

Boost, Part II

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The image shows the front cover of a book titled "The Boost C++ Libraries" by Boris Schäling. The cover has a white background with a blue hexagonal logo on the left. The title is in large, bold, black serif font. Below the title is a dark blue horizontal bar containing the text "A quickstart introduction with over 250 examples". Underneath that is another dark blue bar with a quote: "The most helpful introduction to the Boost C++ Libraries I've seen. I recommend it." followed by "- Robert Ramey, Boost C++ developer". At the bottom right is the author's name, "Boris Schäling". The overall design is clean and professional.

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Genericity in Haskell: Signature of Maybe

```
module Maybe(  
    isJust, isNothing,  
    fromJust, fromMaybe, listToMaybe, maybeToList,  
    catMaybes, mapMaybe,  
    -- ...and what the Prelude exports  
    Maybe(Nothing, Just),  
    maybe)  
where
```

```
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a
```

isJust, isNothing	:: Maybe a -> Bool
fromJust	:: Maybe a -> a
fromMaybe	:: a -> Maybe a -> a
listToMaybe	:: [a] -> Maybe a
maybeToList	:: Maybe a -> [a]
catMaybes	:: [Maybe a] -> [a]
mapMaybe	:: (a -> Maybe b) -> [a] -> [b]

Genericity in Haskell: Implementation of Maybe

```
isJust           :: Maybe a -> Bool
isJust (Just a) = True
isJust Nothing  = False

isNothing        :: Maybe a -> Bool
isNothing       = not . isJust

fromJust         :: Maybe a -> a
fromJust (Just a) = a
fromJust Nothing = error "Maybe.fromJust: Nothing"

fromMaybe        :: a -> Maybe a -> a
fromMaybe d Nothing = d
fromMaybe d (Just a) = a
```

Boost.Optional: Optional Return Values

```
char* get_async_input()
{
    if (queue.empty())
        return nullptr;
    else
    {
        static char res;
        res = queue.top();
        return &res;
    }
}

void receive_async_message()
{
    char* rcv;
    while ((rcv = get_async_input()) && !timeout())
        output(*rcv);
}
```

Boost.Optional: Optional Return Values

```
boost::optional<char> get_async_input()
{
    if (queue.empty())
        return {};
    else
        return {queue.top()};
}

void receive_async_message()
{
    boost::optional<char> rcv;
    // The safe Boolean conversion from 'rcv' is used here.
    while ((rcv = get_async_input()) && !timeout())
        output(*rcv);
}
```

Boost.Optional: Optional Local Variables

```
{  
    boost::optional<std::string> name;  
    if (database.open())  
        name.reset(database.lookup(employer_name));  
    else if (can_ask_user)  
        name.reset(user.ask(employer_name));  
  
    if (name)  
        print(*name);  
    else  
        print("employer's name not found!");  
}
```

Boost.Optional: Optional Data Members

```
class Figure
{
    boost::optional<rect> clipping_rect_;
public:
    Figure() { /* 'clipping_rect_' is uninitialized at this point. */ }

    void clip_in_rect(rect const& rect) { ...
        clipping_rect_.reset(rect); // initialized here.
    }

    void draw(canvas& cvs) {
        if (clipping_rect_)
            do_clipping(*clipping_rect_);
        cvs.drawXXX(..);
    }

    // May return nullptr.
    rect const* get_clipping_rect() { return get_pointer(clipping_rect_); }
};
```

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Sum Types in Haskell: Maybe

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```

C++ Unions

C++ 03 unions:

- may define member functions
- may define special member functions
- may not include objects (that have non trivial ctor/dtor)
“POD”, Plain Old Data

C++ Unions

C++ 03 unions may define (special) member functions.

```
union U
{
    U()
        : a(5)
    {}

    U(const U& r)
    { p = r.p; }

    U& operator=(const U& r)
    { p = r.p; return *this;}

    ~U()
    { delete [] p; }

    int a, b;
    char* p;
};
```

C++ Unions

C++ 11 unions may define (special) member functions.

```
union U
{
    U()
        : a(5)
    {}

    U(U&& r)
    { p = r.p; r.p = nullptr; }

    U&& operator=(U&& r)
    { p = r.p; r.p = nullptr; return *this; }

    ~U()
    { delete [] p; }

    int a, b;
    char* p;
};
```

C++ Unions

C++ 11 unions may include objects (with constructor and destructor), but then must define ctor/dtor.

```
union U
{
    U() {}
    ~U() {}
    int ival;
    std::string sval;
};
```

C++ Unions

C++ 11 unions may not have static members, or reference members.

```
union U
{
    int &r;           // wrong,
    int &&r;          // wrong,
    static int si;   // and wrong.
};
```

Static member functions are ok.

```
union U
{
    static int& instance();
};
```

C++ Unions

Unions may be anonymous.

```
int main()
{
    union
    {
        float f;
        unsigned int i;
    };
    f = 2;
    std::cout << std::hex << i << std::endl;
}
```

C++ Unions-like Classes

Unions may be anonymous.

```
class C
{
    union
    {
        int a;
        char* p;
    };
};
```

C++ 11 Unions May Leak

```
union U
{
    int ival;
    std::string sval;
    U() : sval() {}
    ~U() {}
    U& operator=(const std::string s) { sval = s; return *this; };
    U& operator=(int i)           { ival = i; return *this; };
};

int main()
{
    while (true)
    {
        U u;
        u = "Hello, World!";
        u = 42;
    }
}
```

Boost.Variant

```
#include <boost/variant.hpp>
#include <iostream>

int main()
{
    boost::variant<int, std::string> u("hello world");
    std::cout << u << std::endl; // output: hello world.
}
```

Boost.Variant: Bad Style

```
using int_or_str = boost::variant<int, std::string>;
void times_two(int_or_str& arg)
{
    if (int* pi = boost::get<int>(&arg))
        *pi *= 2;
    else if (std::string* pstr = boost::get<std::string>(&arg))
        *pstr += *pstr;
}
```

There is also `int which()` `const`, and
`std::type_info& type()` `const`.

Visitors

```
struct times_two_visitor : boost::static_visitor<>
{
    void operator()(int& i)           const { i *= 2; }
    void operator()(std::string& str) const { str += str; }
};

boost::apply_visitor(times_two_visitor(), v);
```

Boost.Variant

```
#include <boost/variant.hpp>
#include <iostream>

struct my_visitor : public boost::static_visitor<int>
{
    int operator()(int i) const { return i; }
    int operator()(const std::string& str) const { return str.size(); }
};

int main()
{
    boost::variant<int, std::string> u("hello world");
    std::cout << u << std::endl; // output: hello world.

    int result = boost::apply_visitor(my_visitor(), u);
    std::cout << result << std::endl; // output: 11.
}
```

Generic Visits

```
struct times_two_generic : public boost::static_visitor<>
{
    template <typename T>
    void operator()(T& arg) const
    {
        arg += arg;
    }
};

int main()
{
    std::vector<int_or_str> iss = {21, "knock"};
    times_two_generic visitor;
    std::for_each(begin(iss), end(iss), boost::apply_visitor(visitor));
    for (const auto& is: iss)
        std::cout << is << std::endl;
}
```

Binary Visitations

```
struct are_strict_equals : public boost::static_visitor<bool>
{
    template <typename T, typename U>
    bool operator()(const T&, const U&) const
    {
        return false;
    }

    template <typename T>
    bool operator()(const T& lhs, const T& rhs) const
    {
        return lhs == rhs;
    }
};
```

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Boost.Any: Creating

```
#include <boost/any.hpp>

using many = std::list<boost::any>;
int main()
{
    boost::any a;
    many m;
    // Push empty.
    m.push_back(a);
    a = 42;
    m.push_back(a);
    m.push_back(51);
    const char *cp = "Hello, World!";
    m.push_back(cp);
    m.push_back(std::string{"Bonjour, Monde !"});
    count_all(m, std::cout);
}
```

Boost.Any: Querying

```
bool is_empty (const boost::any& a)
{ return a.empty(); }

bool is_int    (const boost::any& a)
{ return a.type() == typeid(int); }

bool is_string(const boost::any& a)
{ return boost::any_cast<std::string>(&a); }

bool is_char_ptr(const boost::any& a)
{
    try
    {
        boost::any_cast<const char *>(a);
        return true;
    }
    catch (const boost::bad_any_cast&)
    {
        return false;
    }
}
```

Boost.Any

```
void count_all(many& m, std::ostream& out)
{
#define COUNT(What) \
    out << "#" #What " == " \
        << std::count_if(begin(m), end(m), is_ ## What) \
        << std::endl;

COUNT(empty);
COUNT(int);
COUNT(char_ptr);
COUNT(string);
#undef COUNT
}
```

```
#empty == 1
#int == 2
#char_ptr == 1
#string == 1
```

Boost.Variant vs. Boost.Any

Boost.Variant

- guarantees the type of its content is one of a finite, user-specified set of types
- provides compile-time checked visitation of its content
- enables generic visitation of its content
- offers an efficient, stack-based storage scheme

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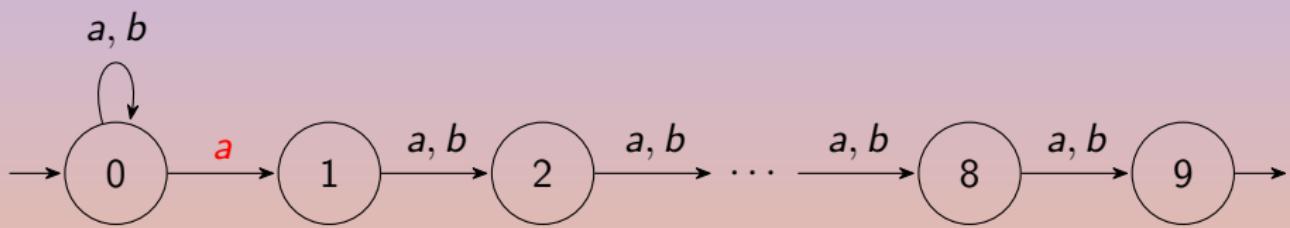
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Vaucanson 2: De Bruijn 8



The Dot Language

```
digraph
{
    vcsn_context = "lal_char(ab)_b"
    rankdir = LR
    node [shape = circle]
    {
        node [style = invis, shape = none, label = "", width = 0, height = 0]
        I1
        F12
    }
    { 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 }
    I1 -> 1
    1 -> 1 [label = "a, b"]
    1 -> 2 [label = "a"]
    2 -> 3 [label = "a, b"]
    3 -> 4 [label = "a, b"]
    // ...
    11 -> 12 [label = "a, b"]
    12 -> F12
}
```

Vaucanson: Performances of the Parser

'4096.dot':

- 1 initial state
- 1 initial transitions
- 4096 inner states
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```
$ time vcsn-cat -f 4096.dot -Onull  
vcsn-cat -f 4096.dot -Onull 9,07s user 0,03s system 99% cpu 9,109 total
```

Vaucanson: Moving to Boost.Flyweight

```
struct semantic_type
{
    // Identifiers (attributes and node names).
-    using string_t = std::string;
+    using string_t =
+        boost::flyweight<std::string, boost::flyweights::no_tracking>;
    string_t string;
    // A set of states.
-    using states_t = std::vector<std::string>;
+    using states_t = std::vector<string_t>;
    states_t states;
    // (Unlabeled) transitions.
-    using transitions_t = std::vector<std::pair<std::string, std::string>>;
+    using transitions_t = std::vector<std::pair<string_t, string_t>>;
    transitions_t transitions;
};
```

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Before:

```
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vcsn-cat -f 4096.dot -Onull 9,07s user 0,03s system 99% cpu 9,109 total
```

After:

```
$ time vcsn-cat -f 4096.dot -Onull  
vcsn-cat -f 4096.dot -Onull 0,85s user 0,02s system 99% cpu 0,870 total
```

Boost.DynamicBitset

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Boost.DynamicBitset

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>

#include <boost/dynamic_bitset.hpp> // boost::dynamic_bitset<>
#include <boost/utility/binary.hpp> // BOOST_BINARY

template <typename T>
void output(std::string s, const T& t)
{
    s += ':';
    s.resize(24, ' ');
    std::cout << s << t << std::endl;
}
```

Boost.DynamicBitset

```
boost::dynamic_bitset<> mask(12, BOOST_BINARY(0101 0101 0101));  
  
int main()  
{  
    output("mask", mask);  
    boost::dynamic_bitset<> x;  
    output("x.size()", x.size());  
    std::cout << "Enter a bitset in binary: x = " << std::flush;  
    if (std::cin >> x)  
    {  
        std::cout << std::endl;  
        play(x);  
    }  
}
```

Boost.DynamicBitset

```
void play(const boost::dynamic_bitset<>& x)
{
    output("Input number", x);
    const std::size_t sz = x.size();
    output("x.size() is now", sz);

    try {
        unsigned long ul = x.to_ulong();
        output("As unsigned long", ul);
    } catch (const std::overflow_error &)
    {
        output("As unsigned long", "(overflow exception)");
    }

    mask.resize(sz);
    output("Mask (possibly resized)", mask);
    output("And with mask", x & mask);
    output("Or with mask", x | mask);
    output("Shifted left by 1", x << 1);
    output("Shifted right by 1", x >> 1);
}
```

Boost.DynamicBitset

Input:

```
101010
```

Output:

```
mask:          010101010101
x.size():      0
Enter a bitset in binary: x =
Input number: 101010
x.size() is now: 6
As unsigned long: 42
Mask (possibly resized): 010101
And with mask: 000000
Or with mask: 111111
Shifted left by 1: 010100
Shifted right by 1: 010101
```

Determinize in Vaucanson

```
$ time vcsn-determinize -f de-bruijn-18.dot -Onull
real    0m13.049s
user    0m12.773s
sys     0m0.276s
$ time vcsn-determinize -f de-bruijn-20.dot -Onull
real    0m56.780s
user    0m55.775s
sys     0m0.988s
```

Vaucanson: Moving to dynamic_bitset<>

```
commit 995d223fb0794784ecda599d2bda41c5106f366a
Author: Victor Marie Santet <vsantet@lrde.epita.fr>
Date:   Mon Feb 25 17:40:27 2013 +0100
```

determinize: use bitsets

In order to increase performance, use bitsets to represent states sets to compute determinization algorithm.

Before computing, stores all successors states.

- * vcsn/algos/determinize.hh: Specialize std::hash.
- Use boost::dynamic_bitset as states sets.
- Store successors sets before computing.

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sys       0m0.988s
```

After:

```
$ time vcsn-determinize -f de-bruijn-18.dot -Onull
real      0m2.181s
user      0m2.048s
sys       0m0.132s
$ time vcsn-determinize -f de-bruijn-20.dot -Onull
real      0m8.653s
user      0m8.177s
sys       0m0.476s
```

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Boost.Format

```
boost::format fmter{"%2% %1%"};
fmter % 36; fmter % 77;

// You can take the string result:
string s = fmter.str();

// possibly several times:
s = fmter.str();

// Streamable.
std::cout << fmter;

// You can also do all steps at once:
std::cout << boost::format("%2% %1%") % 36 % 77;

// using the str free function:
s = str(boost::format("%2% %1%") % 36 % 77);
```

Boost.Format: Performances

```
const auto runs = boost::irange(0, 1000 * 1000);

using boost::chrono::steady_clock;
{
    steady_clock::time_point start = steady_clock::now();
    {
        std::string s;
        for (auto i: runs)
            s = str(boost::format("%2% %1%") % i % i);
    }
    boost::chrono::duration<double> sec = steady_clock::now() - start;
    std::cout << boost::format("%|10|: %|4.2f|s\n")
                  % "several" % sec.count();
}
```

Boost.Format: Performances

```
{  
    steady_clock::time_point start = steady_clock::now();  
    {  
        std::string s;  
        boost::format fmt{"%2% %1%"};  
        for (auto i: runs)  
            s = str(fmt % i % i);  
    }  
    boost::chrono::duration<double> sec = steady_clock::now() - start;  
    std::cout << boost::format("%|10|: %|4.2f|s\n")  
          % "once" % sec.count();  
}
```

Boost.Format: Performances

```
{  
    steady_clock::time_point start = steady_clock::now();  
    {  
        std::string s;  
        for (auto i: runs)  
            s = std::to_string(i) + " " + std::to_string(i);  
    }  
    boost::chrono::duration<double> sec = steady_clock::now() - start;  
    std::cout << boost::format("%|10|: %|4.2f|s\n")  
                  % "none" % sec.count();  
}
```

Boost.Format: Performances

```
several: 4.07s  
once: 1.61s  
none: 0.84s
```

```
several: 1.77s  
once: 0.87s  
none: 0.70s
```

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atof

```
#include <cerrno>
#include <cstring>
#include <iostream>

int main(int argc, char const* argv[])
{
    for (int i = 0; i < argc; ++i)
    {
        errno = 0;
        float f = atof(argv[i]);
        int err = errno;
        std::cout << argv[i] << " => " << f;
        if (err)
            std::cout << " (" << strerror(err) << ")";
        std::cout << std::endl;
    }
}
```

atof

```
./4-boost/a.out => 0
1.2 => 1.2
2..2 => 2
e123f => 0
123f => 123
1e-999 => 0 (Result too large)
-123e-999 => -0 (Result too large)
```

atof

On Mac OS X, 'man atof':

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <stdlib.h>

double atof(const char *str);

#include <xlocale.h>

double atof_l(const char *str, locale_t loc);
```

IMPLEMENTATION NOTES

The `atof()` and `atof_l()` functions have been deprecated by `strtod()` and `strtod_l()` and should not be used in new code.

ERRORS

The function `atof()` need not affect the value of `errno` on an error.

So use `strtof`.

strtof

```
#include <cerrno>
#include <cstdlib>
#include <cstring>
#include <iostream>

int main(int argc, char const* argv[])
{
    for (int i = 0; i < argc; ++i)
    {
        errno = 0;
        char* end;
        float f = strtof(argv[i], &end);
        int err = *end ? EINVAL : errno;
        std::cout << argv[i] << " => " << f
                << " (" << strerror(err) << ")"
                << std::endl;
    }
}
```

strtof

```
./4-boost/a.out => 0 (Invalid argument)
1.2 => 1.2 (Undefined error: 0)
2..2 => 2 (Invalid argument)
e123f => 0 (Invalid argument)
123f => 123 (Invalid argument)
1e-999 => 0 (Result too large)
-123e-999 => -0 (Result too large)
```

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- What about conversion to a `short`?

strtof

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2..2 => 2 (Invalid argument)
e123f => 0 (Invalid argument)
123f => 123 (Invalid argument)
1e-999 => 0 (Result too large)
-123e-999 => -0 (Result too large)
```

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The Proper Conversion To/From Strings in C++

```
template <typename Target, typename Source>
Target omnipotent_cast(const Source& input)
{
    std::stringstream ss;
    ss << input;
    if (ss.fail())
        throw std::logic_error("write fail");
    Target res;
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    return res;
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Boost.NumericCast

```
using boost::numeric_cast;

try
{
    int i = 42;
    short s = numeric_cast<short>(i); // Succeeds (is in range).
}

catch (boost::numeric::negative_overflow& e)
{
    std::cout << e.what() << std::endl;
}

catch (boost::numeric::positive_overflow& e)
{
    std::cout << e.what() << std::endl;
}
```

Boost.NumericCast

```
float f = -42.1234;
try
{
    // Throws a boost::numeric::negative_overflow.
    auto i = numeric_cast<unsigned int>(f);
}
catch(boost::numeric::bad_numeric_cast& e)
{
    std::cout << e.what() << std::endl;
}

double d = f + numeric_cast<double>(123); // int -> double
```

Boost.NumericCast

```
try
{
    auto ulmax = std::numeric_limits<unsigned long>::max();
    // Throws a boost::numeric::positive_overflow.
    auto c = numeric_cast<unsigned char>(ulmax);
}
catch (boost::numeric::positive_overflow& e)
{
    std::cout << e.what() << std::endl;
}
```

- unsigned operations cannot cause overflow
- unsigned conversions are range checked by numeric_cast

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The program is as follows:

```
#include <iostream>

int main(int argc, char** argv)
{
    std::cout << "Hello World!" << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```



“ Here is the output I received when trying to compile this program with Visual C++ 2010:

```
c:\dev>cl /nologo helloworld.png
cl : Command line warning D9024 : unrecognized source file type
      'helloworld.png', object file assumed
helloworld.png : fatal error LNK1107: invalid or corrupt file:
                  cannot read at 0x5172
```

Dismayed, I tried g++ 4.5.2, but it was equally unhelpful:

```
c:\dev>g++ helloworld.png
helloworld.png: file not recognized: File format not recognized
collect2: ld returned 1 exit status
```



66 I figured that Clang (version 3.0 trunk 127530) must work, since it is so highly praised for its standards conformance. Unfortunately, it didn't even give me one of its pretty, highlighted error messages:

```
c:\dev>clang++ helloworld.png
helloworld.png: file not recognized: File format not recognized
collect2: ld returned 1 exit status
clang++: error: linker (via gcc) command failed with exit code 1
(use -v to see invocation)
```

To be honest, I don't really know what any of these error message mean.

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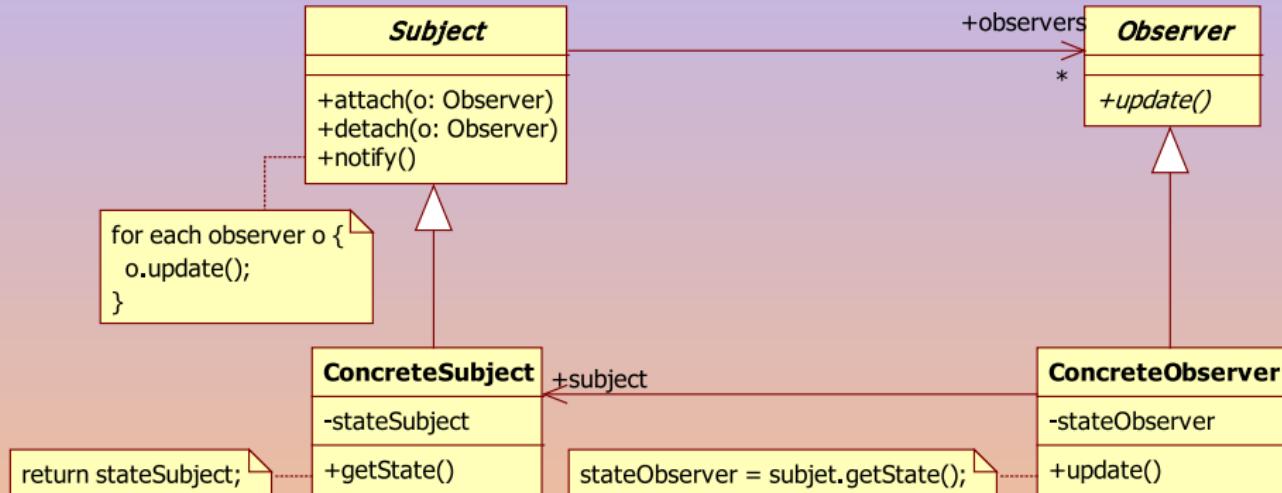
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Boost.Signals

```
#include <boost/signals2.hpp>
#include <iostream>

    void hello      ()      { std::cout << "Hello, "; }
struct World { void operator()() const { std::cout << "World!"; } };

int main()
{
    boost::signals2::signal<void ()> s;
    s.connect(hello);
    s.connect(World{});
    s.connect([]() { std::cout << std::endl; });
    s.connect(10, []() { std::cout << std::endl; });
    s.connect(0, World{});
    s.connect(0, hello, boost::signals2::at_front);
    s();
}
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```

```
Hello, World!
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```

Boost.Signals: Arguments

```
#include <boost/signals2.hpp>
#include <iostream>
#define ECHO(S) std::cout << #S " = " << S << std::endl;

int main()
{
    boost::signals2::signal<void (float, float)> sig;

    sig.connect([](float x, float y) { ECHO(x + y); });
    sig.connect([](float x, float y) { ECHO(x - y); });
    sig.connect([](float x, float y) { ECHO(x * y); });
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    sig(5., 3.);
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```

```
x + y = 8
x - y = 2
x * y = 15
x / y = 1.66667
```

Boost.Signals: Return Value

```
#include <boost/signals2.hpp>
#include <iostream>

int main()
{
    boost::signals2::signal<float (float, float)> sig;

    sig.connect([](float x, float y) { return x + y; });
    sig.connect([](float x, float y) { return x - y; });
    sig.connect([](float x, float y) { return x * y; });
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    std::cout << *sig(5., 3.) << std::endl;
}
```

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```

1.66667

Boost.Signals: Combiners

```
int main()
{
    boost::signals2::signal<float (float, float), minmax<float>> sig;

    sig.connect([](float x, float y) { return x + y; });
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    std::cout << sig(5., 3.) << std::endl;
}
```

(1.66667, 15)

Boost.Signals: Combiners

```
template <typename T>
struct minmax
{
    using result_type = std::tuple<T, T>;

    template <typename InputIterator>
    result_type operator()(InputIterator first, InputIterator last) const
    {
        if (first != last)
        {
            T min = *first++, max = min;
            for /* empty */; first != last; ++first)
                if (*first < min) min = *first; else
                    if (max < *first) max = *first;
            return std::make_tuple(min, max);
        }
        return {};
    }
};
```

Boost.Signals: Combiners: Print Tuples [6245735]

```
template <std::size_t> struct int_{}; // compile-time counter

template <typename Ch, typename Tr, typename Tuple, std::size_t I>
void print_tuple(std::basic_ostream<Ch,Tr>& o, Tuple const& t, int_-<I>)
{
    print_tuple(o, t, int_-<I-1>()); o << ", " << std::get<I>(t);
}

template <typename Ch, typename Tr, typename Tuple>
void print_tuple(std::basic_ostream<Ch,Tr>& o, Tuple const& t, int_-<0>)
{
    o << std::get<0>(t);
}

template <typename Ch, typename Tr, typename... Args>
std::ostream&
operator<<(std::basic_ostream<Ch,Tr>& o, std::tuple<Args...> const& t)
{
    o << "("; print_tuple(o, t, int_-<sizeof... (Args)-1>()); return o << ")";
}
```

Boost.Signals: Disconnection

```
boost::signals2::connection c = sig.connect(HelloWorld());
std::cout << "c is connected\n";
sig(); // Prints "Hello, World!"

c.disconnect(); // Disconnect the HelloWorld object
std::cout << "c is disconnected\n";
sig(); // Does nothing: there are no connected slots
```

Boost.Signals: Scoped Connections

```
{  
    boost::signals2::scoped_connection c(sig.connect(ShortLived{}));  
    sig(); // will call ShortLived function object  
} // scoped_connection goes out of scope and disconnects  
  
sig(); // ShortLived function object no longer connected to sig
```

Boost.Signals: Blocking

```
boost::signals2::connection c = sig.connect(HelloWorld{});
std::cout << "c is not blocked.\n";
sig(); // Prints "Hello, World!"

{
    boost::signals2::shared_connection_block block(c); // block the slot
    std::cout << "c is blocked.\n";
    sig(); // No output: the slot is blocked
} // shared_connection_block going out of scope unblocks the slot
std::cout << "c is not blocked.\n";
sig(); // Prints "Hello, World!"
```

Boost.StateChart

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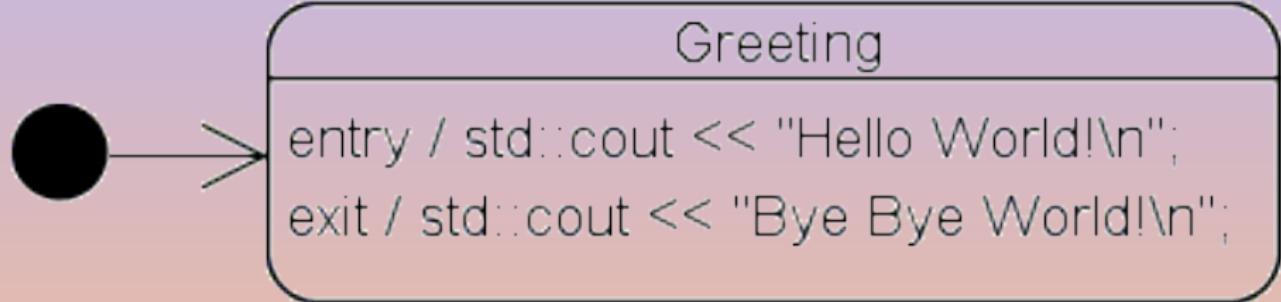
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Boost.StateChart: Hello World



Hello World!
Bye Bye World!

Boost.StateChart: Hello World

```
namespace sc = boost::statechart;

// Forward-declare the initial state.
struct Greeting;

// Boost.Statechart makes heavy use of the CRT pattern.
struct Machine : sc::state_machine< Machine, Greeting > {};

struct Greeting : sc::simple_state< Greeting, Machine > {
    // Being in a state = its object is alive.
    Greeting() { std::cout << "Hello World!\n"; }
    ~Greeting() { std::cout << "Bye Bye World!\n"; }
};

int main()
{
    Machine myMachine;
    myMachine.initiate();
    return 0;
}
```

Digression: Curiously Recurring Template Pattern

```
template <class Derived>
class Base
{
    // Methods within Base can access members of Derived.
};

class Derived : public Base<Derived>
{
    // ...
};
```

[WCuriously_recurring_template_pattern]

Digression: CRT For Static Polymorphism

```
template <class Derived>
struct Base
{
    void interface() {
        // ...
        static_cast<Derived*>(this)->implementation();
        // ...
    }
    static void static_func() {
        // ...
        Derived::static_sub_func();
        // ...
    }
};

struct Derived : Base<Derived>
{
    void implementation();
    static void static_sub_func();
};
```

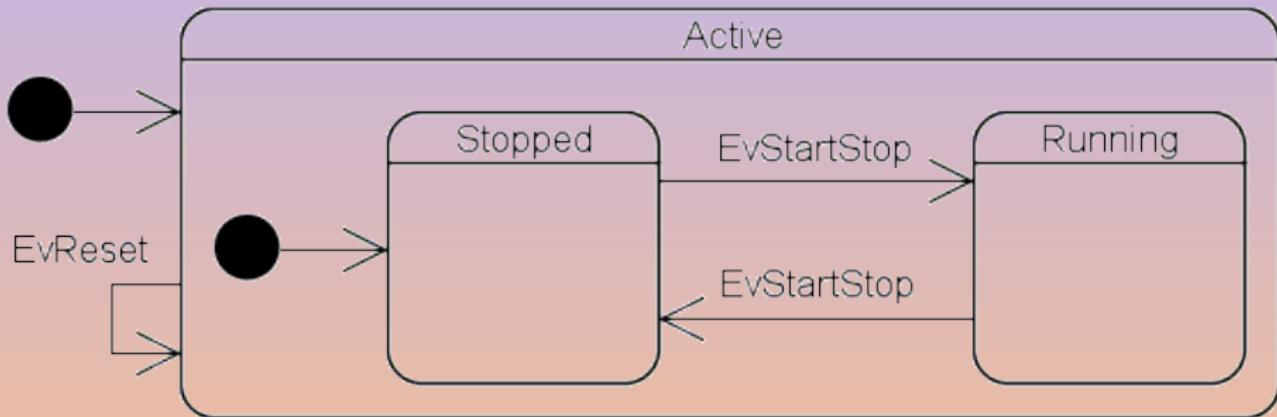
Digression: CRT For Polymorphic Copy Construction

```
class Shape
{
public:
    virtual ~Shape() {}
    virtual Shape *clone() const = 0;
};

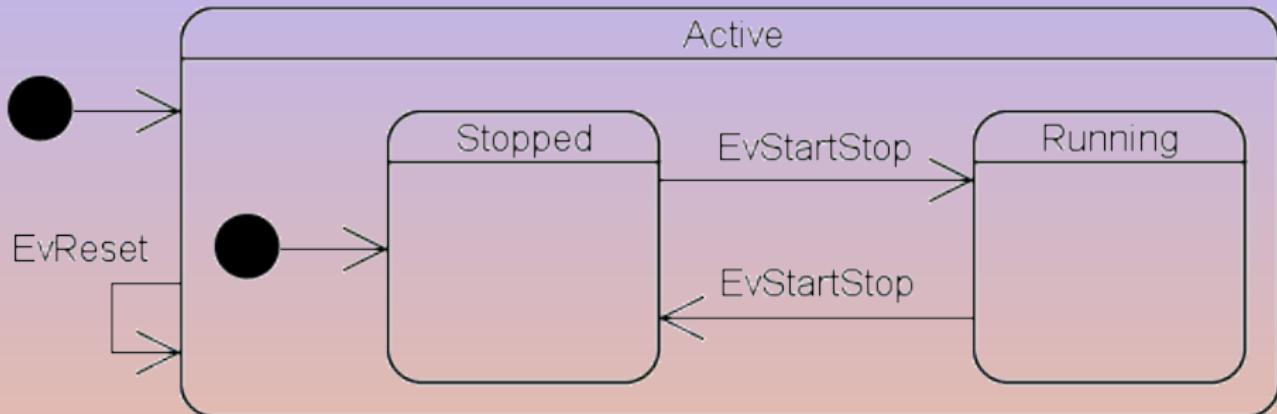
template <typename Derived>
class Shape_CRTPO : public Shape
{
public:
    virtual Shape *clone() const
    {
        return new Derived(static_cast<Derived const&>(*this));
    }
};

class Square: public Shape_CRTPO<Square> {};
class Circle: public Shape_CRTPO<Circle> {};
```

Boost.StateChart: Stop Watch



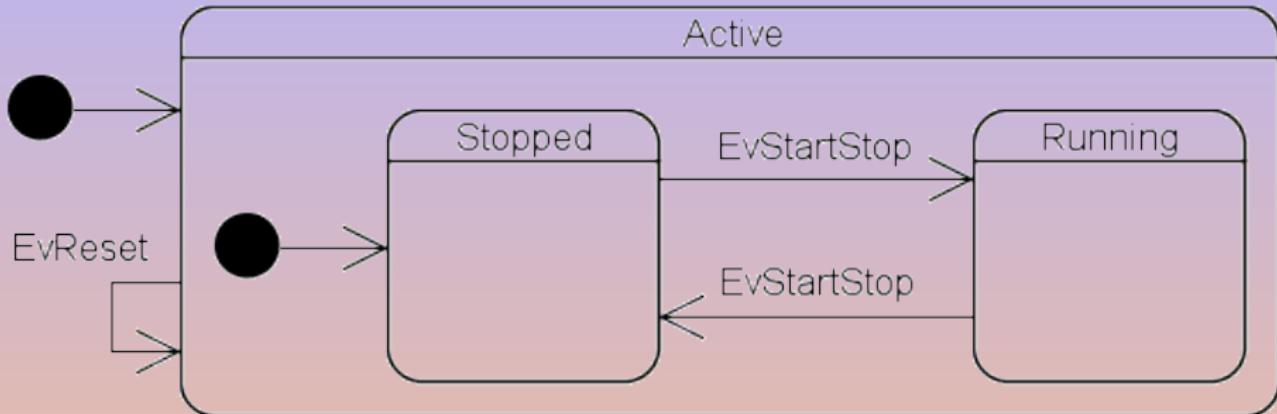
Boost.StateChart: Stop Watch: Events



```
namespace sc = boost::statechart;

struct EvStartStop : sc::event< EvStartStop > {};
struct EvReset      : sc::event< EvReset > {};
```

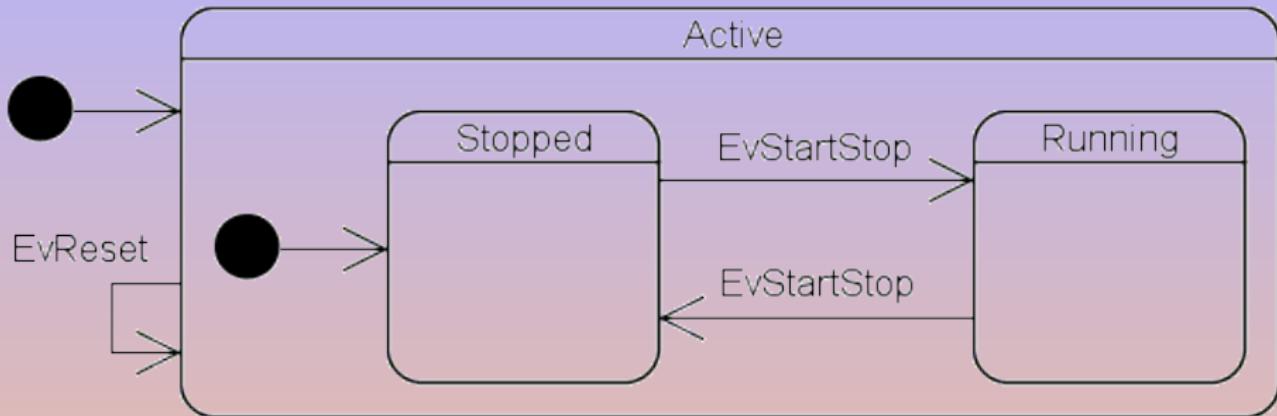
Boost.StateChart: Stop Watch: Machine



```
struct Active;
struct Running;
struct Stopped;

struct Stopwatch : sc::state_machine< Stopwatch, Active > {};
```

Boost.StateChart: Stop Watch: Active State

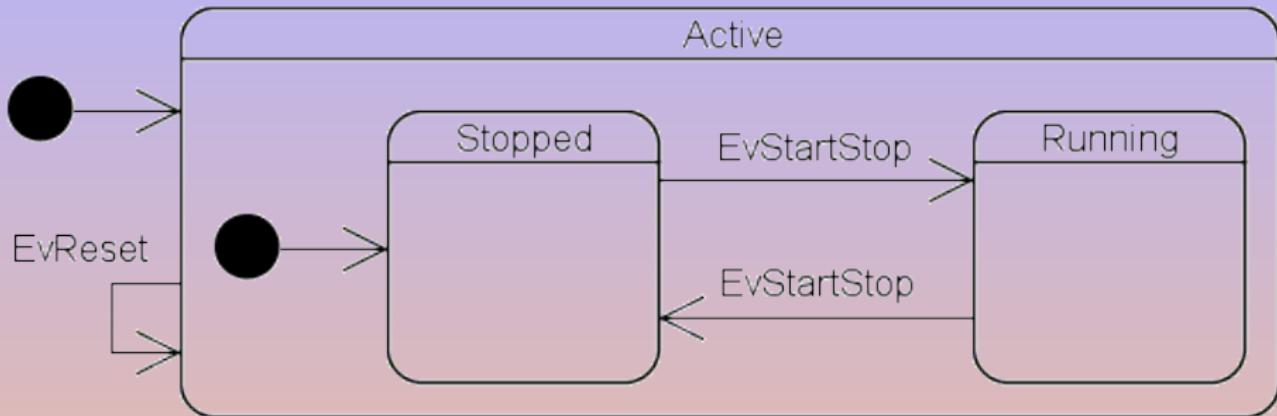


```
struct Active : sc::simple_state< Active, Stopwatch, Stopped >
{
    using reactions = sc::transition< EvReset, Active >

    double & elapsed()          { return elapsedTime_; }
    double    elapsed() const { return elapsedTime_; }

private:
    double elapsedTime_ = 0.0;
```

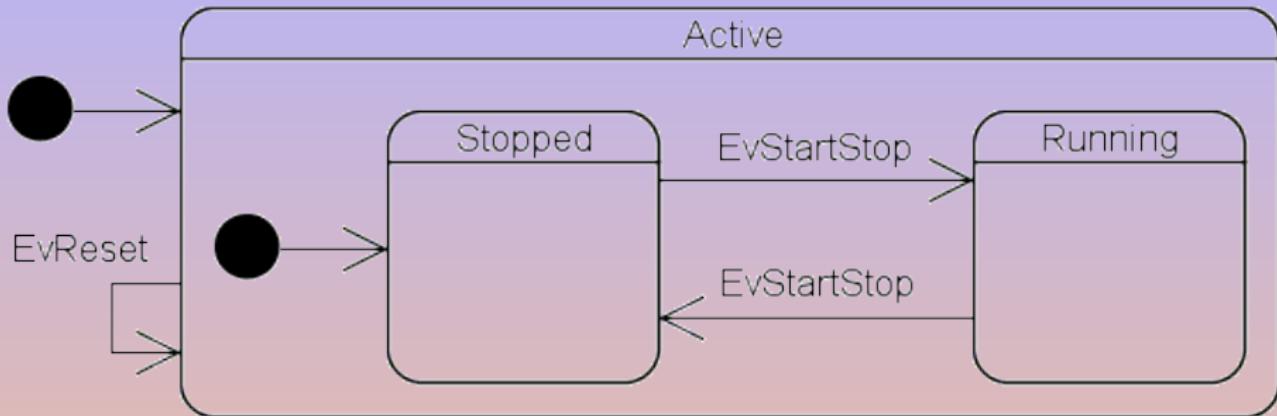
Boost.StateChart: Stop Watch: Stopped State



```
struct IElapsedTime { virtual double elapsed() const = 0; };

struct Stopped : IElapsedTime, sc::simple_state< Stopped, Active >
{
    using reactions = sc::transition< EvStartStop, Running >;
    virtual double elapsed() const override
    { return context<Active>().elapsed(); }
};
```

Boost.StateChart: Stop Watch: Running State



```
struct Running : IElapsedTime, sc::simple_state< Running, Active > {
    using reactions = sc::transition< EvStartStop, Stopped >;
    ~Running() { context<Active>().elapsed() = elapsed(); }

    virtual double elapsed() const override
    { return context<Active>().elapsed() + std::difftime(0, startTime_); }

private:
```

Boost.StateChart: Stop Watch: main

```
int main()
{
    Stopwatch stopWatch;
    stopWatch.initiate();

    while (true)
        switch ((([]() { char r; std::cin >> r; return r; })()))
        {
            case 'r': stopWatch.process_event(EvReset{}); break;

            case 's': stopWatch.process_event(EvStartStop{}); break;

            case 'd':
                std::cout << "Elapsed time: "
                << stopWatch.state_cast<const IElapsedTime&>().elapsed() << "\n";
                break;

            default: return 0;
        }
}
```

Boost.MetastateMachine (MSM)

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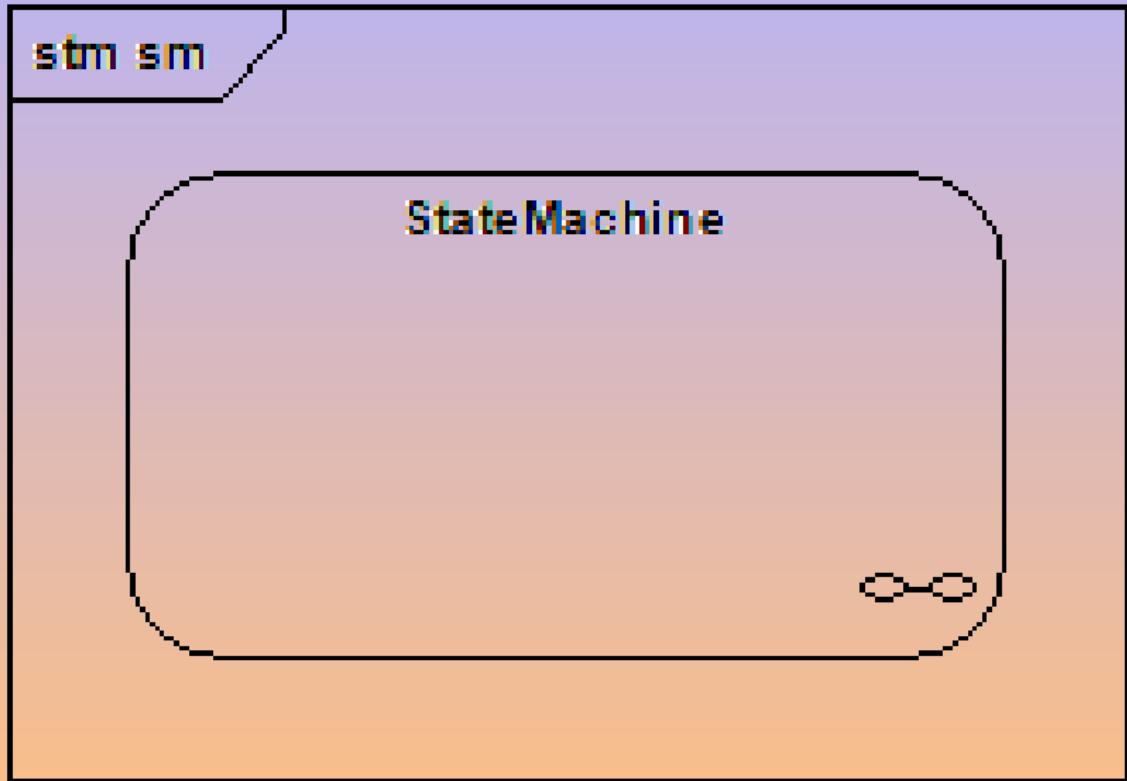
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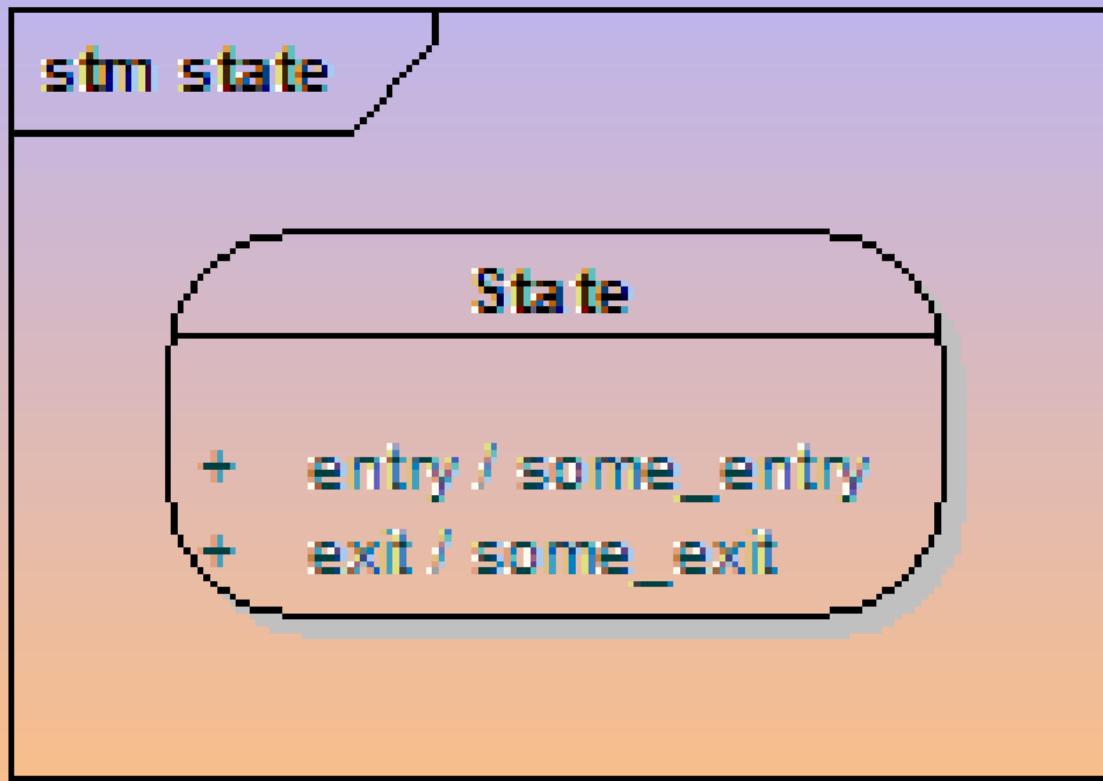
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Boost.MSM: State

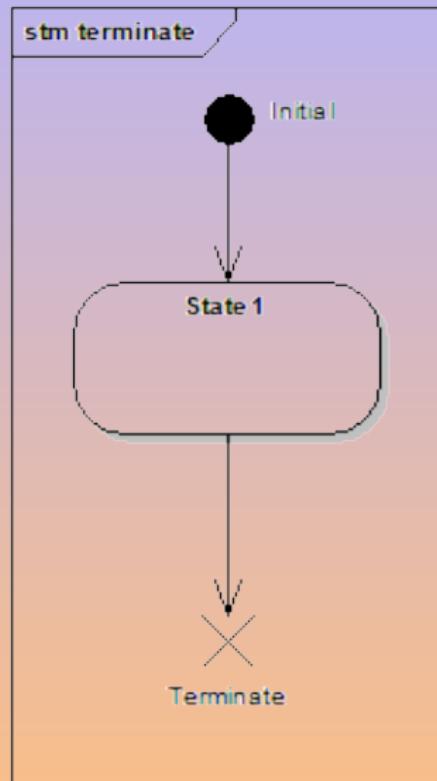


Boost.MSM: Transition

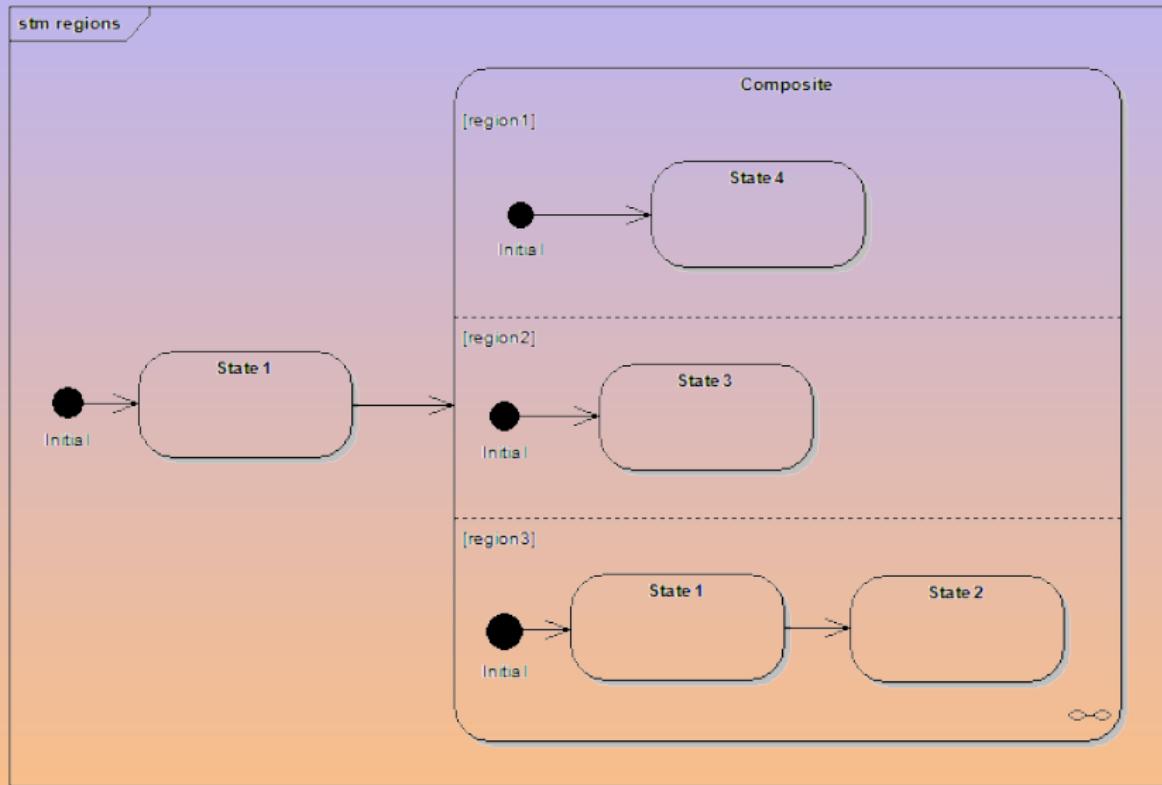
event[guard] / action



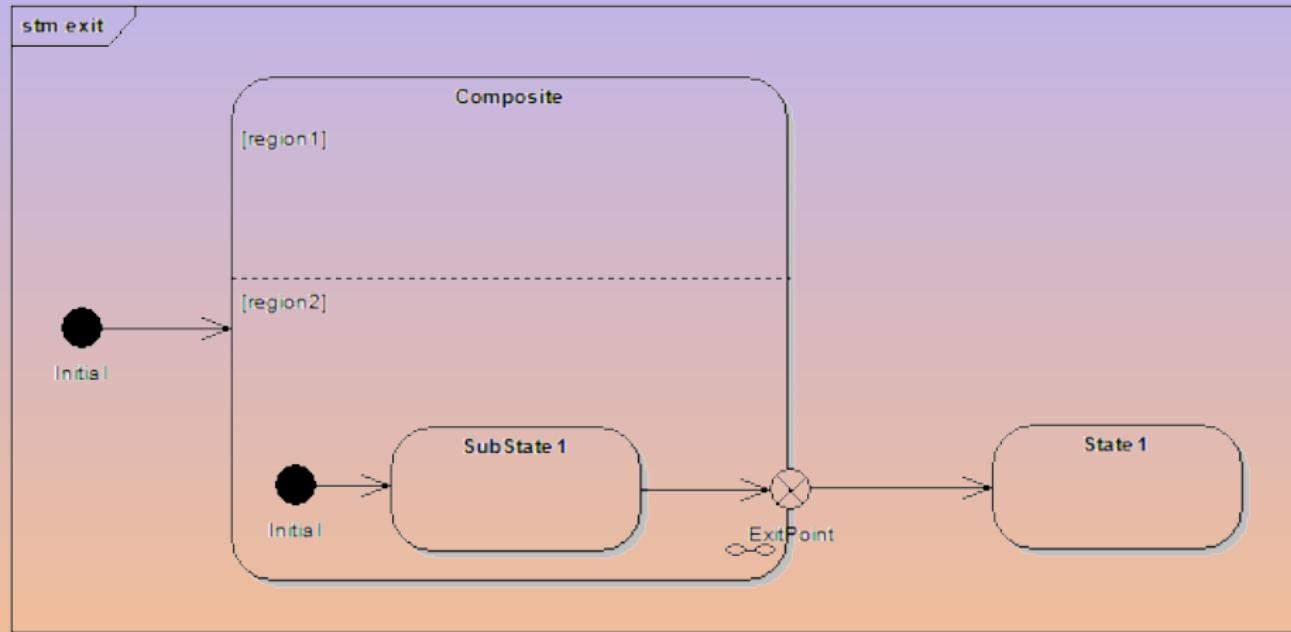
Boost.MSM: Initial/Final State



Boost.MSM: Sub-Machines

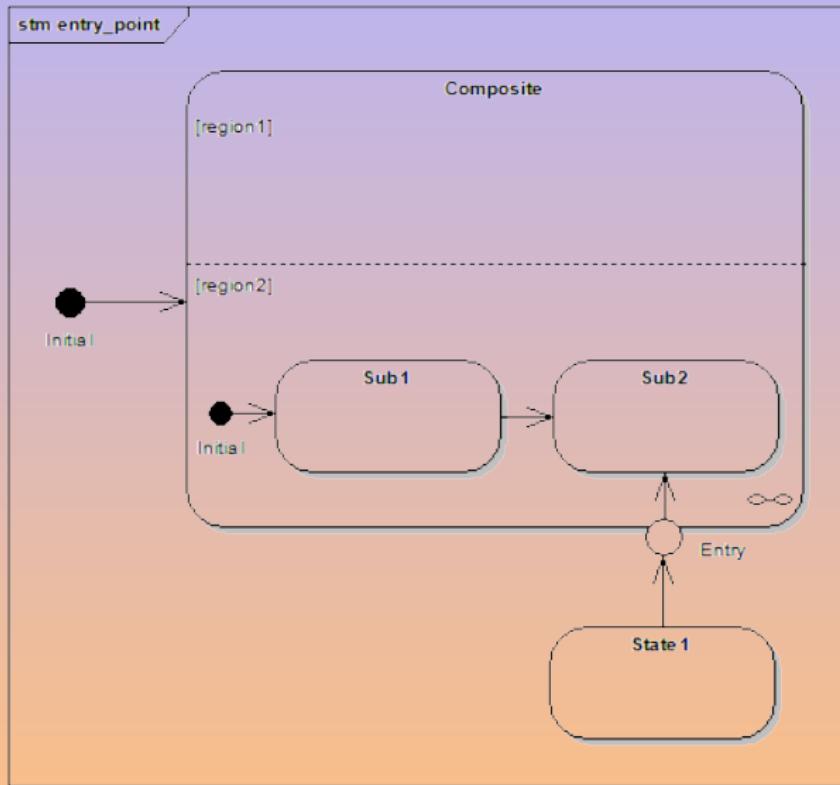


Boost.MSM: Sub-Machines Exit

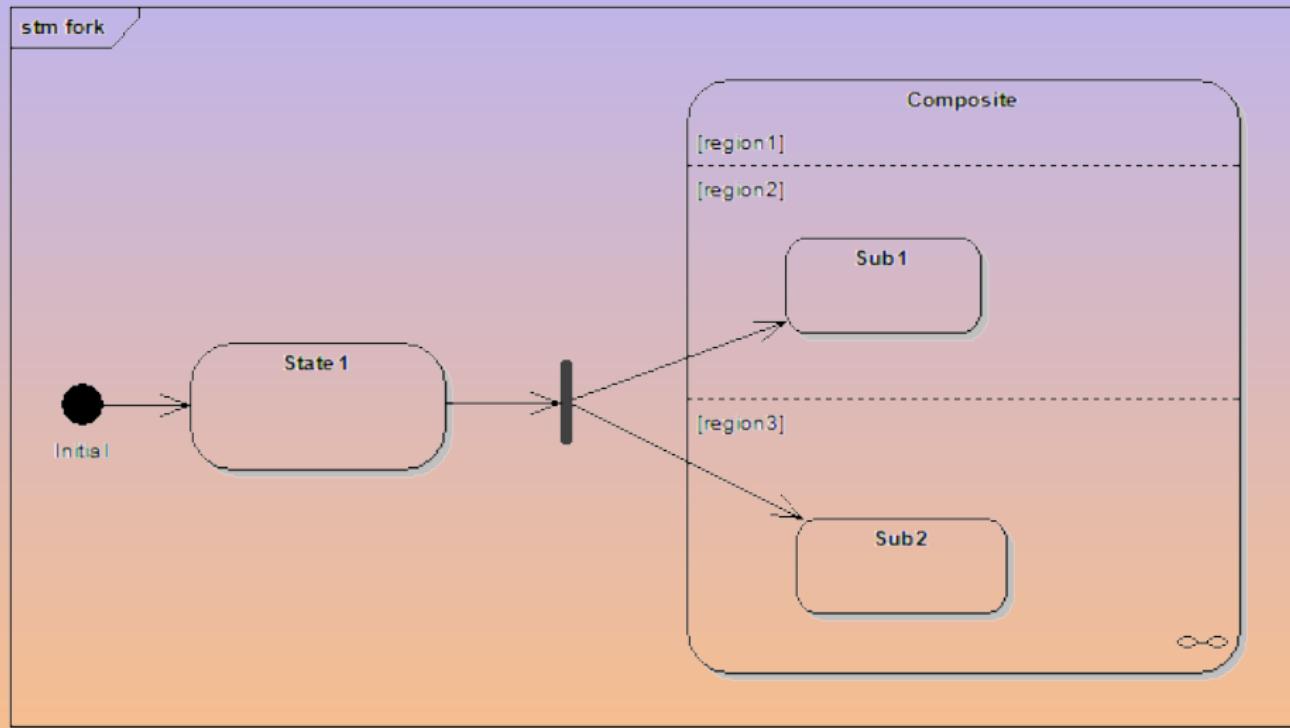


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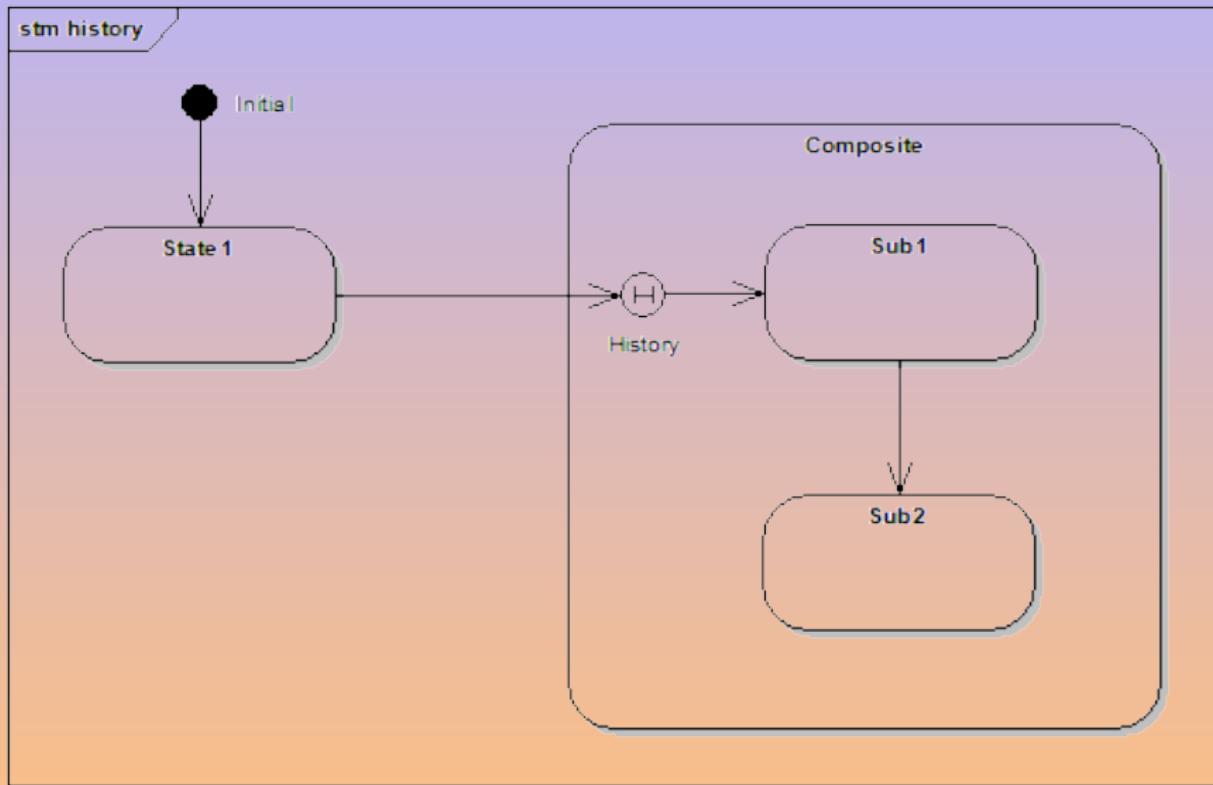
Boost.MSM: Sub-Machines Entry-point



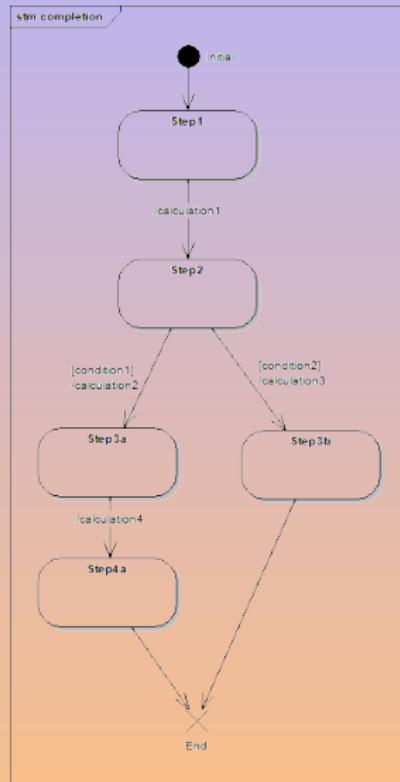
Boost.MSM: Sub-Machines Fork



Boost.MSM: Sub-Machines History



Boost. MSM: Spontaneous Transitions



Boost.MSM: CD Player: Basic Front-End

```
struct transition_table : mpl::vector<
//    Start   Event      Target     Action           Guard
//    +-----+-----+-----+-----+
a_row<Stopped, play      , Playing, &CDP::start_playback      ,
a_row<Stopped, open_close, Open   , &CDP::open_drawer        ,
_row<Stopped, stop       , Stopped,                           ,
//    +-----+-----+-----+-----+
a_row<Open    , open_close, Empty  , &CDP::close_drawer      ,
//    +-----+-----+-----+-----+
a_row<Empty   , open_close, Open   , &CDP::open_drawer      ,
  row<Empty   , cd_detected, Stopped, &CDP::store_cd_info, &CDP::good_disk_format>,
  row<Empty   , cd_detected, Playing, &CDP::store_cd_info, &CDP::auto_start      ,
//    +-----+-----+-----+-----+
a_row<Playing, stop      , Stopped, &CDP::stop_playback      ,
a_row<Playing, pause      , Paused  , &CDP::pause_playback      ,
a_row<Playing, open_close, Open   , &CDP::stop_and_open      ,
//    +-----+-----+-----+-----+
a_row<Paused  , end_pause , Playing, &CDP::resume_playback      ,
a_row<Paused  , stop       , Stopped, &CDP::stop_playback      ,
a_row<Paused  , open_close, Open   , &CDP::stop_and_open      ,
//    +-----+-----+-----+-----+
> {};
```

Boost.MSM: CD Player: Functor Front-End

```
struct transition_table : mpl::vector<
    // Start   Event      Target     Action          Guard
// +-----+-----+-----+-----+
Row<Stopped, play      , Playing, start_playback , none           >,
Row<Stopped, open_close , Open   , open_drawer    , none           >,
Row<Stopped, stop       , Stopped, none        , none           >,
// +-----+-----+-----+-----+
Row<Open    , open_close , Empty  , close_drawer  , none           >,
// +-----+-----+-----+-----+
Row<Empty   , open_close , Open   , open_drawer  , none           >,
Row<Empty   , cd_detected, Stopped, store_cd_info , good_disk_format >,
Row<Empty   , cd_detected, Playing, store_cd_info , auto_start     >,
// +-----+-----+-----+-----+
Row<Playing, stop      , Stopped, stop_playback , none           >,
Row<Playing, pause     , Paused  , pause_playback , none           >,
Row<Playing, open_close , Open   , stop_and_open , none           >,
// +-----+-----+-----+-----+
Row<Paused  , end_pause , Playing, resume_playback, none         >,
Row<Paused  , stop      , Stopped, stop_playback  , none           >,
Row<Paused  , open_close , Open   , stop_and_open , none           >
// +-----+-----+-----+-----+
> {};
```

Boost.MSM: CD Player: Functor Front-End

```
struct store_cd_info
{
    template <class Fsm, class Evt, class SourceState, class TargetState>
    void operator()(Evt const&, Fsm& fsm, SourceState&, TargetState& )
    {
        std::cout << "player::store_cd_info" << std::endl;
        fsm.process_event(play());
    }
};
```

Boost.MSM: eUML Front-End

A transition can be defined using eUML as:

```
source + event [guard] / action == target
```

or as

```
target == source + event [guard] / action
```

Boost.MSM: CD Player: eUML Front-End

```
BOOST MSM_EUML_TRANSITION_TABLE((  
    Stopped + play [some_guard] / (some_action , start_playback) == Playing,  
    Stopped + open_close/ open_drawer == Open ,  
    Stopped + stop == Stopped,  
    Open + open_close / close_drawer == Empty ,  
    Empty + open_close / open_drawer == Open ,  
    Empty + cd_detected [good_disk_format] / store_cd_info == Stopped  
) ,transition_table)
```

MSM vs. StateChart

MSM

- much faster
- no RTTI, does not require anything virtual
- has a more complete UML2 support
- offers better front-ends
- tough on compilation

StateChart

- simpler
- spread the layout over multiple translation units
(states, transitions)

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Boost.IOState

```
#include <iostream>
#include <ios>

void hex(std::ostream &os, char byte)
{
    os << std::hex << static_cast<unsigned>(byte);
}
```

Boost.IOState

```
#include <boost/io/ios_state.hpp>
#include <iostream>
#include <iostream>
#include <ostream>

void hex(std::ostream &os, char byte)
{
    boost::io::ios_flags_saver ifs(os);
    os << std::hex << static_cast<unsigned>(byte);
}
```

Boost.IOState

```
int main()
{
{
    boost::io::ios_all_saver ias(std::cout);
    hex(std::cout, 'A');

}

//...

{
    boost::io::ios_all_saver ias(std::cerr);
    hex(std::cerr, 'b');
    ias.restore();
    hex(std::cerr, 'C');

}
}
```

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Using Boost

- Use Benoît Sigoure's 'boost.m4' Autoconf's macro
- Rely on the distribution
- Install it by hand
- BoostPro is discontinued
- Try bcp

bcp

```
$ mkdir foo  
$ bcp boost/regex.hpp foo
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```
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```

```
$ bcp scoped_ptr regex --namespace=myboost myboost
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```

```
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```

```
$ git ls-files -z | xargs -0 \  
  bcp --report --namespace=myboost --namespace-alias --scan {} myboost
```

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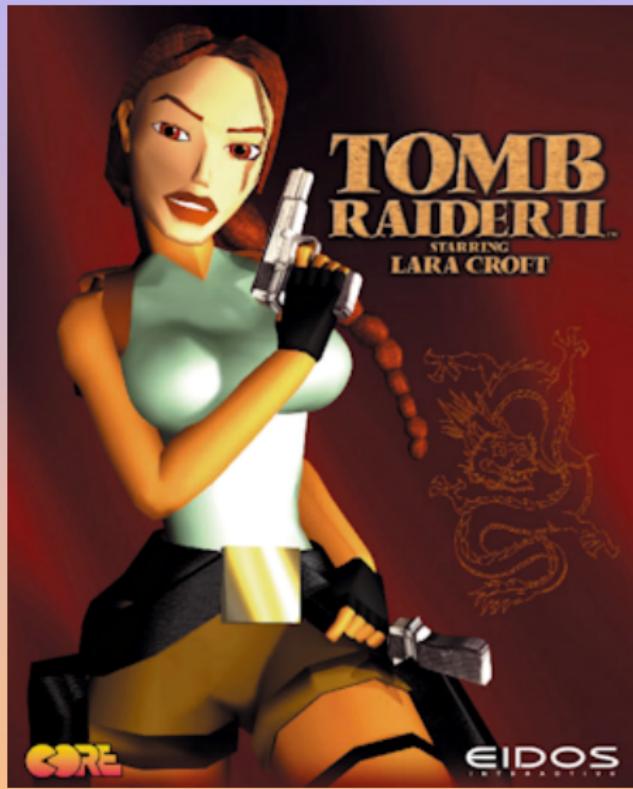
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TR2



TR2: Request for Proposals (2005)

Special interest in Unicode, XML/HTML, Networking and usability for novice programmers.

- Threads
- The Asio C++ library (networking).
- Signals/Slots
- Filesystem Library (Boost.Filesystem)
- Boost.Any
- Lexical conversion library
- New string algorithms
- More complete taxonomy of algebraic properties for numeric libraries
- Heterogeneous comparison lookup for associative containers

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- googletest
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- gflags
- sparsehash

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Folly: Facebook Open-source Library

Open-source C++ library developed and used at Facebook.

<https://github.com/facebook/folly>

<https://groups.google.com/d/forum/facebook-folly>

Folly: dynamic (Tailored for JSON)

```
dynamic twelve = 12;
dynamic str = "string";
dynamic nul = nullptr;
dynamic boolean = false;

// Arrays can be initialized with brackets.
dynamic array = { "array ", "of ", 4, " elements" };
assert(array.size() == 4);
dynamic emptyArray = {};
assert(emptyArray.empty());

// Maps from dynamics to dynamics are called objects.  The
// dynamic::object constant is how you make an empty map from dynamics
// to dynamics.
dynamic map = dynamic::object;
map["something"] = 12;
map["another_something"] = map["something"] * 2;

// Dynamic objects may be initialized this way.
dynamic map2 = dynamic::object("something", 12)("another_something", 24);
```

Folly: Strings

- 100% compatible with `std::string`.
- Thread-safe reference counted copy-on-write for strings large strings.
- Uses `malloc`.
- `Jemalloc`-friendly.
- `find`: 30x speed for successful searches and 1.5x for failed ones
(Boyer-Moore)
- Offers conversions to and from `std::string`.

Folly: Vectors

“Simply replacing `std::vector` with `folly::fbvector` will improve the performance of your C++ code using vectors with common coding patterns.

The improvements are:

- *always non-negative,*
- *almost always measurable,*
- *frequently significant,*
- *sometimes dramatic,*
- *and occasionally spectacular.*

Folly: Format

```
std::cout << format("The answers are {} and {}", 23, 42);
// => "The answers are 23 and 42"

std::cout << format("The answers are {1}, {0}, and {1} again", 23, 42);
// => "The answers are 42, 23, and 42 again"

std::vector<int> v {23, 42};
std::map<std::string, std::string> m1{ {"what", "answer"} };
std::cout << format("The only {1[what]} is {0[1]}", v, m1);
// => "The only answer is 42"

std::map<std::string, std::string> m2{{"what","answer"}, {"value", "42"}};
std::cout << vformat("The only {what} is {value}", m2);
// => "The only answer is 42"

std::tuple<int, std::string, int> t {42, "hello", 23};
std::cout << vformat("{0} {2} {1}", t);
// => "42 23 hello"
```

Folly: Format

```
// "X<10": fill with 'X', left-align ('<'), width 10
std::cout << format("{:X<10} {}", "hello", "world");
// => "helloXXXX world"

// Format supports printf-style format specifiers
std::cout << format("{0:05d} decimal = {0:04x} hex", 42);
// => "00042 decimal = 002a hex"
```



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