
        SysTime st = system_clock::now() + us;
        std::cout << "sleep_until</pre>
                                    ";
        detail::print_time(st);
       std::cout << " which is " << (st - system_clock::now()).count() << " microseconds away\n";
} }
```

timed\_mutex modified fuctions



```
namespace boost {
struct timed_mutex {
    // ...
    template <class Rep, class Period>
    bool try_lock_for(const chrono:: duration<Rep, Period>& d) {
        chrono:: microseconds t = chrono::duration_cast<chrono:: microseconds>(d);
        if (t <= chrono:: microseconds(0))</pre>
            return try_lock();
        std::cout << "try_lock_for " << t.count() << " microseconds\n";</pre>
        return true;
    template <class Clock, class Duration>
    bool try_lock_until(const chrono:: time_point<Clock, Duration>& t)
        using namespace chrono;
        typedef time_point<Clock, Duration> Time;
         typedef system_clock::time_point SysTime;
         if (t <= Clock::now())</pre>
            return try_lock();
         typedef typename common_type<typename Time::duration,
          typename Clock::duration>::type D;
         /* auto */ D d = t - Clock::now();
        microseconds us = duration_cast< microseconds>(d);
         SysTime st = system_clock::now() + us;
         std::cout << "try_lock_until ";</pre>
        detail::print_time(st);
        \mathtt{std} \colon : \mathtt{cout} \; << \; \texttt{" which is "} \; << \; (\mathtt{st - system\_clock} \colon : \mathtt{now())} \, . \, \mathtt{count()}
           << " microseconds away\n";
        return true;
};
```

condition\_variable modified fuctions



```
namespace boost {
struct condition_variable
    // ...
    template <class Rep, class Period>
    bool wait_for(mutex&, const chrono:: duration<Rep, Period>& d) {
        chrono::microseconds t = chrono::duration_cast<chrono::microseconds>(d);
        std::cout << "wait_for " << t.count() << " microseconds\n";</pre>
        return true;
    template <class Clock, class Duration>
    bool wait_until(mutex&, const chrono:: time_point<Clock, Duration>& t) \{
        using namespace boost::chrono;
        typedef time_point<Clock, Duration> Time;
        typedef system_clock::time_point SysTime;
        if (t <= Clock::now())</pre>
            return false;
        typedef typename common_type<typename Time::duration,
          typename Clock::duration>::type D;
        /* auto */ D d = t - Clock::now();
        microseconds us = duration_cast< microseconds>(d);
        SysTime st = system_clock::now() + us;
         std::cout << "wait_until</pre>
        detail::print_time(st);
        std::cout << " which is " << (st - system_clock::now()).count()</pre>
          << " microseconds away\n";</pre>
        return true;
};
}
```

#### Usage

```
boost::mutex m;
boost::timed_mutex mut;
boost::condition_variable cv;
using namespace boost;
using namespace boost::chrono;
this_thread::sleep_for( seconds(3));
this_thread::sleep_for( nanoseconds(300));
system_clock::time_point time_limit = system_clock::now() + __seconds_(4) + milliseconds(500);
this_thread::sleep_until(time_limit);
mut.try_lock_for( milliseconds(30));
mut.try_lock_until(time_limit);
cv.wait_for(m, minutes(1));
                              // real code would put this in a loop
cv.wait_until(m, time_limit); // real code would put this in a loop
// For those who prefer floating point
this_thread::sleep_for( duration<double>(0.25));
this_thread::sleep_until( system_clock::now() + duration<double>(1.5));
```

See the source file example/simulated\_thread\_interface\_demo.cpp



## **External Resources**

C++ Standards Committee's current Working Paper

The most authoritative reference material for the library is the C++ Standards Committee's current Working Paper (WP). 20.9 Time utilities "time", 20.4 Compile-time rational arithmetic "ratio", 20.6.7 Other transformations "meta.trans.other"

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Type trait

# Reference

## Included on the C++0x recommendation

## Header <boost/chrono.hpp>

```
#include <boost/chrono/duration.hpp>
#include <boost/chrono/time_point.hpp>
#include <boost/chrono/system_clocks.hpp>
#include <boost/chrono/process_cpu_clocks.hpp>
#include <boost/chrono/thread_clock.hpp>
#include <boost/chrono/thread_clock.hpp>
#include <boost/chrono/typeof/boost/chrono/chrono.hpp>
```

### **Limitations and Extensions**

Next follows limitation respect to the C++0x recomendations:

- Ratio values should be constexpr: constexpr don't used as no compiler supports it today. const is used instead when appropriated.
- Rational Arithmetic should use template aliases: In the absence of compiler support of template aliases the C++03 emulation define a nested typedef type.

The current implementation provides in addition:

• clock error handling as specified in clock error handling needs to be specified.

## **Configuration macros**

When BOOST\_NO\_STATIC\_ASSERT is defined, the user can select the way static assertions are reported. Define

- BOOST\_CHRONO\_USES\_STATIC\_ASSERT: define it if you want to use Boost.StaticAssert
- BOOST\_CHRONO\_USES\_MPL\_ASSERT: define it if you want to use Boost.MPL static asertions
- BOOST\_CHRONO\_USES\_ARRAY\_ASSERT: define it if you want to use internal static asertions

The default vaule behavior is as BOOST\_CHRONO\_USES\_ARRAY\_ASSERT was defined.



When BOOST\_CHRONO\_USES\_MPL\_ASSERT is not defined the following symbols are defined as

```
#define BOOST_CHRONO_A_DURATION_REPRESENTATION_CAN_NOT_BE_A_DURATION \
    "A duration representation can not be a duration"
#define BOOST_CHRONO_SECOND_TEMPLATE_PARAMETER_OF_DURATION_MUST_BE_A_STD_RATIO \
    "Second template parameter of duration must be a std::ratio"
#define BOOST_CHRONO_DURATION_PERIOD_MUST_BE_POSITIVE \
    "duration period must be positive"
#define BOOST_CHRONO_SECOND_TEMPLATE_PARAMETER_OF_TIME_POINT_MUST_BE_A_BOOST_CHRONO_DURATION \
    "Second template parameter of time_point must be a boost::chrono::duration"
```

Depending on the static assertion used system you will have an hint of the failing assertion either through the symbol or through the texte.

## **Header** chrono/duration.hpp>

```
namespace boost {
 namespace chrono {
    template <class Rep, class Period = ratio<1> > class duration;
 template <class Rep1, class Period1, class Rep2, class Period2>
 struct common_type< duration<Rep1, Period1>,
                      duration<Rep2, Period2> >;
 namespace chrono {
    // customization traits
    template <class Rep> struct treat_as_floating_point;
    template <class Rep> struct duration_values;
    // duration arithmetic
    template <class Rep1, class Period1, class Rep2, class Period2>
    typename common_type<duration<Rep1, Period1>, duration<Rep2, Period2> >::type
   BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR operator+(const duration<Rep1, Period1>& lhs, const duration<Rep2, Perid
od2>& rhs);
    template <class Rep1, class Period1, class Rep2, class Period2>
    typename common_type<duration<Rep1, Period1>, duration<Rep2, Period2> >::type
   BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR operator-(const duration<Rep1, Period1>& lhs, const duration<Rep2, Perid
od2>& rhs);
    template <class Rep1, class Period, class Rep2>
    duration<typename common_type<Rep1, Rep2>::type, Period>
    BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR operator*(const duration<Rep1, Period>& d, const Rep2& s);
    template <class Rep1, class Period, class Rep2>
    duration<typename common_type<Rep1, Rep2>::type, Period>
    BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR operator*(const Rep1& s, const duration<Rep2, Period>& d);
    template <class Rep1, class Period, class Rep2>
    duration<typename common_type<Rep1, Rep2>::type, Period>
    BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR operator/(const duration<Rep1, Period>& d, const Rep2& s);
    template <class Rep1, class Period1, class Rep2, class Period2>
    typename common_type<Rep1, Rep2>::type
   BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR operator/(const duration<Rep1, Period1>& lhs, const duration<Rep2, Perid
od2>& rhs);
    template <class Rep1, class Rep2, class Period>
```



```
BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR double operator/(const Repl& s, const duration<Rep2, Period>& d);
        // duration comparisons
        template <class Rep1, class Period1, class Rep2, class Period2>
        BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR bool operator == (const duration < Rep1, Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lhs, const duration < Rep1 | Period1 > & lh
tion<Rep2, Period2>& rhs);
        template <class Rep1, class Period1, class Rep2, class Period2>
        BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR bool operator!=(const duration<Rep1, Period1>& lhs, const durad
tion<Rep2, Period2>& rhs);
        template <class Rep1, class Period1, class Rep2, class Period2>
        BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR bool operator< (const duration<Rep1, Period1>& lhs, const durat
tion<Rep2, Period2>& rhs);
        template <class Rep1, class Period1, class Rep2, class Period2>
        BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR bool operator<=(const duration<Rep1, Period1>& lhs, const durat
tion<Rep2, Period2>& rhs);
        template <class Rep1, class Period1, class Rep2, class Period2>
        BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR bool operator> (const duration<Rep1, Period1>& lhs, const durat
tion<Rep2, Period2>& rhs);
        template <class Rep1, class Period1, class Rep2, class Period2>
        BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR bool operator>=(const duration<Rep1, Period1>& lhs, const durat
tion<Rep2, Period2>& rhs);
        // duration_cast
        template <class ToDuration, class Rep, class Period>
        ToDuration duration_cast(const duration<Rep, Period>& d);
        // convenience typedefs
        typedef duration<boost::int_least64_t, nano> nanoseconds;
                                                                                                                                        // at least 64 bits needed
        typedef duration<boost::int_least64_t, micro> microseconds;
                                                                                                                                       // at least 55 bits needed
        typedef duration<boost::int_least64_t, milli> milliseconds;
                                                                                                                                       // at least 45 bits needed
                                                                                                                                        // at least 35 bits needed
        typedef duration<boost::int_least64_t> seconds;
        typedef duration<boost::int_least32_t, ratio< 60> > minutes; // at least 29 bits needed
        typedef duration<boost::int_least32_t, ratio<3600> > hours; // at least 23 bits needed
```

#### **Time-related traits**

## Metafunction treat\_as\_floating\_point<>

```
template <class Rep> struct treat_as_floating_point
    : boost::is_floating_point<Rep> {};
```

The duration template uses the treat\_as\_floating\_point trait to help determine if a duration with one tick period can be converted to another duration with a different tick period. If treat\_as\_floating\_point<Rep>::value is true, then Rep is a floating point type and implicit conversions are allowed among duration's. Otherwise, the implicit convertibility depends on the tick periods of the duration's. If Rep is a class type which emulates a floating point type, the author of Rep can specialize treat\_as\_floating\_point so that duration will treat this Rep as if it were a floating point type. Otherwise Rep is assumed to be an integral type, or a class emulating an integral type.



## Class template duration\_values

```
template <class Rep>
struct duration_values
{
public:
    static BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR Rep zero();
    static BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR Rep max();
    static BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR Rep min();
};
```

The duration template uses the duration\_values trait to construct special values of the duration's representation (Rep). This is done because the representation might be a class type with behavior which requires some other implementation to return these special values. In that case, the author of that class type should specialize duration\_values to return the indicated values.

#### Static member Function zero()

```
static BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR Rep zero();
```

**Returns:** Rep(0). **Note:** Rep(0) is specified instead of Rep() since Rep() may have some other meaning, such as an uninitialized value.

**Remarks:** The value returned corresponds to the additive identity.

#### Static member function max()

```
static BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR Rep max();
```

**Returns:** numeric\_limits<Rep>::max().

**Remarks:** The value returned compares greater than zero().

#### Static member function min()

```
static BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR Rep min();
```

**Returns:** numeric\_limits<Rep>::lowest().

**Remarks:** The value returned compares less than or equal to zero().

## common\_type specialization

```
template <class Rep1, class Period1, class Rep2, class Period2>
struct common_type<chrono:: duration<Rep1, Period1>, chrono:: duration<Rep2, Period2> >
{
    typedef chrono:: duration<typename common_type<Rep1, Rep2>::type, see below> type;
};
```

The period of the duration indicated by this specialization of common\_type is the greatest common divisor of Period1 and Period2. This can be computed by forming a ratio of the greatest common divisor of Period1::num and Period2::num, and the least common multiple of Period1::den and Period2::den.

**Note:** The typedef type is the <u>duration</u> with the largest tick period possible where both <u>duration</u> arguments will convert to it without requiring a division operation. The representation of this type is intended to be able to hold any value resulting from this conversion, with the possible exception of round-off error when floating point <u>duration</u>'s are involved (but not truncation error).



## Class template duration<>

A duration measures time between two points in time (time\_point). A duration has a representation which holds a count of ticks, and a tick period. The tick period is the amount of time which occurs from one tick to another in units of a second. It is expressed as a rational constant using ratio.

```
namespace boost { namespace chrono {
    template <class Rep, class Period>
    class duration {
    public:
        typedef Rep rep;
        typedef Period period;
    private:
        rep rep_; // exposition only
    public:
        BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR duration() {} // = default;
        template <class Rep2>
        BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR explicit duration(const Rep2& r);
        template <class Rep2, class Period2>
        BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR duration(const duration<Rep2, Period2>& d);
        //~duration() = default;
        //duration(const duration&) = default;
        //duration& operator=(const duration&) = default;
        BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR rep count() const;
        BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR duration operator+();
        BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR duration operator-();
        duration& operator++();
        duration operator++(int);
        duration& operator--();
        duration operator -- (int);
        duration& operator+=(const duration& d);
        duration& operator-=(const duration& d);
        duration& operator*=(const rep& rhs);
        duration& operator/=(const rep& rhs);
        duration& operator%=(const rep& rhs);
        duration& operator%=(const duration& rhs);
        static BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR duration zero();
        static BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR duration min();
        static BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR duration max();
    };
} }
```

Rep must be an arithmetic type, or a class emulating an arithmetic type, compile diagnostic otherwise. If duration is instantiated with the type of Rep being a duration, compile diagnostic is issued.

Period must be an instantiation of ratio, compile diagnostic otherwise.

Period::num must be positive, compile diagnostic otherwise.

## Examples:

• duration<long, ratio<60> > holds a count of minutes using a long.



- duration<long long, milli> holds a count of milliseconds using a long long.
- duration<double, ratio<1, 30> > holds a count using a double with a tick period of 1/30 second (a tick frequency of 30 Hz).

The following members of duration do not throw an exception unless the indicated operations on the representations throw an exception.

#### Constructor duration(const Rep2&)

```
template <class Rep2>
BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR explicit duration(const Rep2& r);
```

Remarks: Rep2 is implicitly convertible to rep, and

- treat\_as\_floating\_point<rep>::value is true, or
- !treat\_as\_floating\_point<rep>::value && !treat\_as\_floating\_point<Rep2>::value is true.

If these constraints are not met, this constructor will not participate in overload resolution. **Note:** This requirement prevents construction of an integral-based duration with a floating point representation. Such a construction could easily lead to confusion about the value of the duration.

## **Example:**

```
duration<int, milli> d(3.5);  // do not compile
duration<int, milli> d(3);  // ok
```

Effects: Constructs an object of type duration.

PostConditions: count() == static\_cast<rep>(r).

#### Constructor duration(const duration&)

```
template <class Rep2, class Period2>
BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR duration(const duration<Rep2, Period2>& d);
```

**Remarks:** treat\_as\_floating\_point<rep>::value, or ratio\_divide<Period2, period>::type::den == 1, else this constructor will not participate in overload resolution. **note** This requirement prevents implicit truncation error when converting between integral-based duration's. Such a construction could easily lead to confusion about the value of the duration.

## **Example:**

```
duration<int, milli> ms(3);
duration<int, micro> us = ms; // ok
duration<int, milli> ms2 = us; // do not compile
```

Effects: Constructs an object of type duration, constructing rep\_ from duration\_cast< duration>(d).count().

## Member function count() const

```
BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR rep count() const;
```

Returns: `rep\_v.



## Member function operator+() const

```
BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR duration operator+() const;
```

Returns: \*this.

#### Member function operator+() const

```
BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR duration operator-() const;
```

**Returns:** duration(-rep\_).

## Member function operator++()

```
duration& operator++();
```

Effects: ++rep\_.

Returns: \*this.

#### Member function operator++(int)

```
duration operator++(int);
```

**Returns:** `duration(rep\_++)v.

## Member function operator++()

```
duration& operator--();
```

Effects: --rep\_.

Returns: \*this.

#### Member function operator++(int)

```
duration operator--(int);
```

**Returns:** duration(rep\_--).

## Member function operator+=(const duration&)

```
duration& operator+=(const duration& d);
```

Effects: rep\_ += d.count().

Returns: \*this.

#### Member function operator == (const duration&)

```
duration& operator-=(const duration& d);
```

Effects: rep\_ -= d.count().

Returns: \*this.



## Member function operator%=(const duration&)

```
duration& operator%=(const duration& d);
```

Effects: rep\_ %= d.count().

Returns: \*this.

#### Member function operator\*=(const rep&)

```
duration& operator*=(const rep& rhs);
```

Effects: rep\_ \*= rhs.

Returns: \*this.

## Member function operator/=(const rep&)

```
duration& operator/=(const rep& rhs);
```

Effects: rep\_ /= rhs.

Returns: \*this.

#### Member function operator%=(const rep&)

```
duration& operator%=(const rep& rhs);
```

Effects: rep\_ %= rhs.

Returns: \*this.

## Static Member function zero()

```
static duration zero();
```

Returns: duration(duration\_values<rep>::zero()).

#### Static Member function min()

```
static duration min();
```

**Returns:** duration(duration\_values<rep>::min()).

## Static Member function max()

```
static constexpr duration max();
```

**Returns:** duration(duration\_values<rep>::max()).



## duration non-member arithmetic

## Non-Member function operator+(duration,duration)

```
template <class Rep1, class Period1, class Rep2, class Period2>
typename common_type< duration<Rep1, Period1>, duration<Rep2, Period2> >::type
operator+(const duration<Rep1, Period1>& lhs, const duration<Rep2, Period2>& rhs);
```

**Returns:** CD(lhs) += rhs where CD is the type of the return value.

## Non-Member function operator-(duration, duration)

```
template <class Rep1, class Period1, class Rep2, class Period2>
typename common_type< duration<Rep1, Period1>, duration<Rep2, Period2> >::type
operator-(const duration<Rep1, Period1>& lhs, const duration<Rep2, Period2>& rhs);
```

**Returns:** CD(lhs) -= rhs where CD is the type of the return value.

```
template <class Rep1, class Period, class Rep2>
  duration<typename common_type<Rep1, Rep2>::type, Period>
  operator*(const duration<Rep1, Period>& d, const Rep2& s);
```

**Requires:** Let CR represent the common\_type of Rep1 and Rep2. This function will not participate in overload resolution unless both Rep1 and Rep2 are implicitly convertible to CR.

Returns: duration<CR, Period>(d) \*= s.

## Non-Member function operator\*(Rep1,duration)

```
template <class Rep1, class Period, class Rep2>
  duration<typename common_type<Rep1, Rep2>::type, Period>
  operator*(const Rep1& s, const duration<Rep2, Period>& d);
```

**Requires:** Let CR represent the common\_type of Rep1 and Rep2. This function will not participate in overload resolution unless both Rep1 and Rep2 are implicitly convertible to CR.

Returns: d \* s.

#### Non-Member function operator/(duration,Rep2)

```
template <class Rep1, class Period, class Rep2>
  duration<typename   common_type<Rep1, Rep2>::type, Period>
  operator/(const duration<Rep1, Period>& d, const Rep2& s);
```

**Requires:** Let CR represent the common\_type of Rep1 and Rep2. This function will not participate in overload resolution unless both Rep1 and Rep2 are implicitly convertible to CR, and Rep2 is not an instantiation of duration.

**Returns:** duration<CR, Period>(d) /= s.

## Non-Member function operator/(duration,duration)

```
template <class Rep1, class Period1, class Rep2, class Period2>
typename common_type<Rep1, Rep2>::type
operator/(const duration<Rep1, Period1>& lhs, const duration<Rep2, Period2>& rhs);
```

Returns: Let CD represent the common\_type of the two duration arguments. Returns CD(lhs).count() / CD(rhs).count().



## Non-Member function operator/(Rep1,duration)

```
template <class Rep1, class Rep2, class Period>
double operator/(const Rep1& s, const duration<Rep2, Period>& d);
```

**Remarks:** Let CR represent the common\_type of Rep1 and Rep2. This function will not participate in overload resolution unless both Rep1 and Rep2 are implicitly convertible to CR, and Rep1 is not an instantiation of duration.

**Returns:** CR(s)/ duration<CR, Period>(d).

#### Non-Member function operator%(duration,Rep2)

```
template <class Rep1, class Period, class Rep2>
  duration<typename common_type<Rep1, Rep2>::type, Period>
  operator%(const duration<Rep1, Period>& d, const Rep2& s);
```

**Remarks** This function will not participate in overload resolution unless Rep2 must be implicitly convertible to CR(Rep1, Rep2) and Rep2 must not be an instantiation of duration.

**Returns:** duration<CR(Rep1,Rep2), Period>(d) %= s.

#### Non-Member function operator%(duration,duration)

Remarks This function will not participate in overload resolution unless

**Returns:** CD(lhs) %= CD(rhs)

## duration Non-Member comparaisons

## Non-Member function operator == (duration, duration)

Returns: Let CD represent the common\_type of the two duration arguments. Returns CD(lhs).count() == CD(rhs).count()

#### Non-Member function operator!=(duration,duration)

Returns: !(lhs == rhs).

#### Non-Member function operator<(duration,duration)

Returns: Let CD represent the common\_type of the two duration arguments. Returns CD(lhs).count() < CD(rhs).count()



## Non-Member function operator<=(duration,duration)

Returns: !(rhs < lhs).

#### Non-Member function operator>(duration, duration)

**Returns:** rhs < 1hs.

#### Non-Member function operator>=(duration, duration)

Returns: !(lhs < rhs).

## Non-Member function duration\_cast(duration)

```
template <class ToDuration, class Rep, class Period>
ToDuration duration_cast(const duration<Rep, Period>& d);
```

Requires: This function will not participate in overload resolution unless ToDuration is an instantiation of duration.

**Returns:** Forms CF which is a ratio resulting from ratio\_divide<Period, typename ToDuration::period>::type. Let CR be the common\_type of ToDuration::rep, Rep, and intmax\_t.

- If CF::num == 1 and CF::den == 1, then returns ToDuration(static\_cast<typename ToDuration::rep>(d.count()))
- else if CF::num != 1 and CF::den == 1, then returns ToDuration(static\_cast<typename ToDuration::rep>(static\_cast<CR>(d.count()) \* static\_cast<CR>(CF::num)))
- else if CF::num == 1 and CF::den != 1, then returns ToDuration(static\_cast<typename ToDuration::rep>(static\_cast<CR>(d.count()) / static\_cast<CR>(CF::den)))
- else returns ToDuration(static\_cast<typename ToDuration::rep>(static\_cast<CR>(d.count()) \* static\_cast<CR>(CF::num) / static\_cast<CR>(CF::den)))

**Remarks:** This function does not rely on any implicit conversions. All conversions must be accomplished through static\_cast. The implementation avoids all multiplications or divisions when it is known at compile time that it can be avoided because one or more arguments are 1. All intermediate computations are carried out in the widest possible representation and only converted to the destination representation at the final step.



## duration typedefs

## **Clock Requirements**

A clock represents a bundle consisting of a duration, a time\_point, and a function now() to get the current time\_point. A clock must meet the requirements in the following Table.

In this table C1 and C2 denote clock types. t1 and t2 are values returned from C1::now() where the call returning t1 happens before the call returning t2 and both of these calls happen before C1::time\_point::max().

## **Table 1. Clock Requirements**

expression	return type	operational semantics
C1::rep	An arithmetic type or class emulating an arithmetic type.	The representation type of the duration and time_point.
C1::period	ratio	The tick period of the clock in seconds.
C1::duration	<pre>chrono::duration<c1::rep, c1::period=""></c1::rep,></pre>	The duration type of the clock.
C1::time_point	<pre>chrono::time_point<cl></cl></pre>	The time_point type of the clock. Different clocks are permitted to share a time_point definition if it is valid to compare their time_points by comparing their respective duration's. C1 and C2 must refer to the same epoch.
C1::is_monotonic	const bool	true if t1 <= t2 is always true, else false. <b>Note</b> : A clock that can be adjusted backwards is not monotonic
C1::now()	C1::time_point	Returns a time_point representing the current point in time.

## Models of Clock:

- system\_clock
- monotonic\_clock
- high\_resolution\_clock
- process\_real\_cpu\_clock
- process\_user\_cpu\_clock
- process\_system\_cpu\_clock
- thread\_clock



## Header <boost/chrono/time\_point.hpp>

```
namespace boost {
 namespace chrono {
    template <class Clock, class Duration = typename Clock::duration> class time_point;
  template <class Clock, class Duration1, class Duration2>
 struct common_type< time_point<Clock, Duration1>,
                      time_point<Clock, Duration2> >;
 namespace chrono {
    // time_point arithmetic
    template <class Clock, class Duration1, class Rep2, class Period2>
    time_point<Clock, typename common_type<Duration1, duration<Rep2, Period2> >::type>
    operator+(const time_point<Clock, Duration1>& lhs, const duration<Rep2, Period2>& rhs);
    template <class Rep1, class Period1, class Clock, class Duration2>
    time_point<Clock, typename common_type<duration<Rep1, Period1>, Duration2>::type>
    operator+(const duration<Rep1, Period1>& lhs, const time_point<Clock, Duration2>& rhs);
    template <class Clock, class Duration1, class Rep2, class Period2>
    time_point<Clock, typename common_type<Duration1, duration<Rep2, Period2> >::type>
    operator-(const time_point<Clock, Duration1>& lhs, const duration<Rep2, Period2>& rhs);
    template <class Clock, class Duration1, class Duration2>
    typename common_type<Duration1, Duration2>::type
    operator-(const time_point<Clock, Duration1>& lhs, const time_point<Clock,
            Duration2>& rhs);
    // time_point comparisons
    template <class Clock, class Duration1, class Duration2>
    bool operator==(const time_point<Clock, Duration1>& lhs,
                    const time_point<Clock, Duration2>& rhs);
    template <class Clock, class Duration1, class Duration2>
    bool operator!=(const time_point<Clock, Duration1>& lhs,
                    const time_point<Clock, Duration2>& rhs);
    template <class Clock, class Duration1, class Duration2>
   bool operator< (const time_point<Clock, Duration1>& lhs,
                   const time_point<Clock, Duration2>& rhs);
    template <class Clock, class Duration1, class Duration2>
    bool operator<=(const time_point<Clock, Duration1>& lhs,
                   const time_point<Clock, Duration2>& rhs);
    template <class Clock, class Duration1, class Duration2>
    bool operator> (const time_point<Clock, Duration1>& lhs,
                   const time_point<Clock, Duration2>& rhs);
    template <class Clock, class Duration1, class Duration2>
    bool operator>=(const time_point<Clock, Duration1>& lhs,
                    const time_point<Clock, Duration2>& rhs);
```



```
// time_point_cast
  template <class ToDuration, class Clock, class Duration>
  time_point<Clock, ToDuration> time_point_cast(const time_point<Clock, Duration>& t);
}
```

## common\_type specialization

```
template <class Clock, class Duration1, class Duration2>
struct common_type<chrono:: time_point<Clock, Duration1>, chrono:: time_point<Clock, Duration2> >
{
    typedef chrono:: time_point<Clock, typename common_type<Duration1, Duration2>::type> type;
};
```

The common\_type of two time\_point's is a time\_point with the same clock (both have the same clock), and the common\_type of the two duration's.

## Class template time\_point<>

A time\_point represents a point in time with respect to a specific clock.

```
template <class Clock, class Duration>
class time_point {
public:
    typedef Clock
                                      clock;
    typedef Duration
                                      duration;
    typedef typename duration::rep
    typedef typename duration::period period;
private:
    duration d_; // exposition only
public:
    time_point();
    explicit time_point(const duration& d);
    // conversions
    template <class Duration2>
    time_point(const time_point<clock, Duration2>& t);
    // observer
    duration time_since_epoch() const;
    // arithmetic
    time_point& operator+=(const duration& d);
    time_point& operator-=(const duration& d);
    // special values
    static BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR time_point min();
    static BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR time_point max();
};
```

Clock must meet the Clock requirements.

Duration must be an instantiation of duration, compile diagnostic otherwise.



## Constructor time\_point()

```
time_point();
```

Effects: Constructs an object of time\_point, initializing d\_ with duration::zero(). This time\_point represents the epoch.

#### Constructor time\_point(const duration&)

```
time_point(const duration& d);
```

Effects: Constructs an object of time\_point, initializing d\_ with d. This time\_point represents the epoch + d.

#### Constructor time\_point(const duration&)

```
template <class Duration2> time_point(const time_point<clock, Duration2>& t);
```

Requires: This function will not participate in overload resolution unless Duration2 is implicitly convertible to duration.

Effects: Constructs an object of time\_point, initializing d\_ with t.time\_since\_epoch().

## Member function time\_since\_epoch() const

```
duration time_since_epoch() const;
```

Returns: d\_.

## Member function operator+=

```
time_point& operator+=(const duration& d);
```

Effects:  $d_{-} += d$ .

Returns: \*this.

#### Member function operator -=

```
time_point& operator-=(const duration& d);
```

Effects: d\_ -= d

Returns: \*this.

#### Static Member function min

```
static BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR time_point min();
```

Returns: time\_point(duration::min()).

#### Static Member function max

```
static BOOST_CHRONO_CONSTEXPR time_point max();
```

**Returns:** time\_point(duration::max()).



#### time point non-member arithmetic

#### Non-Member function operator+(time\_point,duration)

```
template <class Clock, class Duration1, class Rep2, class Period2> time_point<Clock, typename common_type<Duration1, duration<Rep2, Period2> >::type> operator+(const time_point<Clock, Duration1>& lhs, const duration<Rep2, Period2>& rhs);
```

**Returns:** CT(lhs) += rhs where CT is the type of the return value.

## Non-Member function operator+(duration,time\_point)

Returns: rhs + lhs.

#### Non-Member function operator-(time\_point,duration)

**Returns:** lhs + (-rhs).

#### Non-Member function operator-(duration,time\_point)

Returns: lhs.time\_since\_epoch() - rhs.time\_since\_epoch().

## time\_point non-member comparisons

## Non-Member function operator == (time\_point, time\_point)

**Returns:** lhs.time\_since\_epoch() == rhs.time\_since\_epoch().

## Non-Member function operator!=(time\_point,time\_point)

template <class Clock, class Duration1, class Duration2> bool operator!=(const time\_point<Clock, Duration1>& lhs, const time\_point<Clock, Duration2>& rhs);

**Returns:** !(lhs == rhs).



## Non-Member function operator<(time\_point,time\_point)

**Returns:** lhs.time\_since\_epoch() < rhs.time\_since\_epoch().

#### Non-Member function operator<=(time\_point,time\_point)

Returns: !(rhs < lhs).

#### Non-Member function operator>(time\_point,time\_point)

template <class Clock, class Duration1, class Duration2> bool operator>(const time\_point<Clock, Duration1>& lhs, const time\_point<Clock, Duration2>& rhs);

Returns: rhs < lhs.

## Non-Member function operator>=(time\_point,time\_point)

Returns: !(lhs < rhs).

## Non-Member function time\_point\_cast(time\_point)

```
template <class ToDuration, class Clock, class Duration>
time_point<Clock, ToDuration> time_point_cast(const time_point<Clock, Duration>& t);
```

Requires: This function will not participate in overload resolution unless ToDuration is an instantiation of duration.

Returns: time\_point<Clock, ToDuration>(duration\_cast<ToDuration>(t.time\_since\_epoch())).

## Header <boost/chrono/system\_clocks.hpp>

```
namespace boost {
  namespace chrono {

    // Clocks
    class system_clock;
    class monotonic_clock;
    class high_resolution_clock;
}
```

## Class system\_clock

The system\_clock class provides a means of obtaining the current wall-clock time from the system-wide real-time clock. The current time can be obtained by calling system\_clock::now(). Instances of system\_clock::time\_point can be converted to



and from time\_t with the system\_clock::to\_time\_t() and system\_clock::to\_time\_point() functions. If system clock is not monotonic, a subsequent call to system\_clock::now() may return an earlier time than a previous call (e.g. if the operating system clock is manually adjusted, or synchronized with an external clock).

```
class system_clock {
public:
    typedef BOOST_SYSTEM_CLOCK_DURATION
                                                 duration;
    typedef duration::rep
                                                 rep;
    typedef duration::period
                                                 period;
    typedef chrono::time_point<system_clock>
                                                 time_point;
    static const bool is_monotonic =
    static time_point now();
                                                       // throws on error
    static time_point now(system::error_code & ec); // never throws
    static std::time_t to_time_t(const time_point& t);
    static time_point from_time_t(std::time_t t);
};
```

system\_clock satisfy the Clock requirements:

system\_clock::duration::min() < system\_clock::duration::zero() is true.</li>

#### Static member function to\_time\_t(time\_point)

time\_t to\_time\_t(const time\_point& t);

**Returns:** A time\_t such that the time\_t and t represent the same point in time, truncated to the courser of the precisions among time\_t and t.

#### Static member function from\_time\_t(time\_t)

```
time_point from_time_t(time_t t);
```

**Returns:** A time\_point such that the time\_point and t represent the same point in time, truncated to the courser of the precisions among time\_point and t.

## Macro BOOST\_CHRONO\_HAS\_CLOCK\_MONOTONIC

Defined if the platform support monotonic clocks.

## Class monotonic\_clock

monotonic\_clock satisfy the Clock requirements.

monotonic\_clock class provides access to the system-wide monotonic clock. The current time can be obtained by calling monotonic\_clock::now(). There is no fixed relationship between values returned by monotonic\_clock::now() and wall-clock time.



## Class high\_resolution\_clock

high\_resolution\_clock satisfy the Clock requirements.

```
#ifdef BOOST_CHRONO_HAS_CLOCK_MONOTONIC
  typedef monotonic_clock high_resolution_clock; // as permitted by [time.clock.hires]
#else
  typedef system_clock high_resolution_clock; // as permitted by [time.clock.hires]
#endif
```

## Header <boost/chrono/typeof/boost/chrono/chrono.hpp>

Register duration<> and <u>timepoint</u> <> class templates to Boost. Typeof.

## Chrono I/O

## Header <boost/chrono/chrono\_io.hpp>

This source has been adapted from the experimental header <chrono\_io> from Howard Hinnant. The current implementation makes use of a few utilities in libc++ as \_\_scan\_keyword which has also been ported and seen as implementation details. Porting to Boost has been trivial.



```
namespace boost {
namespace chrono {
    template <class CharT>
    class duration_punct;
    template <class CharT, class Traits>
         std::basic_ostream<CharT, Traits>&
         duration_short(std::basic_ostream<CharT, Traits>& os);
    template <class CharT, class Traits>
         std::basic_ostream<CharT, Traits>&
         duration_long(std::basic_ostream<CharT, Traits>& os);
    template <class CharT, class Traits, class Rep, class Period>
         \verb|std::basic_ostream| < Chart, Traits > \&
         operator << (\texttt{std}:: \texttt{basic\_ostream} < \texttt{CharT}, \ \texttt{Traits} > \& \ \texttt{os}, \ \texttt{const} \ \texttt{duration} < \texttt{Rep}, \ \texttt{Period} > \& \ \texttt{d}) \ \textit{i}
    template <class CharT, class Traits, class Rep, class Period>
         \verb|std::basic_istream| < CharT, Traits > \&
         operator >> (std::basic\_istream < CharT, Traits > \& is, duration < Rep, Period > \& d)
    #ifdef BOOST_CHRONO_HAS_CLOCK_MONOTONIC
    template <class CharT, class Traits, class Duration>
         std::basic_ostream<CharT, Traits>&
         operator << (std::basic_ostream < CharT, Traits > & os,
                 const time_point<monotonic_clock, Duration>& tp);
    template <class CharT, class Traits, class Duration>
         std::basic_istream<CharT, Traits>&
         operator>>(std::basic_istream<CharT, Traits>& is,
                 time_point<monotonic_clock, Duration>& tp);
    #endif
    template <class CharT, class Traits, class Duration>
         \verb|std::basic_ostream| < CharT, Traits > \&
         operator<<(std::basic_ostream<CharT, Traits>& os,
                 const time_point<system_clock, Duration>& tp);
    template <class CharT, class Traits, class Duration>
         std::basic_istream<CharT, Traits>&
```



## Template class duration\_punct<>

```
template <class CharT>
class duration_punct
    : public std::locale::facet
public:
    typedef std::basic_string<CharT> string_type;
    enum {use_long, use_short};
    static std::locale::id id;
    explicit duration_punct(int use = use_long);
    duration_punct(int use,
        const string_type& long_seconds, const string_type& long_minutes,
        const string_type& long_hours, const string_type& short_seconds,
        const string_type& short_minutes, const string_type& short_hours);
    duration_punct(int use, const duration_punct& d);
    template <class Period> string_type short_name() const;
    template <class Period> string_type long_name() const;
    template <class Period> string_type name() const;
    bool is_short_name() const;
    bool is_long_name() const;
```

## Other clocks

## Header <boost/chrono/process\_cpu\_clocks.hpp>

Knowing how long a program takes to execute is useful in both test and production environments. It is also helpful if such timing information is broken down into real (wall clock) time, CPU time spent by the user, and CPU time spent by the operating system servicing user requests.

```
namespace boost { namespace chrono {
    class process_real_cpu_clock;
    class process_user_cpu_clock;
    class process_system_cpu_clock;
    class process_cpu_clock;
}
```

## Class process\_real\_cpu\_clock

process\_real\_cpu\_clock satisfy the Clock requirements.

process\_real\_cpu\_clock class provides access to the real process wall-clock monotonic clock, i.e. the real CPU-time clock of
the calling process. The process relative current time can be obtained by calling process\_real\_cpu\_clock::now().



## Class process\_user\_cpu\_clock

process\_user\_cpu\_clock satisfy the Clock requirements.

process\_user\_cpu\_clock class provides access to the user CPU-time monotonic clock of the calling process. The process relative user current time can be obtained by calling process\_user\_cpu\_clock::now().

## Class process\_system\_cpu\_clock

process\_system\_cpu\_clock satisfy the Clock requirements.

process\_system\_cpu\_clock class provides access to the system CPU-time monotonic clockof the calling process. The process relative system current time can be obtained by calling process\_system\_cpu\_clock::now().

## Class process\_cpu\_clock

process\_cpu\_clock can be considered as a tuple < process\_real\_cpu\_clock, process\_user\_cpu\_clock, process\_system\_cpu\_clock >.

process\_cpu\_clock provides a thin wrapper around the operating system's process time API. For POSIX-like systems, that's the times() function, while for Windows, it's the GetProcessTimes() function.

The process relative real, user and system current time can be obtained at once by calling process\_clocks::now().



```
class BOOST_CHRONO_DECL process_cpu_clock
{
  public:
    struct times ;

    typedef duration<times, nano> duration;
    typedef duration::rep rep;
    typedef duration::period period;
    typedef chrono::time_pointprocess_cpu_clock> time_point;
    static const bool is_monotonic = true;

    static time_point now( system::error_code & ec = system::throws );
};

template <>
struct duration_valuesprocess_cpu_clock::times>;
```

#### Class times

This class is the representation of the process\_cpu\_clock::duration class. As such it needs to implements the arithmetic operators.

```
struct times : arithmetic<times>, less_than_comparable<times>
   process_real_cpu_clock::rep
                                  real;
                                           // real (i.e wall clock) time
   process_user_cpu_clock::rep
                                 user;
                                           // user cpu time
   process_system_cpu_clock::rep system; // system cpu time
    times();
    times(
       process_real_cpu_clock::rep r,
       process_user_cpu_clock::rep
       process_system_cpu_clock::rep s);
   bool operator==(times const& rhs);
    times operator+=(times const& rhs);
    times operator -= (times const& rhs);
    times operator*=(times const& rhs);
    times operator/=(times const& rhs);
    bool operator<(times const & rhs) const;</pre>
};
```

## duration\_values specialization for times

```
template <>
struct duration_valuescpu_clock::times>
{
    static process_cpu_clock::times zero();
    static process_cpu_clock::times max();
    static process_cpu_clock::times min();
};
```

The times specific functions zero(), max() and min() uses the relative functions on the representation of each component.

## Header <boost/chrono/thread\_clock.hpp>

Knowing the time a thread takes to execute is useful in both test and production environments.



```
#define BOOST_CHRONO_HAS_THREAD_CLOCK
#define BOOST_CHRONO_THREAD_CLOCK_IS_MONOTONIC
namespace boost { namespace chrono {
    class thread_clock;
}
```

### Macro boost\_chrono\_has\_thread\_clock

This macro is defined if the platform supports thread clocks.

## Macro boost\_chrono\_thread\_clock\_is\_monotonic

This macro is defined if the platform has a thread clockIts value is true if it is monotonic and false otherwise.

## Class thread clock

thread\_clock satisfy the Clock requirements.

thread\_clock class provides access to the real thread wall-clock, i.e. the real CPU-time clock of the calling thread. The thread relative current time can be obtained by calling thread\_clock::now().

# **Deprecated Headers**

See Boost.Stopwatches for similar fonctionality.

## Deprecated Header <boost/chrono/timer.hpp>

This header has been deprecated, use instead <boost/chrono/stopwatch.hpp>.

```
namespace boost { namespace chrono {
   template <class Clock=high_resolution_clock> class timer;
   typedef <see above> system_timer;
   #ifdef BOOST_CHRONO_HAS_CLOCK_MONOTONIC
   typedef <see above> monotonic_timer;
   #endif
   typedef <see above> high_resolution_timer;
}}
```

## Template Class timer<>

Knowing how long a part of a program takes to execute is useful in both test and production environments. A timer object measures elapsed time. It is recommended to use it with clocks that measure wall clock rather than CPU time since the intended use is performance measurement on systems where total elapsed time is more important than just process or CPU time.



The maximum measurable elapsed time depends on the Clock parameter. The accuracy of timings depends on the accuracy of timing information provided the Clock, and this could varies a great deal from one clock to another.

## timer useful typedefs

## Deprecated Header chrono/process\_times.hpp>

```
namespace boost { namespace chrono {
    class process_clock;
    typedef <see below> process_times;
    class process_timer;
    class run_timer;
}
```

## Class process\_clock

process\_clock doesn't satisfy the Clock Requirements as the function now do not follows the Clock prototype.

process\_clock provides a thin wrapper around the operating system's process time API. For POSIX-like systems, that's the times() function, while for Windows, it's the GetProcessTimes() function.

The process relative real, user and system current time can be obtained at once by calling process\_clock::now().



#### Class process\_times

## Typedef process\_times

```
typedef process_clock::process_times process_times;
```

This is a synonym of process\_clock::process\_times included for backward compatibility.

## Class process\_timer

Knowing how long a program takes to execute is useful in both test and production environments. It is also helpful if such timing information is broken down into real (wall clock) time, CPU time spent by the user, and CPU time spent by the operating system servicing user requests.

process\_timer<> is the timer<> equivalent associated to the pseudo-clock process\_clock. It behaves like timer<> but it uses the specific process\_clock:now() function.

#### Class run timer

class run\_timer provides a complete run time reporting package that can be invoked in a single line of code. The reporting is controlled by two parameters:

- format : The output format
- places(precision): the number of decimal placess used.



The default places is given by default\_places and is 3.

The default format is "nreal %rs, cpu %cs (%p%), user %us, system %ss\n", where

- %r : real process clock
- %u : user process clock
- %s: system process clock
- %c: user+system process clock
- %p : percentage (user+system)/real process clock

All the units are given using the suffix "s" following the System International d'Unites Std.

```
class run_timer : public process_timer {
public:
    explicit run_timer( system::error_code & ec = system::throws );
    explicit run_timer( std::ostream & os,
                system::error_code & ec = system::throws );
    explicit run_timer( const std::string & format,
                system::error_code & ec = system::throws );
    explicit run_timer( std::ostream & os, const std::string & format,
                system::error_code & ec = system::throws );
    explicit run_timer( const std::string & format, int places,
                system::error_code & ec = system::throws );
    explicit run_timer( std::ostream & os, const std::string & format, int places,
                system::error_code & ec = system::throws );
    explicit run_timer( int places,
                system::error_code & ec = system::throws );
    explicit run_timer( std::ostream & os, int places,
                system::error_code & ec = system::throws );
    explicit run_timer( int places, const std::string & format,
               system::error_code & ec = system::throws );
    explicit run_timer( std::ostream & os, int places, const std::string & format,
                system::error_code & ec = system::throws );
    ~run_timer();
    void start( system::error_code & ec = system::throws );
    void report( system::error_code & ec = system::throws );
    void test_report( duration real_, duration user_, duration system_ );
    bool reported() const;
    static int default_places();
};
```

# **Appendices**

# Appendix A: History

Version 0.6.0, September 20, 2010

**Features:** 



Added experimental chrono\_io.

#### Fixes:

• Fix duration values min implementation.

#### Test:

Adapted test from libc++/chrono

## Version 0.5.0, September 10, 2010

#### **Features:**

• Stopwatches, Ratio and CommonType have been moved to separated libraries: Boost.Stopwatches, Boost.Ratio and Boost.TypeTraits.

## **Version 0.4.7, September 1, 2010**

#### **New Features:**

Added \_\_lightweightstopwatch\_.

## Version 0.4.6, August 28, 2010

#### **New Features:**

- Implementation of common\_type without using Boost.TypeOf.
- Added \_\_stopwatch\_accumulator\_timeformatter\_class.

#### **Old Features:**

• Type reporter removed from Stopwatches as well as the get\_reporter metafunction.

## **Bug Fixes**

- \_\_process\_cpuclock\_ is now a valid model of Clock that can be used with \_\_stopclocksaccumulator\_.
- eliminate or suppress a lot of warnings appearing with with warnings=all -Wextra
- improve the error code handling

# Version 0.4.5, July 6, 2010 Documentation update

## **Documentation**

- Overview rewriting
- Added missing thread\_clock reference.
- How to implement a thread\_clock tutorial removed.
- References section renamed to External Resources.
- Added links to source examples.
- Added links between Models and Concepts.
- Added macros descriptions.



Cleanup.

## **Bug Fixes**

- Valgrind fixes: "Conditional jump or move depends on uninitialised value(s)"
- Take care of Boost.System break on version 1.44
- gcc.4.4 "warning: suggest parentheses around '&&' within '||' " removal.

## Version 0.4.4, February 22, 2010 Warning fixes

## **Bug Fixes**

- · scoped\_suspend warning removal
- error\_code management completed

## Version 0.4.3, June 18, 2010 Missing file fixe

## **Bug Fixes**

• boost/thread/detail/cv\_status.hpp file was not commited.

## Version 0.4.2, June 18, 2010 Packaging fixe

• Boost.Conversion library, used by Boost.Thread porting to Boost.Chrono was not packaged.

## Version 0.4.1, June 17, 2010 Added thread clock implementation on Windows

## **New Features:**

- Added thread\_clock implementation on Windows.
- Added Boost.Thread using Boost.Chrono.

## Version 0.4, February 28, 2010 New thread clock and Suspendible clock

## **New Features:**

- SuspendibleClock concept + template class \_suspendibleclock \_.
- Added scope\_suspend which do suspend/resume if the Clock is a model of SuspendibleClock concept, and nothing otherwise.
- thread\_clock support on platforms providing it natively.
- Added support for wide character for \_\_stopwatchreporter\_, stopclock, and stopclock\_accumulator.
- digital\_time renamed t24\_hours.

#### Perf

Added performances measures.

#### **Bug Fixes**

• Bug on timeval\_demo.



```
 \begin{tabular}{ll} time\_point \ t(duration(xtime(0))); & // \ this \ was \ taken \ as \ a \ function \ declaration \\ gettimeofday((timeval*)&t, 0); \\ return \ t; \end{tabular}
```

time\_point t(duration(xtime(0))); // this was taken as a function declaration gettimeofday((timeval\*)&t, 0); return t; by

```
timeval tv;
gettimeofday(&tv, 0);
xtime xt( tv.tv_sec, tv.tv_usec);
return time_point(duration(xt));
```

Bug on run\_timer\_test (add a global variable to avoid optimization that removes completely the code to be measured

## Version 0.3.2, January 25, 2010 New frequency, lifetime and percentage stopwatch accumulator features

#### **Features:**

- Added overloading for operator/(Integer/Duration)
- Added frequency, lifetime and percentage to the default stopwatch\_accumulator\_formatter.

**Bug Fixes** \* Specific formatters didn't work completly. \* Replace duration(0) by duration::zero() on template classes. \* suspend doesn't works: partial\_not initialized neither taken in account by the elapsed function.

## Version 0.3.1, January 20, 2010 New support for wide characters

#### Features:

- Support for wide characters on formatters and stopclocks
- added chrono.hpp and stopwatches.hpp at the boost level

## Version 0.3.0, January 17, 2010 New stopwatch/stopclock feature + Bug fixes

### **Features:**

- Added independent process cpu clocks for real, user, system process CPU time
- Added global process cpu clock for real, user, system process CPU time
- Added digital\_time (looking for a better name)
- Added new <u>Stopwatch</u> concept measuring elapsed time between different points in time associated to the operations start, stop, suspend and resume.
- Added <u>stopwatch</u> is a model <u>Stopwatch</u> measuring the elapsed time between the start and the stop operations.
- Added \_\_stopwatchaccumulator\_ is a model <u>Stopwatch</u> allowing to accumulate several time samples and gives the average,
   ...
- Added scoped helper classes allowing to pairwise start'stop' operations, 'suspend' resume and resume/suspend a Stopwatch.
- Added new stopwatch <u>Formatter</u> concept
  - Added stopwatch formatter "%ds\n"
  - Added stopwatch accumulator formatter "%c times, sum%ss, min%ms, max%Ms, mean%as\n"



- Added time formatter "real %rs, cpu %cs (%p%), user %us, system %ss\n"
- Added digital\_time formatter "%d days(s) %h:%m:%s.%n\n"
- \_stopwatchreporter\_ is a convenient generic class reporting elapsed time for the Stopwatch concept.
- Added stopclock<Clock> shortcut stopwatch\_reporter<stopwatch<Clock>>
- Added <u>scopedstopclock</u> which trace at the constuctor and destructor.
- Added typeof registration for classes duration and time\_point
- The old classes process\_times, process\_clock, process\_timer, timer and run\_timer are deprecated as the preceding additions are more generic. However for backward compatibility they preserved until inclusion of the library in Boost. Next follows the equivalences:
  - timer<> ~ stopwatch<>
  - process\_timer ~ stopwatch<process\_cpu\_clock>
  - run\_timer ~ stopclock<>

## **Bug Fixes**

• Try to correct warning "C4251: 'boost::chrono::run\_timer::m\_format' : class 'std::basic\_string<\_Elem,\_Traits,\_Ax>' needs to have dll-interface to be used by clients of class 'boost::chrono::run\_timer''', by don't including inlines functions using the std::string m\_format.

## Version 0.2.1, December 13, 2009 Bug fixes

#### **Bug Fixes**

- Replace INTMAX\_C by BOOST\_INTMAX\_C until boost/cstdint.hpp ensures INTMAX\_C is always defined.
- Define \_\_BOOST\_CHRONO\_HAS\_CLOCKMONOTONIC when BOOST\_CHRONO\_WINDOWS\_API
- Commenting invalid operator declarations
- Take care of Boost min/max recommendations
- Complete qualification when defining nested typedef duration on clocks to avoid the following compile error:

- cleanup of simulated...
- warning removal on posix/process\_clock.cpp.
- disable VC++ foolishness.
- Update Jamfiles to manage with dll.
- removal of conversion warning in test\_duration.
- manage with MSVC reporting a warning instead of an error when there is an integral constant overflow.
- Use STATIC\_ASSERT specific macro to solve the compile failing issue.



Qualify with boost::detail boost::chrono::detail to avoid ambiguities with MSVC.

#### **Documentation:**

More updated documentation.

## Version 0.2.0, December 8, 2009 + Features + Bug fixes + Updated documentation

#### **Features:**

- Added ratio construction and assignment from an equivalent ratio (LWG 1281. CopyConstruction and Assignment between ratios having the same normalized form)
- Added nested ratio typedef type (LWG 1281. CopyConstruction and Assignment between ratios having the same normalized form)
- Added \_\_BOOST\_CHRONO\_HAS\_CLOCKMONOTONIC macro to state if monotonic\_clock is provided on this platform.
- Added duration operator% (LGW 934. duration is missing operator%)
- Added BOOST\_CHRONO\_CONSTEXPR when constexpr should be used.
- Complete duration operator\* and operator/.

## Implementation:

- Use INTMAC\_C to name intmax\_t constants instead of LL.
- Separate chrono.cpp on # files win/chrono.cpp, mac/chrono.cpp and posix/chrono.cpp to make easier the maintenance on different platforms.
- Separate process\_clock.cpp on # files win/process\_clock.cpp, mac/process\_clock.cpp and posix/process\_clock.cpp to make easier the maintenace on different platforms.
- Added the error\_code prototype for monotonic\_clock::now for mac/chrono.cpp.
- Fully implement mac/chrono.cpp with error handling.
- Take care on POSIX systems when CLOCK\_MONOTONIC is not defined.

#### **Documentation:**

The documentation is written now using quick-book using as base N2661 - A Foundation to Sleep On.

## **Bug Fixes**

- operator/ was ambiguous: Disambiguate duration operator/.
- CLOCK\_MONOTONIC is not defined with cygwin/gcc 3.4: Disable code when \_\_BOOST\_CHRONO\_HAS\_CLOCK\_MONOTONIC is not defined.
- result of metafunctions ratio\_multiply and ratio\_divide were not normalized ratios: Use of the nested ratio typedef type on ratio arithmetic operations.
- Copy constructor from similar duration masked the defaulted operations: Added duration defaulted implementations

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## Features:



- The C++0x Standard Library's common\_type.
- The C++0x Standard Library's compile-time rational arithmetic.
- The C++0x Standard Library's time utilities, including:
  - Class template duration
  - Class template time\_point
  - Clocks:
    - system\_clock
    - monotonic\_clock
    - high\_resolution\_clock
- Class template timer, with typedefs:
  - system\_timer
  - monotonic\_timer
  - high\_resolution\_timer
- Process clocks and timers:
  - process\_clock, capturing real, user-CPU, and system-CPU times.
  - process\_timer, capturing elapsed real, user-CPU, and system-CPU times.
  - run\_timer, convenient reporting of process\_timer results.

# **Appendix B: Rationale**

See [http://www.open-std.org/jtc1/sc22/wg21/docs/papers/2008/n2661.htm **N2661 - A Foundation to Sleep On**] which is very informative and provides motivation for key design decisions. The following sections are an extract from this document.

## Is it possible for the user to pass a duration to a function with the units being ambiguous?

No. No matter which option the author of f chooses above, the following client code will not compile:

```
f(3); // Will not compile, 3 is not implicitly convertible to any __duration__
```

## Why duration needs operator%

This operator is convenient for computing where in a time frame a given duration lies. A motivating example is converting a duration into a "broken-down" time duration such as hours::minutes::seconds:



# Why ratio needs CopyConstruction and Assignment from ratios having the same normalized form

Current N3000 doesn't allows to copy-construct or assign ratio instances of ratio classes having the same normalized form.

This simple example

```
ratio<1,3> r1;
ratio<3,9> r2;
r1 = r2; // (1)
```

fails to compile in (1). Other example

```
ratio<1,3> r1;
ratio_substract<ratio<2,3>,ratio<1,3> > r2=r1; // (2)
```

The type of ratiosubstract<ratio<2,3>,ratio <1,3>> could be ratio<3,9> so the compilation could fail in (2). It could also be ratio<1,3> and the compilation succeeds.

## Why ratio needs the nested normalizer typedef type

In N3000 20.4.2 and similar clauses

3 The nested typedef type shall be a synonym for ratio<T1, T2> where T1 has the value R1::num \* R2::den - R2::num \* R1::den and T2 has the value R1::den \* R2::den.

The meaning of synonym let think that the result should be a normalized ratio equivalent to ratio<T1, T2>, but there is not an explicit definition of what synonym means in this context.

If the CopyConstruction and Assignment ([LWG 1281) is not added we need a typedef for accessing the normalized ratio, and change 20.4.2 to return only this normalized result. In this case the user will need to



```
ratio<1,3>::type r1;
ratio<3,9>::type r2;
r1 = r2; // compiles as both types are the same.
```

# **Appendix C: Implementation Notes**

## **Appendix D: FAQ**

## How important is the order of the common\_type<> template arguments?

The order of the template parameters is important. First common\_type<> is not able to find out common type if it is not present and second common\_type<A,B,C>::type is equivalent to common\_type<A,B>::type, C>::type.

```
struct A {};
struct B {};
struct C {
    C() {}
    C(A const&) {}
    C(B const&) {}
    C& operator=(C const&) {
        return *this;
    }
};

#if 0
typedef boost:: common_type<A, B, C>::type ABC; // DO not compile
#else
typedef boost:: common_type<C, B, A>::type ABC;
#endif
```

Thus, as common\_type<A,B>::type is undefined, common\_type<A,B,C>::type is also undefined.

# Why does stopwatch\_reporter only display millisecond place precision when the underlying Clock has nanosecond precision?

To avoid giving the impression of precision where none exists. See Caveat emptor. You can always specify additional decimal places if you want to live dangerously.

## Why does stopwatch\_reporter sometimes report more cpu seconds than real seconds?

Ask your operating system supplier. The results have been inspected with a debugger, and both for Windows and Linux, that's what the OS appears to be reporting at times.

## Can I obtain statistics of the time elapsed between calls to a function?

The library do not provides this feature.

## What happens if I press Ctrl+C and program terminates? What log would Boost.chrono output?

## Can you explain the pros/cons of common\_type against Boost.Typeof?

Even if in a first look they sound to be close, <code>common\_type</code> and typeof have different purposes. You use typeof to get the type of an expression, while you use <code>common\_type</code> to set explicitly the type returned of a template function. Both are complementary. For example with the preceding declaration and the needed Typeof registrations, you can do

Suppose I have a mixed type vector2 class with a magnitude\_squared function defined as:



 $template < typename \ X, \ typename \ Y > BOOST\_TYPEOF\_TPL(X()*X()+Y()*Y()) \ magnitude\_squared(const \ vector2 < X, \ Y > \&v) \\ \{ \ return \ v.x*v.x+v.y*v.y; \ \}$ 

common\_type is closer in nature to promote\_args<class ...T> in boost/math/tools/promotion.hpp than it is to Boost.Typeof, though it is not exactly the same as promote\_args either. common\_type<T1, T2>::type simply represents the result of some operation on T1 and T2, and defaults to the type obtained by putting T1 and T2 into a conditional statement.

It is meant to be customizable (via specialization) if this default is not appropriate.

# **Appendix E: Acknowledgements**

The library's code was derived from Howard Hinnant's time2\_demo prototype. Many thanks to Howard for making his code available under the Boost license. The original code was modified by Beman Dawes to conform to Boost conventions.

time2\_demo contained this comment:

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## **Appendix F: Tests**

In order to test you need to do.

bjam libs/chrono/test

You can also run a specific suite of test by doing



cd libs/chrono/test
bjam chrono

## chrono

Name	kind	Description	Result	Ticket
chrono_unit_test	run		Pass	#
explore_limits	run		Pass	#
test_duration	run		Pass	#
test_clock	run		Pass	#
miscellaneous	run		Pass	#
test_special_values	run		Pass	#
manipulate_clock_object	run		Pass	#
chrono_accuracy_test	run		Pass	#

# examples

Name	kind	Description	Result	Ticket
cycle_count	run		Pass	#
runtime_resolution	run		Pass	#
xtime	run		Pass	#
saturating	run		Pass	#
min_time_point	run		Pass	#
i_dont_like_the_default_duration_behavior	run		Pass	#
simulated_thread_interface_demo	run		Pass	#
timeval_demo	run		Pass	#

# **Other Clocks**

Name	kind	Description	Result	Ticket
test_thread_clock	run	test basic uses of thread_clock.	Pass	#



# **Duration Typedef's**

Name	kind	Description	Result	Ticket
hours.pass	run	check how many hours we can count.	Pass	#
minutes.pass	run	check how many minutes we can count.	Pass	#
seconds.pass	run	check how many seconds we can count.	Pass	#
milliseconds.pass	run	check how many milliseconds we can count.	Pass	#
microseconds.pass	run	check how many microseconds we can count.	Pass	#
nanoseconds.pass	run	check how many nanoseconds we can count.	Pass	#

# traits

Name	kind	Description	Result	Ticket
specialization.duration.pass	run	check the correct specialization has been done for duration.	Pass	#
specialization.time_point.pass	run	check the correct specialization has been done for time_point.	Pass	#
is_fp.treat_as_floating_point.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
duration_values.max.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
duration_values.min.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
duration_values.zero.pass	run	check.	Pass	#



# duration



Name	kind	Description	Result	Ticket
duration.fail	compile-fail	check.	Pass	#
ratio.fail	compile-fail	check.	Pass	#
positive.fail	compile-fail	check.	Pass	#
defaul_ratio.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
types.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
arithmetic.op_divide_ass.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
arithmetic.op_minusminusint.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
arithmetic.op_plus_ass.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
arithmetic.op_minus.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
arithmetic.op_mod_ass_duration.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
arithmetic.op_plusplus.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
arithmetic.op_minus_ass.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
arithmetic.op_mod_ass_rep.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
arithmetic.op_plusplusint.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
arithmetic.op_minusminus.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
arithmetic.op_plus.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
arithmetic.op_times_ass.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
cast.duration_cast.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
cast.toduration.fail	compile-fail	check.	Pass	#
comparisons.op_equal.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
comparisons.op_less.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
cons.convert_exact.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
cons.convert_float_to_int.fail	compile-fail	check.	Pass	#
cons.convert_inexact.fail	compile-fail	check.	Pass	#
cons.convert_inexact.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
cons.convert_int_to_float.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
cons.default.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
cons.rep.pass	run	check.	Pass	#



Name	kind	Description	Result	Ticket
cons.rep01.fail	compile-fail	check.	Pass	#
cons.rep02.fail	compile-fail	check.	Pass	#
cons.rep02.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
cons.rep03.fail	compile-fail	check.	Pass	#
nonmember.op_plus.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
nonmember.op_minus.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
nonmember.op_divide_duration.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
nonmember.op_divide_rep.fail	compile-fail	check.	Pass	#
nonmember.op_divide_rep.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
nonmember.op_mod_duration.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
nonmember.op_mod_rep.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
nonmember.op_times_rep.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
nonmember.op_times_rep1.fail	compile-fail	check.	Pass	#
nonmember.op_times_rep2.fail	compile-fail	check.	Pass	#
special.max.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
special.min.pass	run	check.	Pass	#
special.zero.pass	run	check.	Pass	#



# **Appendix G: Tickets**

Ticket	Description	Resolution	State
0	Issues raised by Michael Marcin: In the past I've seen QueryPerformanceCounter give incorrect results, especially with SpeedStep processors on laptops. This was many years ago and might have been fixed by service packs and drivers.  Typically you check the results of QPC against GetTick-Count to see if the results are reasonable. http://support.microsoft.com/kb/274323  I've also heard of problems with QueryPerformanceCounter in multi-processor systems.  I know some people SetThreadAffinityMask to 1 for the current thread call their QueryPerformance* functions then restore SetThreadAffinityMask. This seems horrible to me because it forces your program to jump to another physical processor if it isn't already on cpu0 but they claim it worked well in practice because they called the timing functions infrequently.  In the past I have chosen to use timeGetTime with time-BeginPeriod(1) for high resolution timers to avoid these issues.	????	Open
1	operator/ was ambiguous	Disambiguate duration operator/	Closed
2	CLOCK_MONOTONIC is not defined with cygwin/gcc 3.4	D i s a b l e c o d e w h e n BOOST_CHRONO_HAS_CLOCK_MONO- TONIC is not defined.	Closed
3	result of metafunctions ratio_multiply and ratio_divide were not normalized ratios	Use of the nested ratio typedef type on ratio arithmetic operations.	Closed
4	Copy constructor from similar duration masked the defaulted operations	Added duration defaulted implementations	Closed
5	INTMAX_C is not always defined	Replace INTMAX_C by BOOST_INT-MAX_C until boost/cstdint.hpp ensures INT-MAX_C is always defined.	Closed
6	undefined BOOST_CHRONO_HAS_CLOCK_MONOTON-IC when BOOST_CHRONO_WINDOWS_API	D e fi n e BOOST_CHRONO_HAS_CLOCK_MONO- TONIC when BOOST_CHRONO_WIN- DOWS_API	Closed
7	min/max macros intrussion	Take care of Boost min/max recommendations	Closed
8	declaration of 'typedef class boost::chrono::duration<> changes meaning of 'duration'	complete qualification when defining nested typedef duration on clocks to avoid the following compile error:	Closed
9	VC++ warnings	disable VC++ foolishness	Closed



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10	conversion warning in test_duration	removal of conversion warning in test_duration	Closed
11	MSVC reports a warning instead of an error when there is an integral constant overflow	manage with MSVC reporting a warning instead of an error when there is an integral constant overflow	Closed
12	ambiguities with MSVC when using detail:: namespace	Qualify with boost::detail boost::chrono::detail	Closed
13	warning C4251: 'boost::chrono::run_timer::m_format' : class 'std::basic_string<_Elem,_Traits,_Ax>' needs to have dll-interface to be used by clients of class 'boost::chrono::run_timer'	don't include inlines functions using the std::string m_format	Closed
14	Bad use of duration(0) on template classes	remplace by duration::zero()	Closed
15	suspend doesn't works: partial_ not initialized	initialize with duration::zero()	Closed
16	suspend doesn't works: elapsed doesn't take care of partial_	take care of partial	Closed
17	suspend doesn't works: bad use of system::error_code & ec	replace by system::error_code ec	Closed
18	warnings on mingw-gcc.4.4: /boost/chrono/chrono.hpp: In copy constructor 'boost::chrono::time_point boost::chrono::process_cpu_clock, boost::chrono::duration boost::chrono::process_cpu_clock::times, boost::ratio<11l, 10000000001l> > ::time_point(const boost::chrono::duration boost::chrono::duration boost::chrono::process_cpu_clock, boost::ratio<11l, 10000000001l> > >&)': /boost/chrono/chrono.hpp:816: warning: suggest parentheses around '&&' within '  '/boost/chrono/chrono.hpp:816: warning: suggest parentheses around '&&' within '  '	???	Closed
19	Use of Specific formatters doesn't works		Closed
20	boost/chrono/scoped_suspend.hpp(31) : warning C4520: 'boost::chrono::scoped_suspend <clock>': multiple default constructors specified</clock>	Remove the default constructor deletion	Closed
21	suspendible_clock_test doesn't works in my mingw environement	(issue with tss)	Open
22	error_code not initialized	Use ec.clear() before throwing a exception.	Closed
23	boost/thread/detail/cv_status.hpp file was not committed	commit file	Closed
24	Boost.Conversion was not packaged	Package it	Closed
25	Valgrind issue: Conditional jump or move depends on uninitialised value(s)	Replace the test	Closed



# **Appendix H: Future plans**

## Tasks to do before review

- Complete documentation
- Fully implement error handling, with test cases.
- Fix open isues.

## For later releases

• Use of C++0x feature constexpr, when available.

