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Myths, Dogma and Practice

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Abstract

The C++ community is very large and quite vocal when it comes to controversial issues. We're very fragmented on many topics, based on the breadth of the C++ ecosystem and the background/experience we each bring from our C++ niche.

From CppCoreGuidelines to opinionated best practices to established idioms, there's a lot of good information easily available. Mixed up with all of this there are also plenty of myths. Some myths stem from obsolete information, some from bad teaching materials.

In this presentation, I will dissect a few of the most popular C++ myths to a level of detail not possible on Twitter… and without the stigma of newb/duplicate/eyeroll one might experience when asking these questions on StackOverflow.

Expect the familiar "Busted", "Plausible", or "Confirmed" verdicts on each myth and come prepared to chat about these.

This is **Part 2** of the Mythbusters series.

Q & A

Do ask questions as we go along

Comments are welcome, too

Actually, ...

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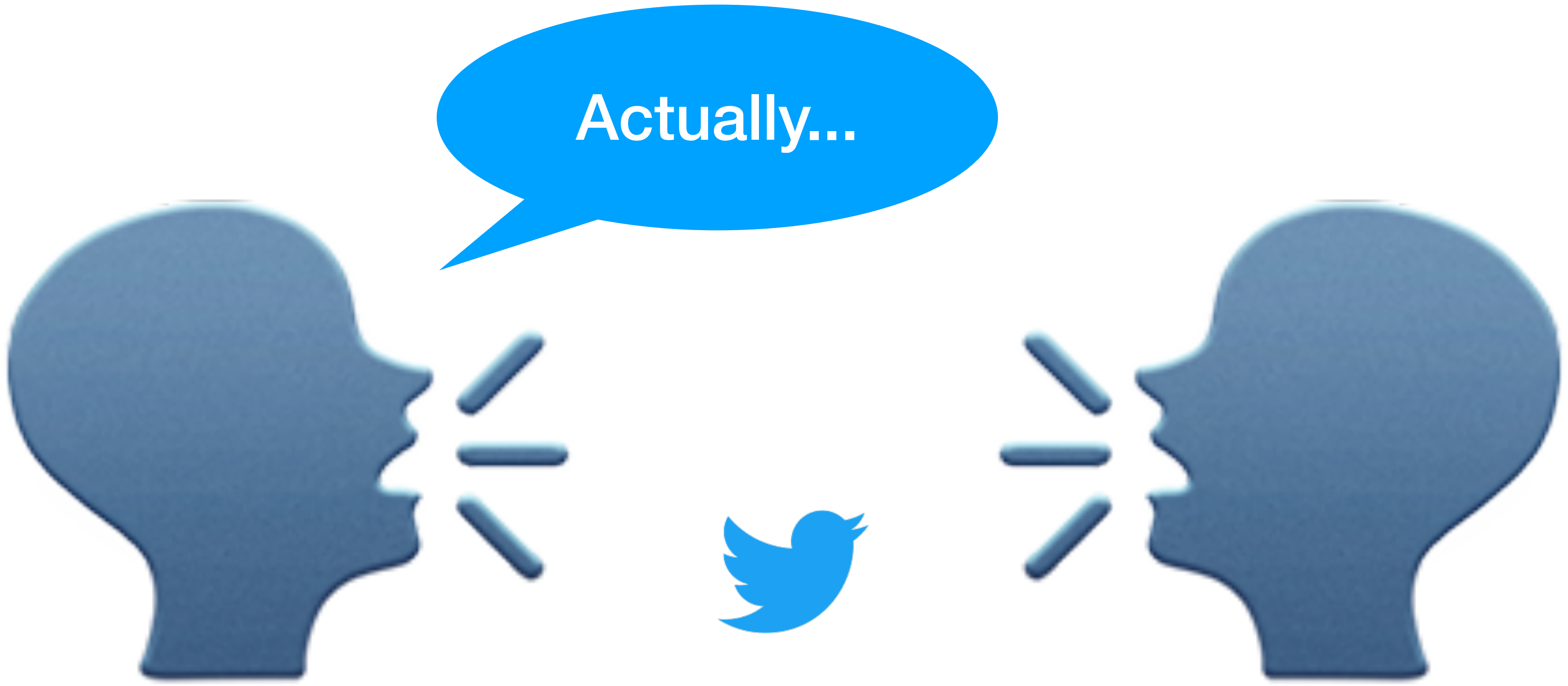

Your opinion...

Developers love to treat their opinions like facts: "*This is the right way*"

No, that's just another way, with a different set of pros and cons.

-- David Fowler

We're Different

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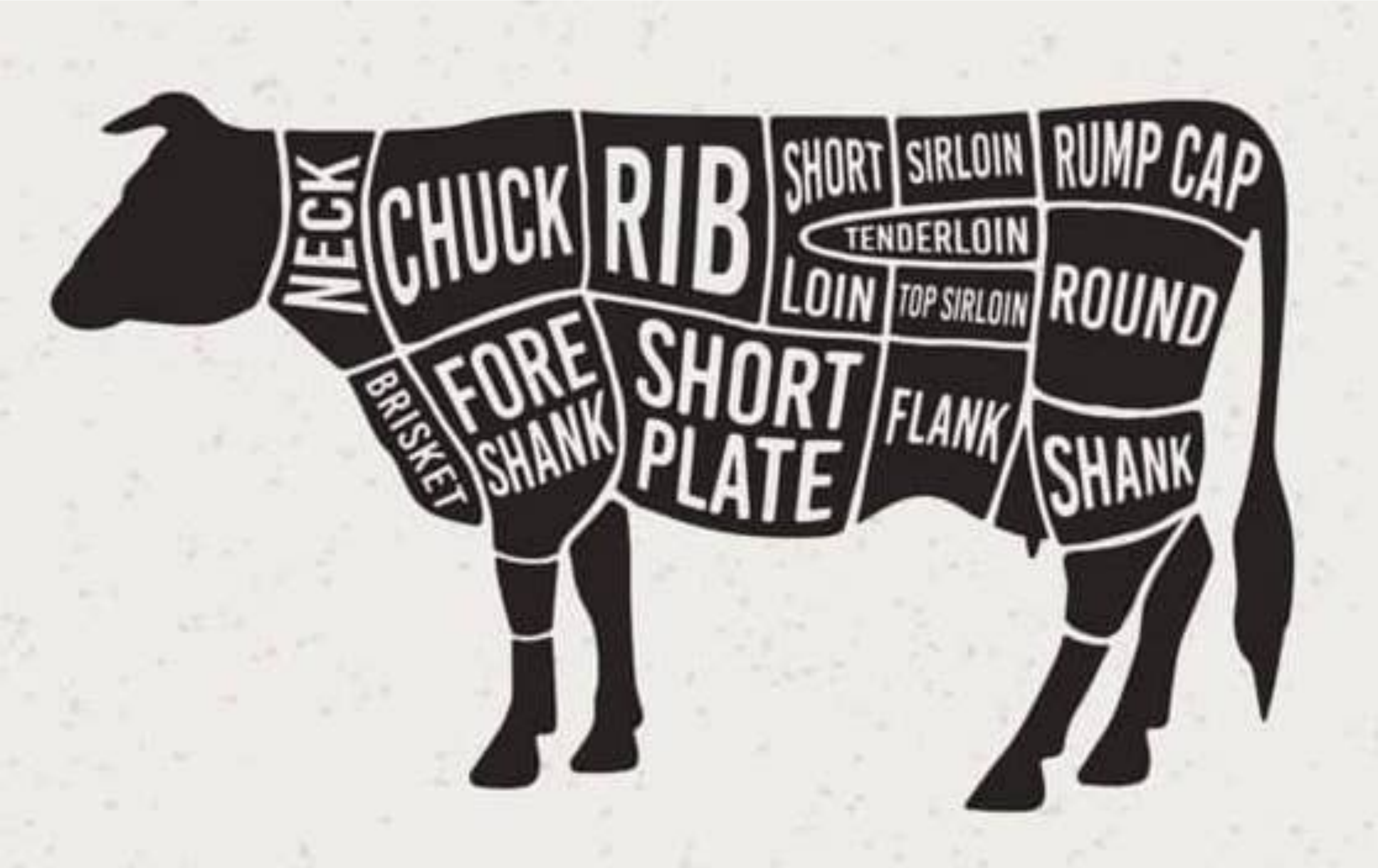

Sources

A lot of good information easily available:

- CppCoreGuidelines
- (opinionated) best practices
- established idioms
- books
- conference presentations
- StackOverflow

Myths

Mixed up with all of this, there are also plenty of myths

- some myths stem from obsolete information
- some from bad teaching materials
- old coding guidelines in some projects
- onboarding C++ beginners on legacy C++ codebases (bad habits by example)

Help 😸

Hi, I have problems catching mice, any advice please?
Catching mice is no longer considered a best practice.
Recommend upgrading to relying on humans.
Covered by "How to stalk birds." Marked as duplicate.

StackOverflow

Motivation

How it started...

Mythbusting with Jason - unscripted improv (Pandemic edition)

21k views

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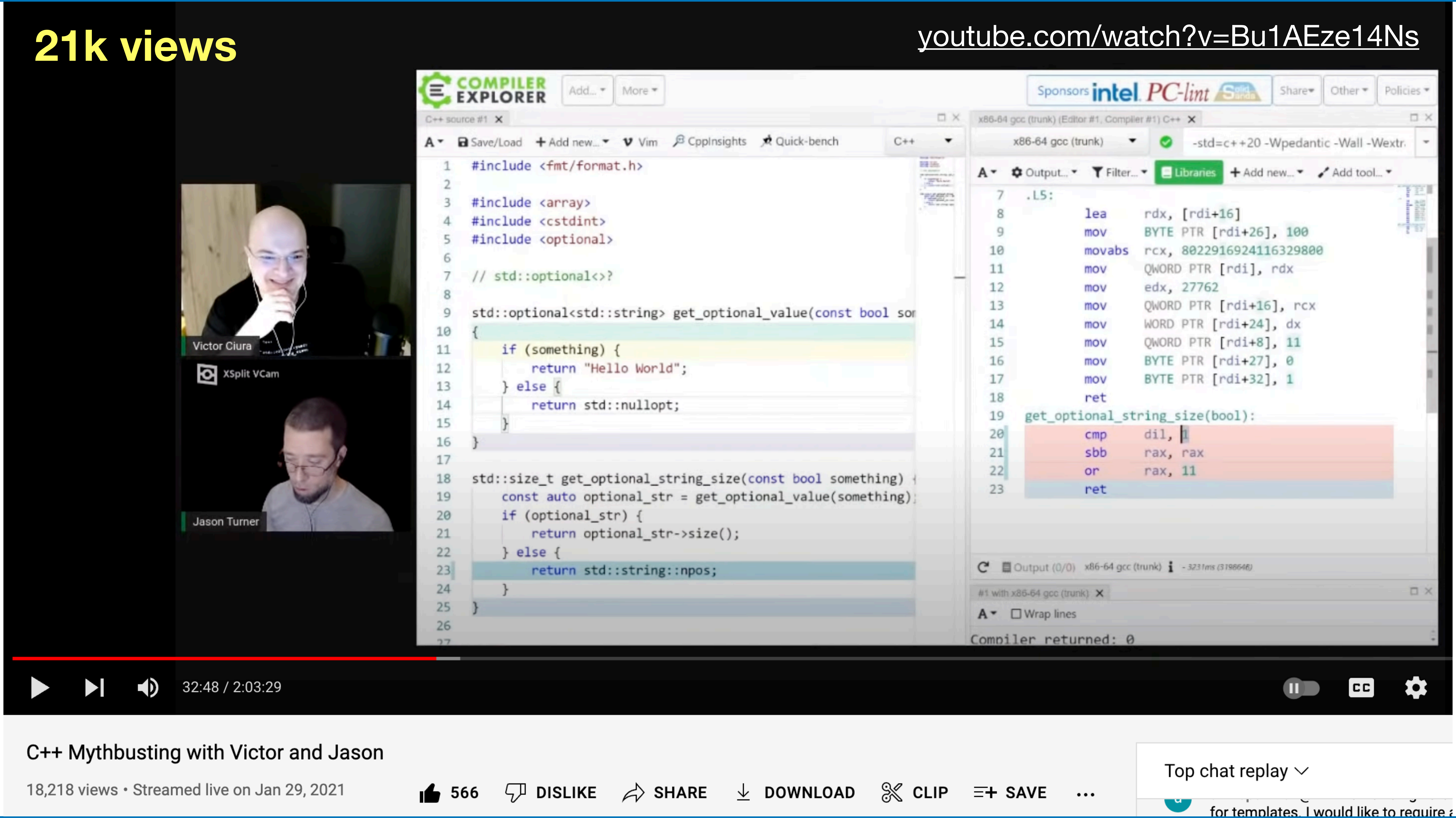

```cpp
#include <fmt/format.h>

#include <array>
#include <cstdint>
#include <optional>

// std::optional<>?

std::optional<std::string> get_optional_value(const bool sor
{
    if (something) {
        return "Hello World";
    } else {
        return std::nullopt;
    }
}

std::size_t get_optional_string_size(const bool something) {
    const auto optional_str = get_optional_value(something);
    if (optional_str) {
        return optional_str->size();
    } else {
        return std::string::npos;
    }
}
```

```asm
.L5:
        lea     rdx, [rdi+16]
        mov     BYTE PTR [rdi+26], 100
        movabs  rcx, 8022916924116329800
        mov     QWORD PTR [rdi], rdx
        mov     edx, 27762
        mov     QWORD PTR [rdi+16], rcx
        mov     WORD PTR [rdi+24], dx
        mov     QWORD PTR [rdi+8], 11
        mov     BYTE PTR [rdi+27], 0
        mov     BYTE PTR [rdi+32], 1
        ret
get_optional_string_size(bool):
        cmp     dil, 1
        sbb     rax, rax
        or      rax, 11
        ret
```

```
Compiler returned: 0
```

C++ Mythbusting with Victor and Jason

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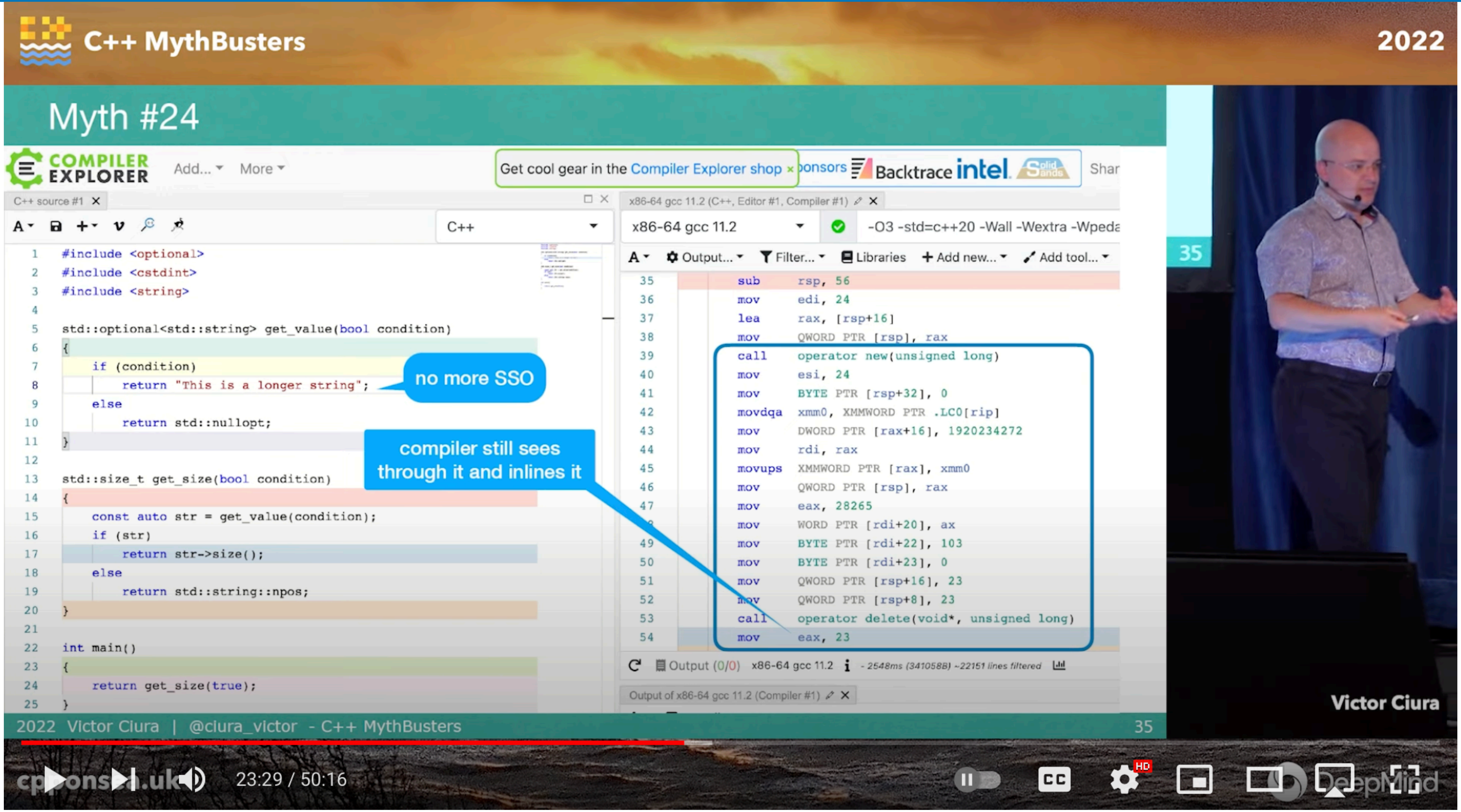
Top chat replay

for templates, I would like to require a

C++ Mythbusters - Season 1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Myth #24
COMPILER EXPLORER
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C++ source #1
C++
x86-64 gcc 11.2 (C++, Editor #1, Compiler #1)
x86-64 gcc 11.2
-O3 -std=c++20 -Wall -Wextra -Wpeda
Output...
Filter...
Libraries
Add new...
Add tool...
Output (0/0)
x86-64 gcc 11.2
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Output of x86-64 gcc 11.2 (Compiler #1)
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DeepMind

```cpp
#include <optional>
#include <cstdint>
#include <string>

std::optional<std::string> get_value(bool condition)
{
    if (condition)
        return "This is a longer string";
    else
        return std::nullopt;
}

std::size_t get_size(bool condition)
{
    const auto str = get_value(condition);
    if (str)
        return str->size();
    else
        return std::string::npos;
}

int main()
{
    return get_size(true);
}
```

no more SSO

compiler still sees through it and inlines it

```asm
        sub     rsp, 56
        mov     edi, 24
        lea     rax, [rsp+16]
        mov     QWORD PTR [rsp], rax
        call    operator new(unsigned long)
        mov     esi, 24
        mov     BYTE PTR [rsp+32], 0
        movdqa  xmm0, XMMWORD PTR .LC0[rip]
        mov     DWORD PTR [rax+16], 1920234272
        mov     rdi, rax
        movups  XMMWORD PTR [rax], xmm0
        mov     QWORD PTR [rsp], rax
        mov     eax, 28265
        mov     WORD PTR [rdi+20], ax
        mov     BYTE PTR [rdi+22], 103
        mov     BYTE PTR [rdi+23], 0
        mov     QWORD PTR [rsp+16], 23
        mov     QWORD PTR [rsp+8], 23
        call    operator delete(void*, unsigned long)
        mov     eax, 23
```

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Season 1 Recap

What we covered so far (Part 1):

- #11 printf/sprintf are very fast
- #14 C++ is not easily toolable 🛠
- #19 std::regex is too slow for production use
- #24a std::optional inhibits optimizations
- #24b std::optional complicates APIs (boxes, lifting, continuation monads)
- #31 std::move() moves
- #36 Always pass input arguments by const reference (move, sinks)
- #5 Adding `const` always helps (places where not to use `const`)
- #37 Make All Data Members Private? (abstraction, structs, perf, DOD)
- #40 Iterators must go!
- #0 New (C++) is the enemy of the old

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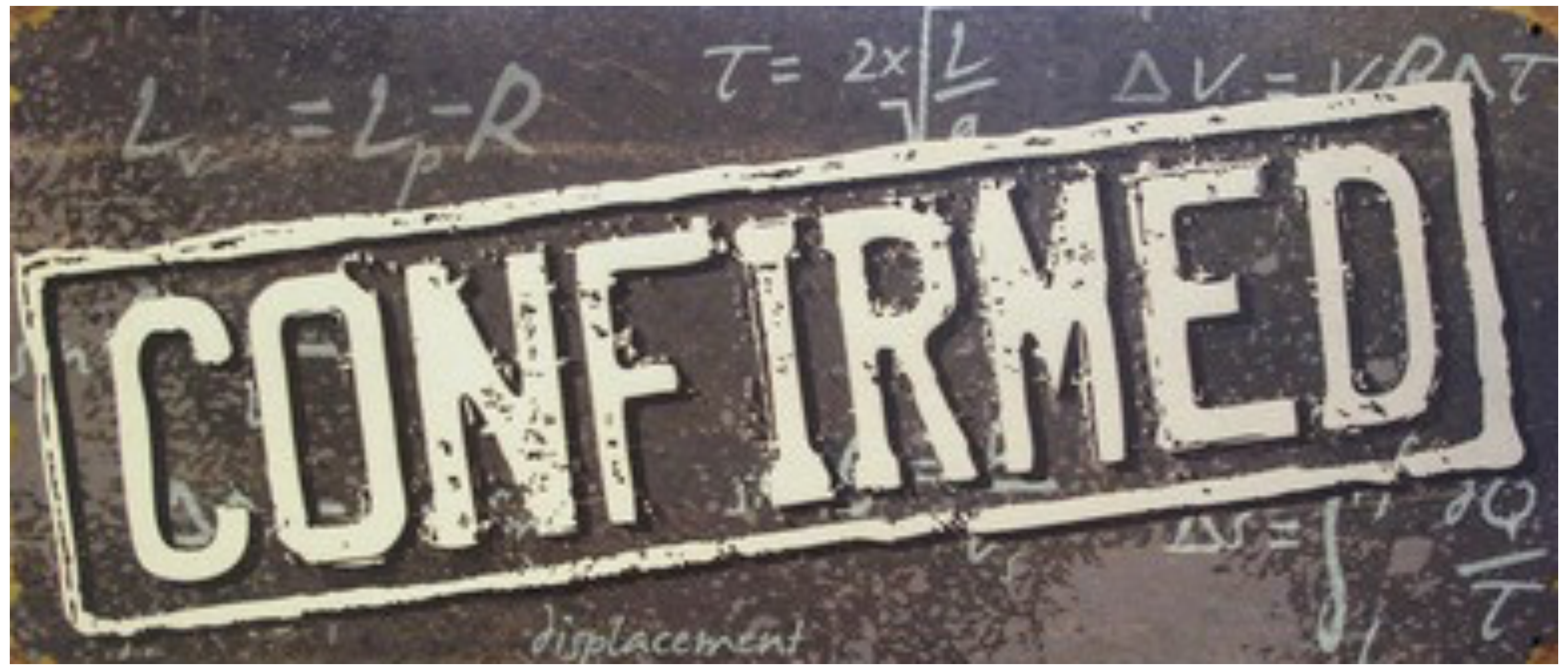
Motivation

🗣 I want to instigate a healthy dialog,

so speak up

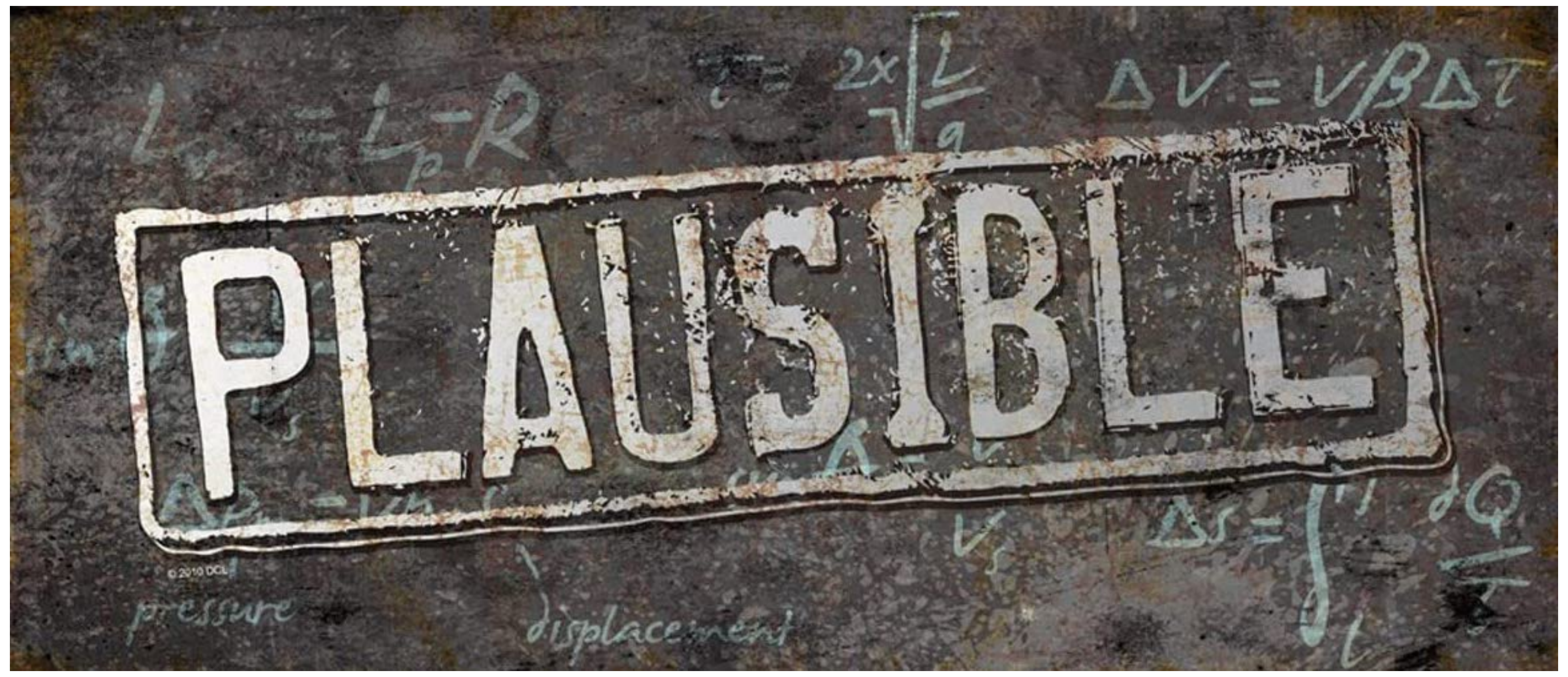
Verdict



Verdict

A programmer's staple response:

"It depends..." 🤓



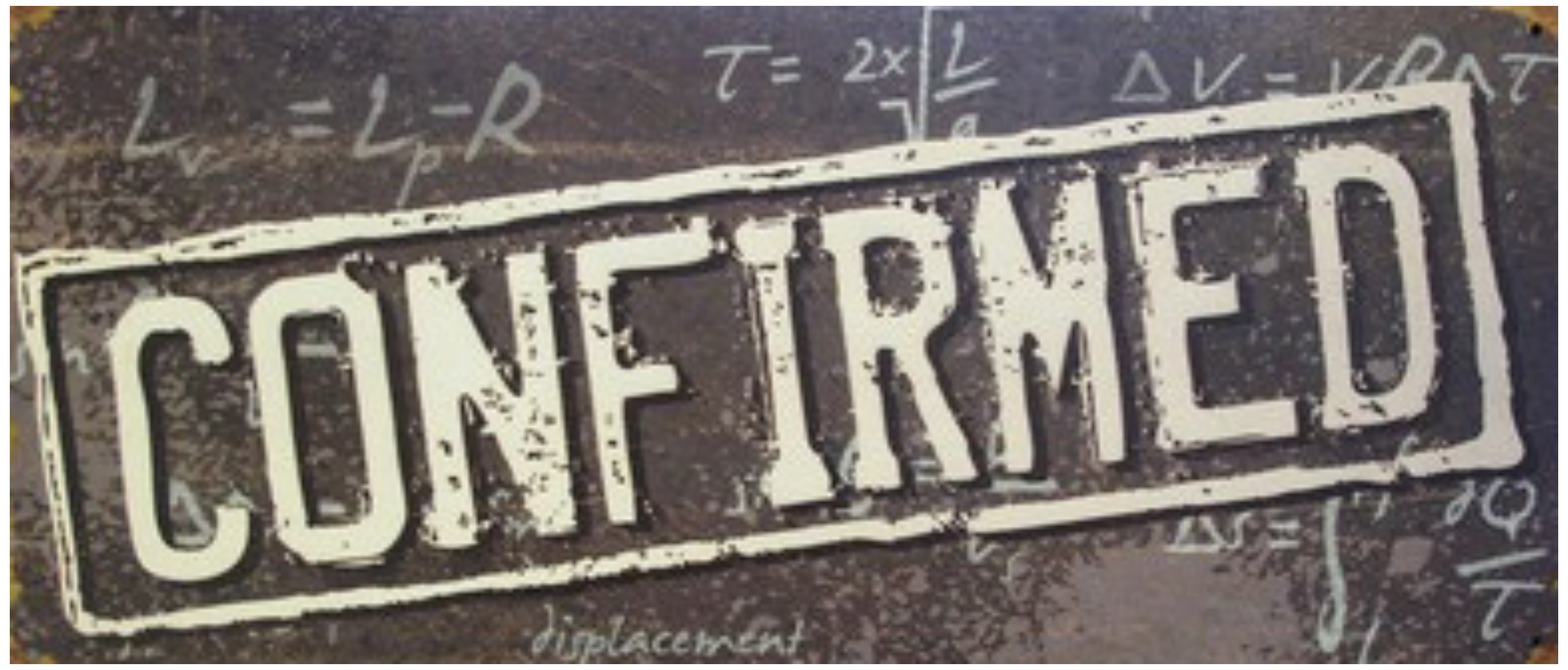
Verdict

Let's test this...

🙋

Test Myth

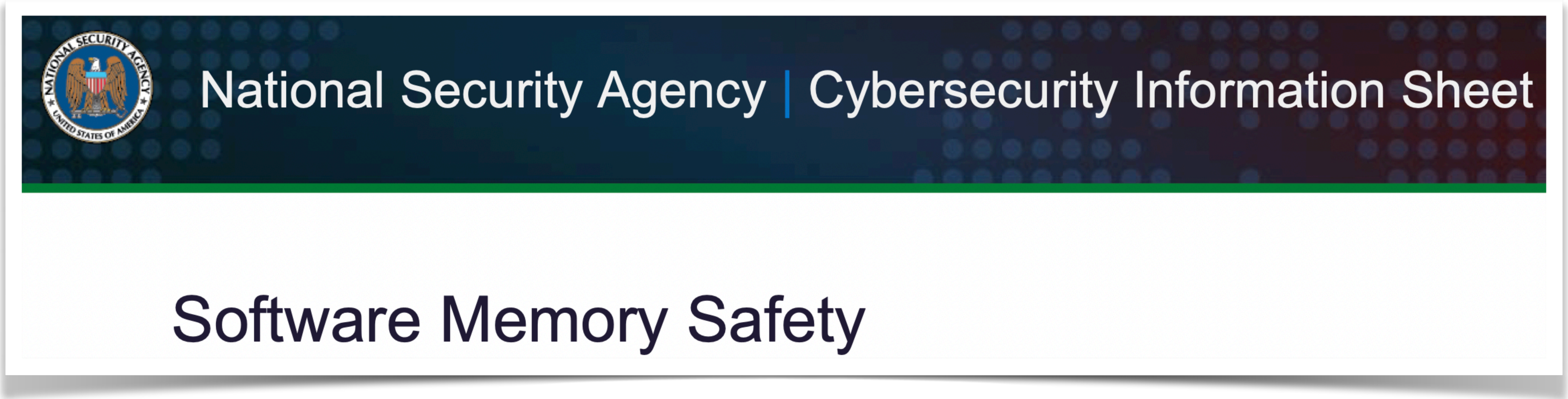
> C++ is inherently unsafe and there's very little* we can do about it



Just kidding 😄

It's not a myth, we've known this for years before NSA

media.defense.gov/2022/Nov/10/2003112742/-1/-1/0/CSI_SOFTWARE_MEMORY_SAFETY.PDF



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Software Memory Safety

Test Myth

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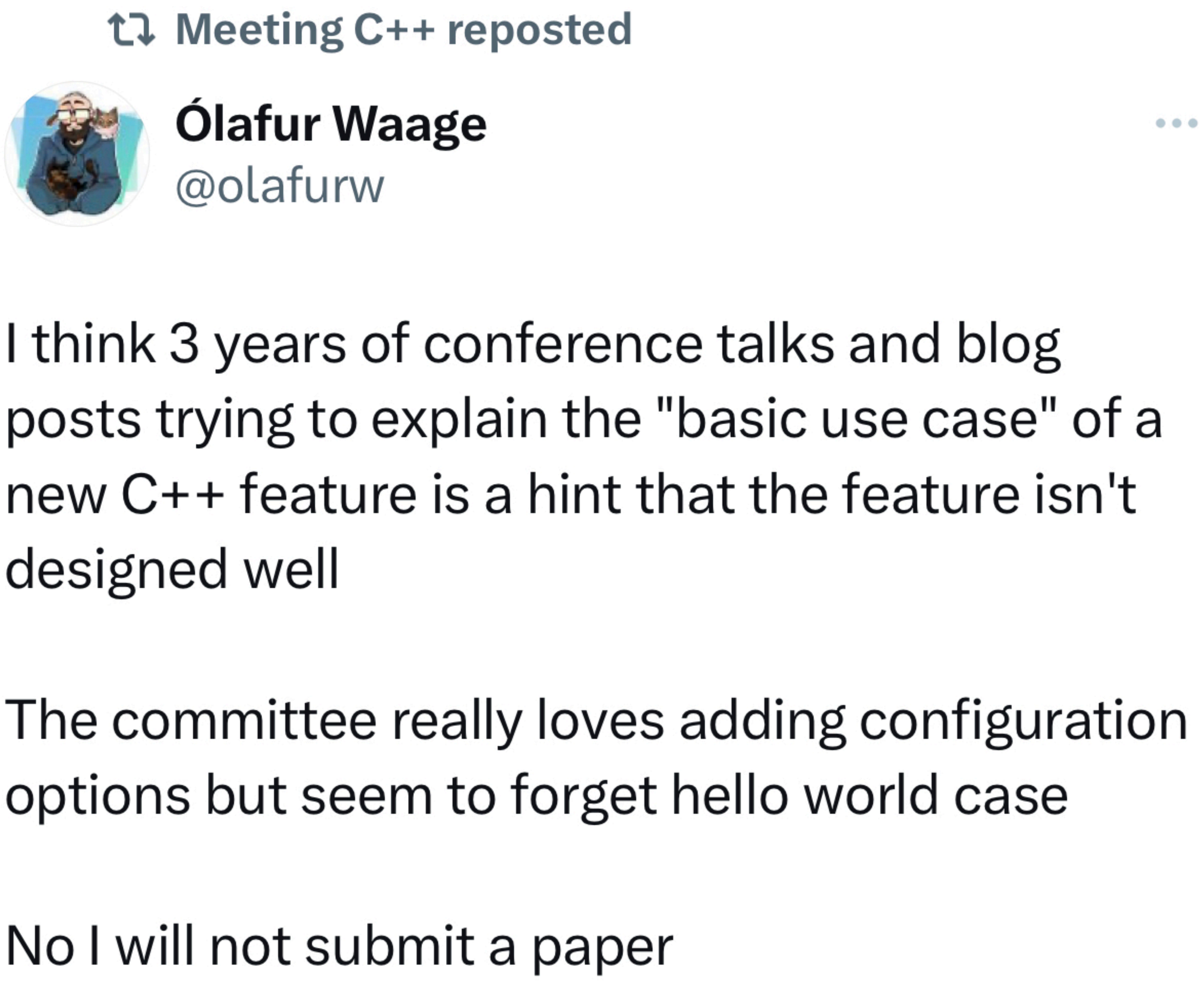
Integrating C++ header units into **Office** using MSVC (Part 2).
The path to a clean code structure and better build throughput.
devblogs.microsoft.com/cppblog/integrating-c-header-units-into-office-using-msvc-2-n/

Test Myth

coroutines shipped in C++20



Meeting C++ reposted

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I think 3 years of conference talks and blog posts trying to explain the "basic use case" of a new C++ feature is a hint that the feature isn't designed well

The committee really loves adding configuration options but seem to forget hello world case

No I will not submit a paper

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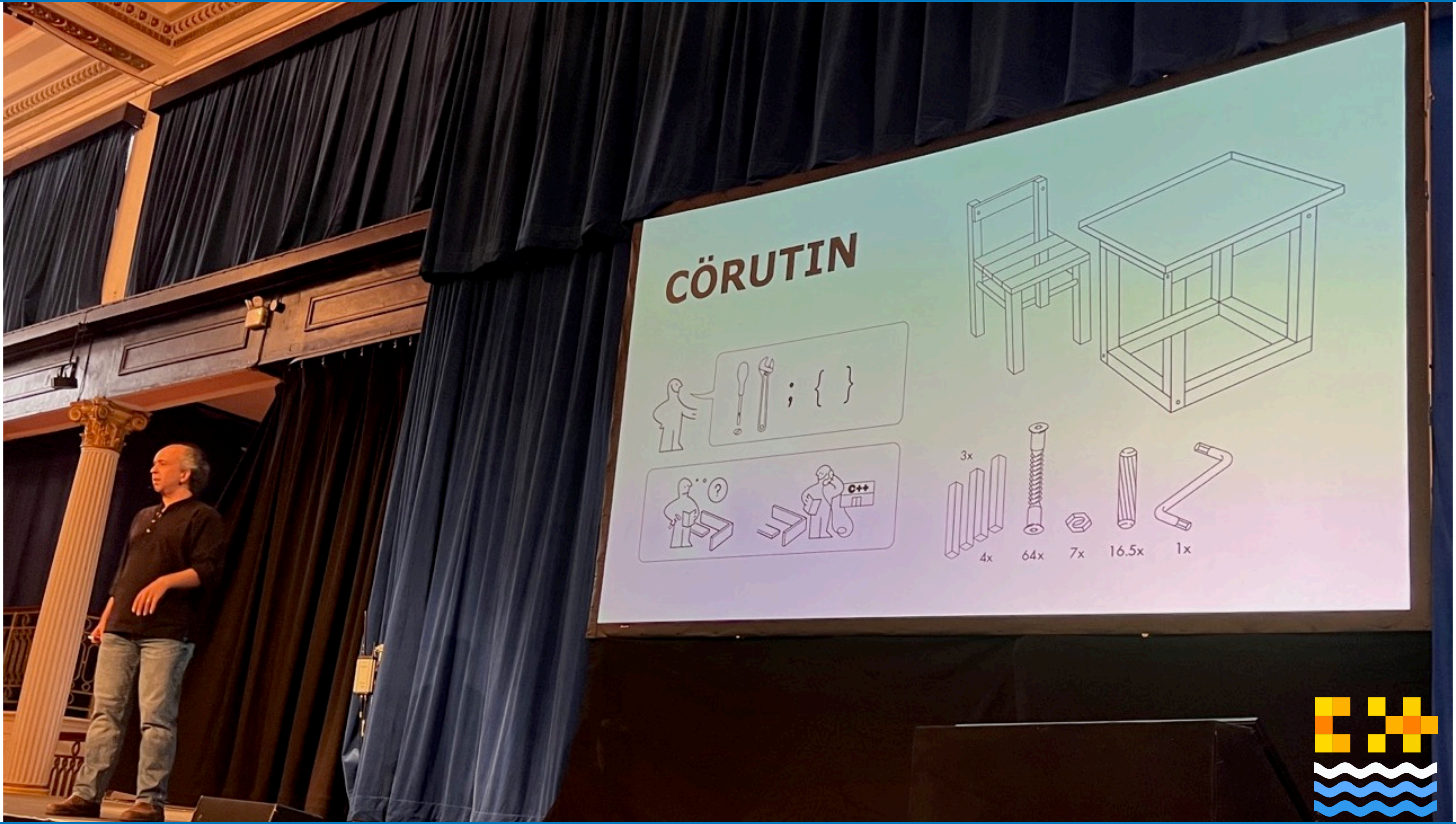

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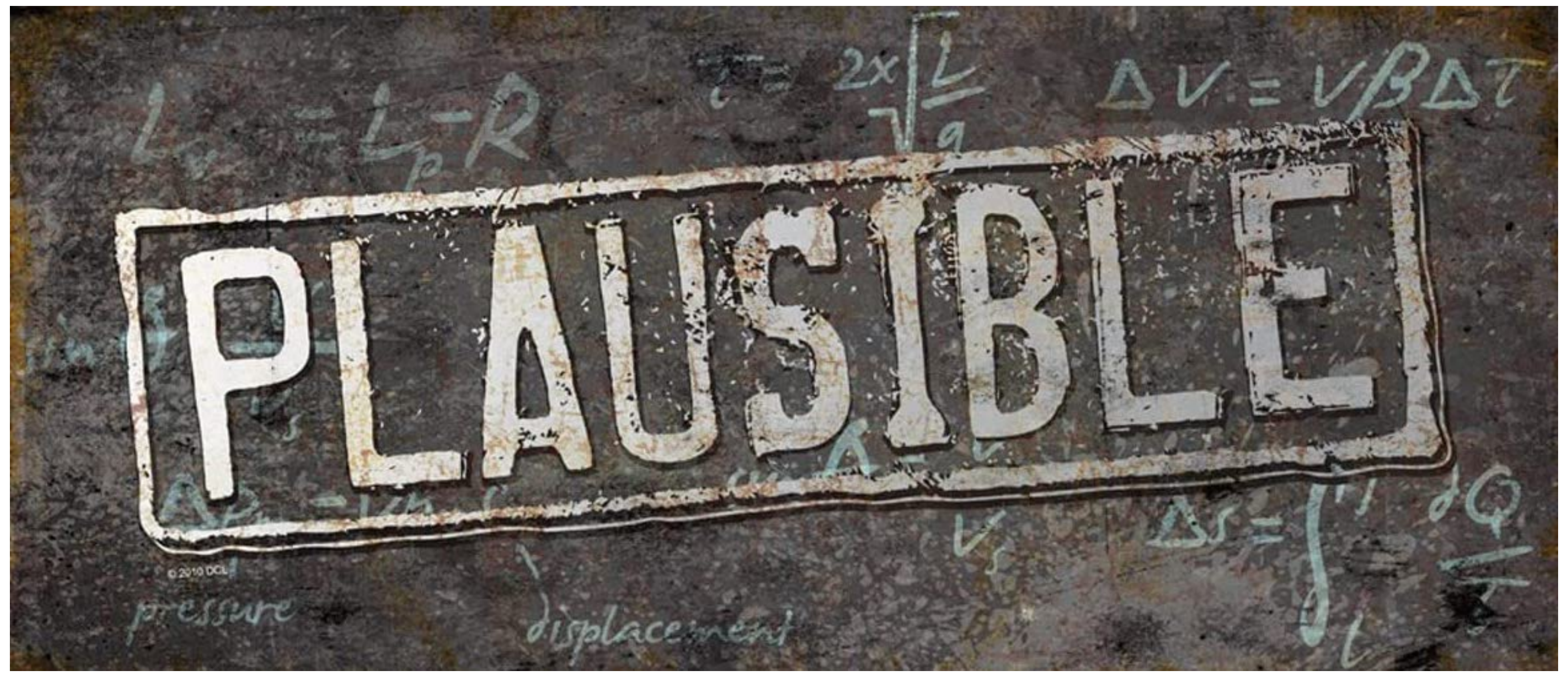


Kinda... 😔

We're going to get a generators library in C++23 (ranges library)

```
#include <generator>
```

Verdict

I think you got how it works

Mythbusting Series

<Part 2 of N>

C++ Myths

Let's dig in!

Humans Depend on Tools

Myth #14

C++ is not easily toolable 🛠️

Tools 🧰

I'm a tool builder

Advanced Installer

Clang Power Tools

Visual C++

Programmers Depend on Tools

code editor/IDE

IntelliSense

recent compiler(s)
[conformant/strict]

linter/formatter

perf profiler

(visual) debugger

test framework

(automated) refactoring tools

build system

static analyzer

CI/CD service

package manager

dynamic analyzer
(runtime)

code reviews platform

SCM client

+ fuzzing

Programmers Depend on Tools

C++ Weekly - The Right Way to Write C++ Code

youtube.com/watch?v=q7Gv4J3FyYE

github.com/lefticus/cpp_weekly/issues/175

lefticus commented 26 days ago

Owner
Author

We are in a golden age of C++ tools

If you are developing blindly, without any tool guidance, you are doing C++ wrong. Think of these tools like a backup camera in your car. Certainly you can back up without a camera, but having one gives you a second set of eyes, deeper into the action than is possible with your human eyes.

You need:

- Continuous build environment
  - github
  - gitlab
  - jenkins
  - <what's your favorite, did I leave it out?>
- As many compilers as you can
  - GCC
  - Clang
  - cl (visual studio)
  - clang-cl (clang's msvc compatibility)
- An organized testing framework
  - doctest
  - catch
  - gtest
  - boosttest
  - <what's your favorite, did I leave it out?>
- test coverage analysis, reporting and tracking (you need to know if your test rate is decreasing!)
  - coveralls
  - codecov
  - <what else am I missing here?>
- As much static analysis as you can (most are free or have free options)
  - *at least* `-Wall -Wextra -Wshadow -Wconversion -Wpedantic -Werror` and `-W4` on Windows
  - gcc -fanalyzer - https://gcc.gnu.org/onlinedocs/gcc/Static-Analyzer-Options.html
  - cl.exe /analyze
  - cppcheck
  - clang-tidy
  - pvs studio https://pvs-studio.com/en/
  - sonar's tools
  - <countless many options, I expect many of you to tell me that I'm mi don't work with C++>
- Runtime analysis during testing
  - address sanitizer (https://clang.llvm.org/docs/index.html)
  - undefined behavior sanitizer
  - thread sanitizer
  - valgrind (if you can tolerate it)
  - debug checked iterators
    https://gcc.gnu.org/onlinedocs/libstdc++/manual/debug_mode_usin
    https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/standard-library/checked-ite
  - drmemory
- Fuzz Testing
  - More on this coming, but every library should be fuzz tested
  - It generates novel / unique inputs for your library in an attempt to generate 100% code coverage
  - Should be used in conjunction with runtime analysis, to hard-catch any bug
- Ship with hardening enabled
  - Control Flow Guard - https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/build/reference/guard-enable-control-flow-guard?view=msvc-170
  - _FORITFY_SOURCE - https://developers.redhat.com/articles/2022/09/17/gccs-new-fortification-level
  - Stack Protector - https://gcc.gnu.org/onlinedocs/gcc/Instrumentation-Options.html
  - UBSan "Minimal runtime" mode - https://clang.llvm.org/docs/UndefinedBehaviorSanitizer.html#minimal-runtime

See more info about tools and specific compiler options and flags here: https://github.com/cpp-best-practices/cppbestpractices/blob/master/02-Use_the_Tools_Available.md

Using an IDE or plugin for your IDE can help integrate many of these things as well.

Myth #14

C++ is not easily toolable 🛠️

Get to know your tools well

Myth #10

C++ is slow to compile

It's all about the structure & build configuration you have.

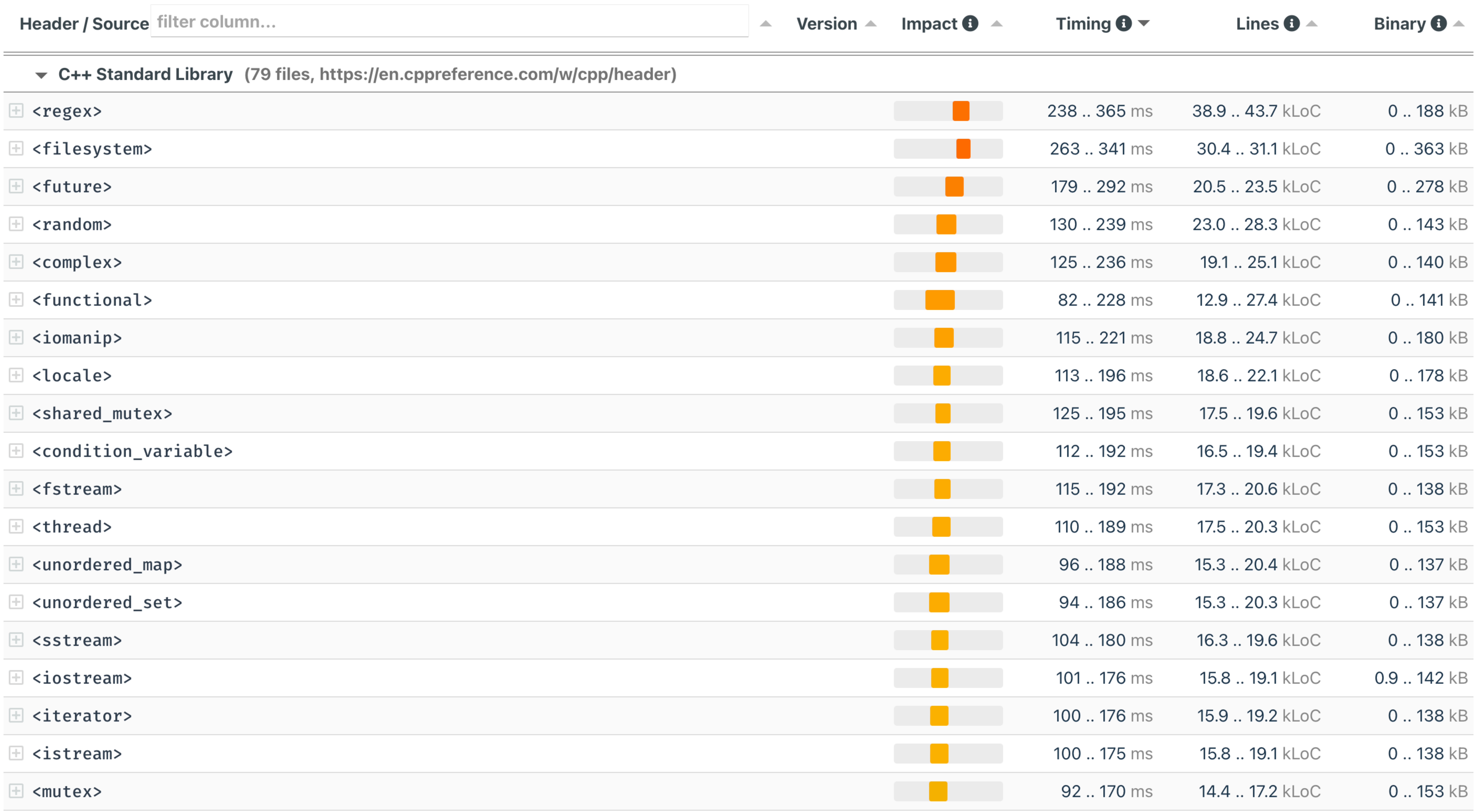
So, you think you know why your builds take so long... you'd be surprised.

Myth #10

Multiple ways to improve (or screw up) your build:

- build configuration
- project dependencies (graph)
- header usage (compilation firewalls)
- unity builds
- PCH
- C++ modules/header units
- build caches
- build accelerators
- vfs
- ... use ranges

Myth #10



Header / Source (filter column...)	Version	Impact	Timing	Lines	Binary
C++ Standard Library (79 files, https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/header)					
`<regex>`		■	238 .. 365 ms	38.9 .. 43.7 kLoC	0 .. 188 kB
`<filesystem>`		■	263 .. 341 ms	30.4 .. 31.1 kLoC	0 .. 363 kB
`<future>`		■	179 .. 292 ms	20.5 .. 23.5 kLoC	0 .. 278 kB
`<random>`		■	130 .. 239 ms	23.0 .. 28.3 kLoC	0 .. 143 kB
`<complex>`		■	125 .. 236 ms	19.1 .. 25.1 kLoC	0 .. 140 kB
`<functional>`		■	82 .. 228 ms	12.9 .. 27.4 kLoC	0 .. 141 kB
`<iomanip>`		■	115 .. 221 ms	18.8 .. 24.7 kLoC	0 .. 180 kB
`<locale>`		■	113 .. 196 ms	18.6 .. 22.1 kLoC	0 .. 178 kB
`<shared_mutex>`		■	125 .. 195 ms	17.5 .. 19.6 kLoC	0 .. 153 kB
`<condition_variable>`		■	112 .. 192 ms	16.5 .. 19.4 kLoC	0 .. 153 kB
`<fstream>`		■	115 .. 192 ms	17.3 .. 20.6 kLoC	0 .. 138 kB
`<thread>`		■	110 .. 189 ms	17.5 .. 20.3 kLoC	0 .. 153 kB
`<unordered_map>`		■	96 .. 188 ms	15.3 .. 20.4 kLoC	0 .. 137 kB
`<unordered_set>`		■	94 .. 186 ms	15.3 .. 20.3 kLoC	0 .. 137 kB
`<sstream>`		■	104 .. 180 ms	16.3 .. 19.6 kLoC	0 .. 138 kB
`<iostream>`		■	101 .. 176 ms	15.8 .. 19.1 kLoC	0.9 .. 142 kB
`<iterator>`		■	100 .. 176 ms	15.9 .. 19.2 kLoC	0 .. 138 kB
`<istream>`		■	100 .. 175 ms	15.8 .. 19.1 kLoC	0 .. 138 kB
`<mutex>`		■	92 .. 170 ms	14.4 .. 17.2 kLoC	0 .. 153 kB

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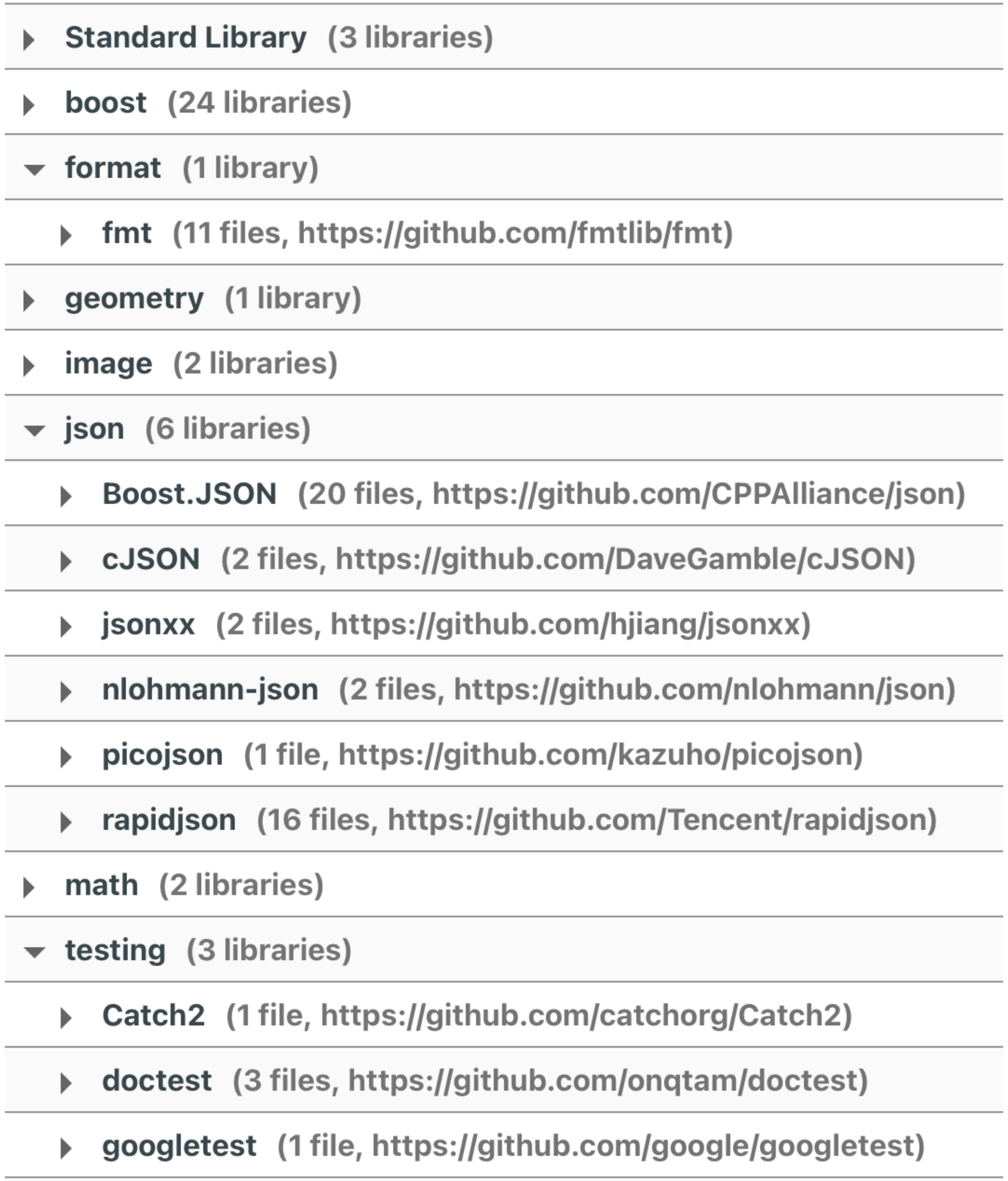
Myth #10



- ▸ **Standard Library** (3 libraries)
- ▸ **boost** (24 libraries)
- ▾ **format** (1 library)
  - ▸ **fmt** (11 files, https://github.com/fmtlib/fmt)
- ▸ **geometry** (1 library)
- ▸ **image** (2 libraries)
- ▾ **json** (6 libraries)
  - ▸ **Boost.JSON** (20 files, https://github.com/CPPAlliance/json)
  - ▸ **cJSON** (2 files, https://github.com/DaveGamble/cJSON)
  - ▸ **jsonxx** (2 files, https://github.com/hjiang/jsonxx)
  - ▸ **nlohmann-json** (2 files, https://github.com/nlohmann/json)
  - ▸ **picojson** (1 file, https://github.com/kazuho/picojson)
  - ▸ **rapidjson** (16 files, https://github.com/Tencent/rapidjson)
- ▸ **math** (2 libraries)
- ▾ **testing** (3 libraries)
  - ▸ **Catch2** (1 file, https://github.com/catchorg/Catch2)
  - ▸ **doctest** (3 files, https://github.com/onqtam/doctest)
  - ▸ **googletest** (1 file, https://github.com/google/googletest)

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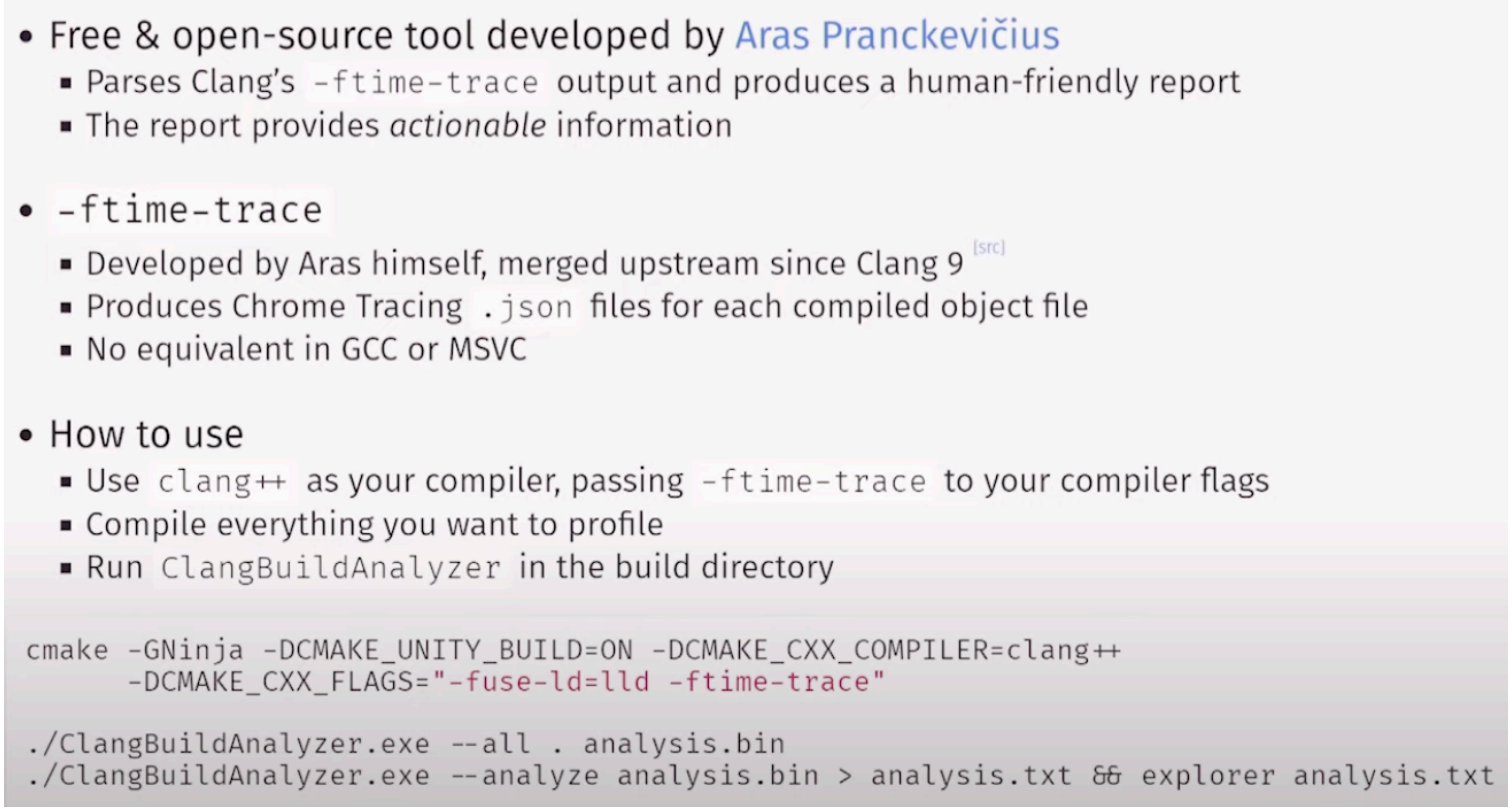
Myth #10

Tooling can help: ClangBuildAnalyzer `-ftime-trace`



- Free & open-source tool developed by Aras Pranckevičius
  - Parses Clang's `-ftime-trace` output and produces a human-friendly report
  - The report provides *actionable* information
- `-ftime-trace`
  - Developed by Aras himself, merged upstream since Clang 9 [src]
  - Produces Chrome Tracing `.json` files for each compiled object file
  - No equivalent in GCC or MSVC
- How to use
  - Use `clang++` as your compiler, passing `-ftime-trace` to your compiler flags
  - Compile everything you want to profile
  - Run `ClangBuildAnalyzer` in the build directory

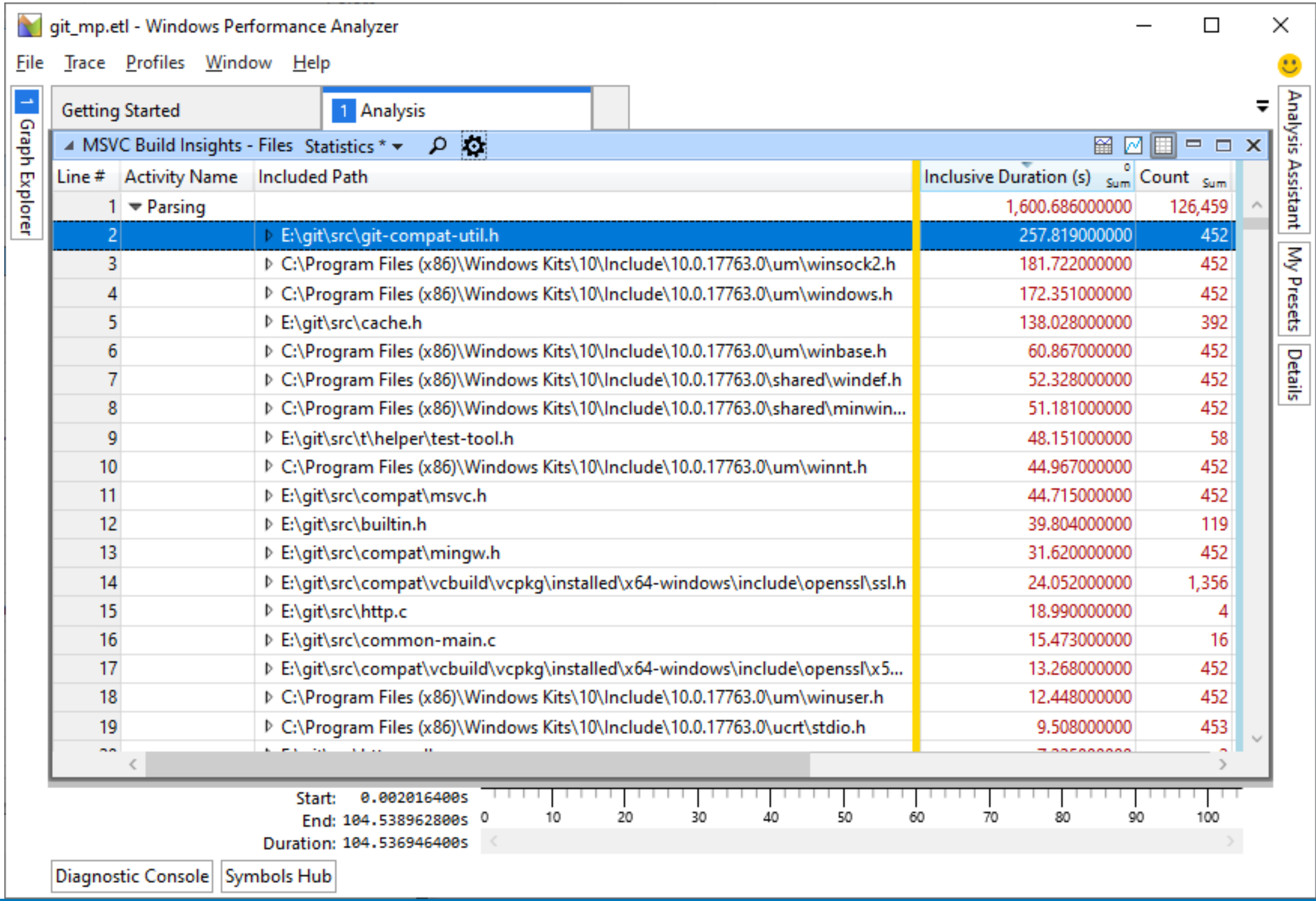
```
cmake -GNinja -DCMAKE_UNITY_BUILD=ON -DCMAKE_CXX_COMPILER=clang++
      -DCMAKE_CXX_FLAGS="-fuse-ld=lld -ftime-trace"

./ClangBuildAnalyzer.exe --all . analysis.bin
./ClangBuildAnalyzer.exe --analyze analysis.bin > analysis.txt && explorer analysis.txt
```

Myth #10

devblogs.microsoft.com/cppblog/introducing-c-build-insights/

Tooling can help: vcperf + WPA

- `vcperf /start MySession`
- build your C++ project
- `vcperf /stop MySession outputFile.etl`



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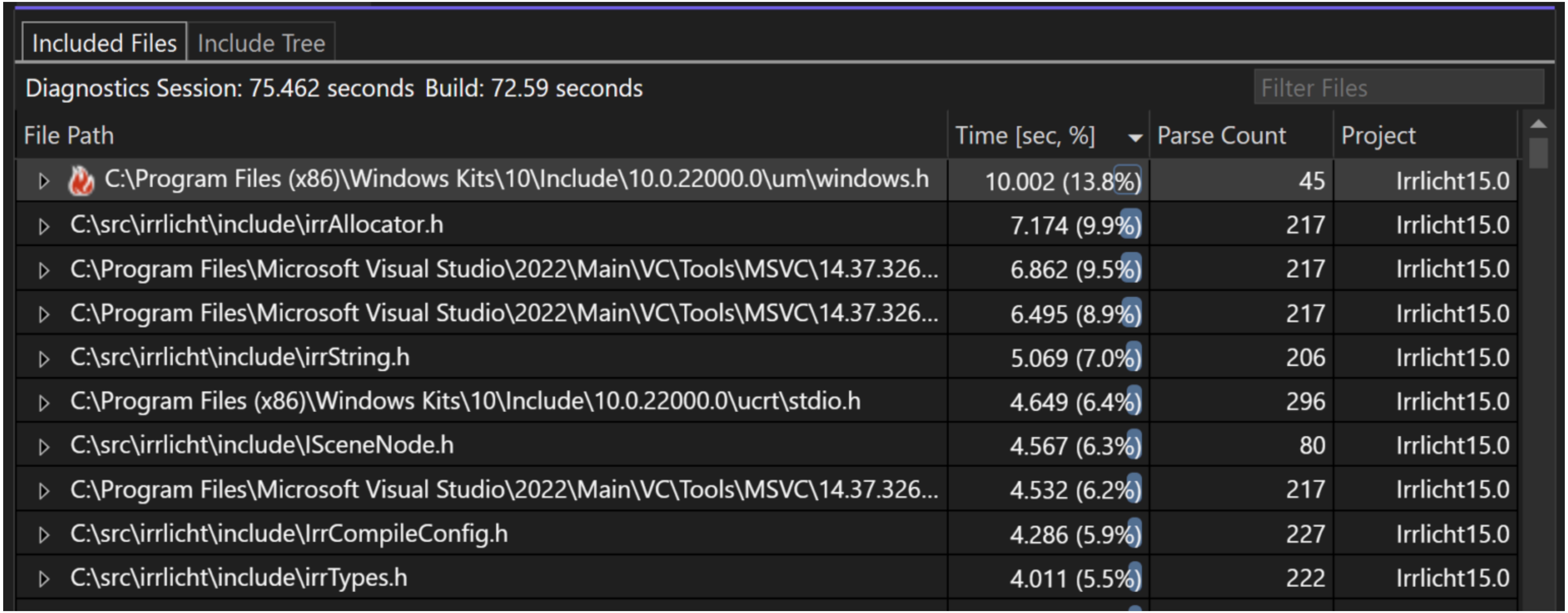
Myth #10

🧰 Tooling can help: Build Insights in Visual Studio



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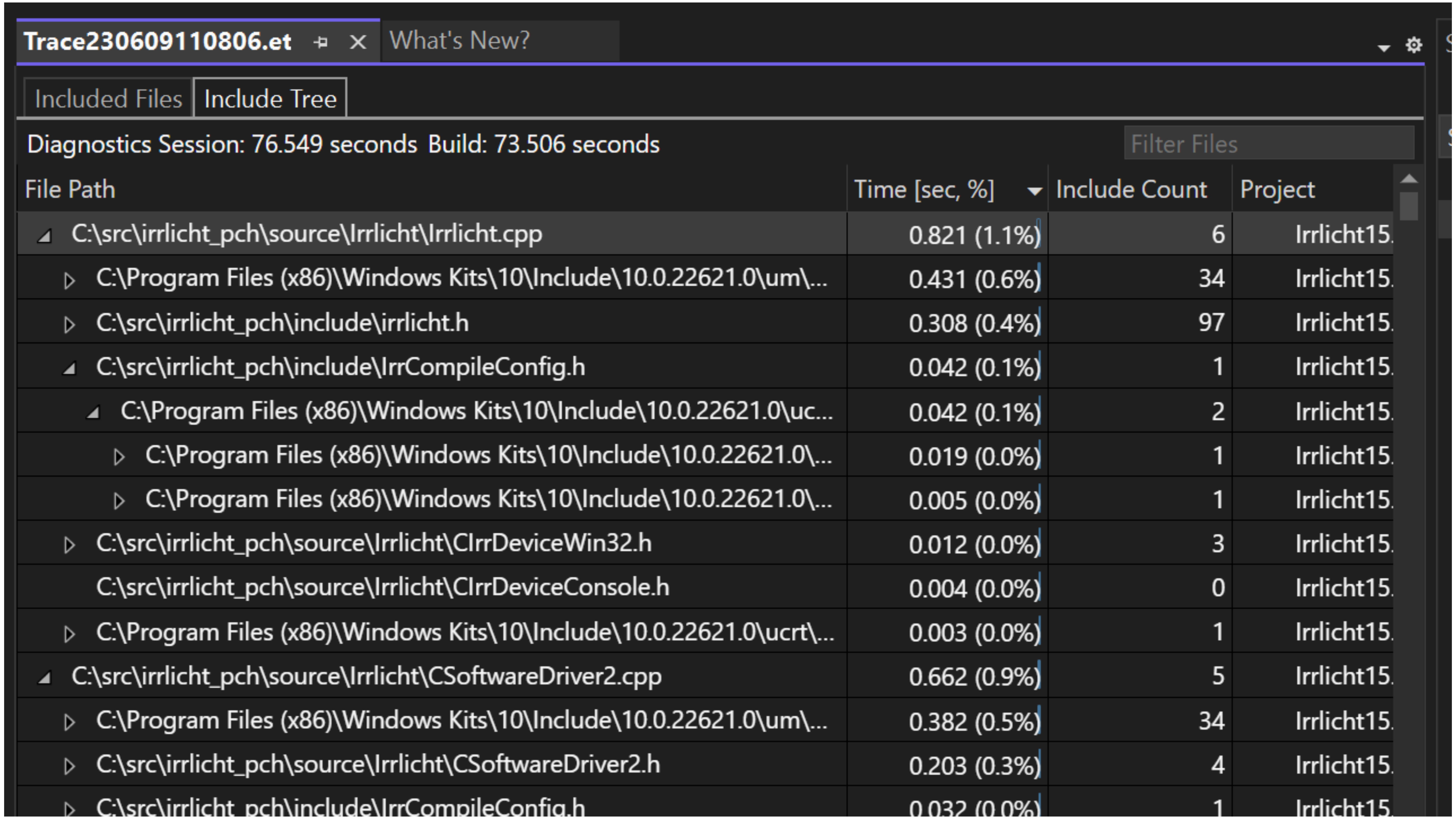
Myth #10

Tooling can help: Build Insights in Visual Studio



Diagnostics Session: 76.549 seconds Build: 73.506 seconds

File Path	Time [sec, %]	Include Count	Project
◢ C:\src\irrlicht_pch\source\Irrlicht\Irrlicht.cpp	0.821 (1.1%)	6	Irrlicht15.
▷ C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Include\10.0.22621.0\um\...	0.431 (0.6%)	34	Irrlicht15.
▷ C:\src\irrlicht_pch\include\irrlicht.h	0.308 (0.4%)	97	Irrlicht15.
◢ C:\src\irrlicht_pch\include\IrrCompileConfig.h	0.042 (0.1%)	1	Irrlicht15.
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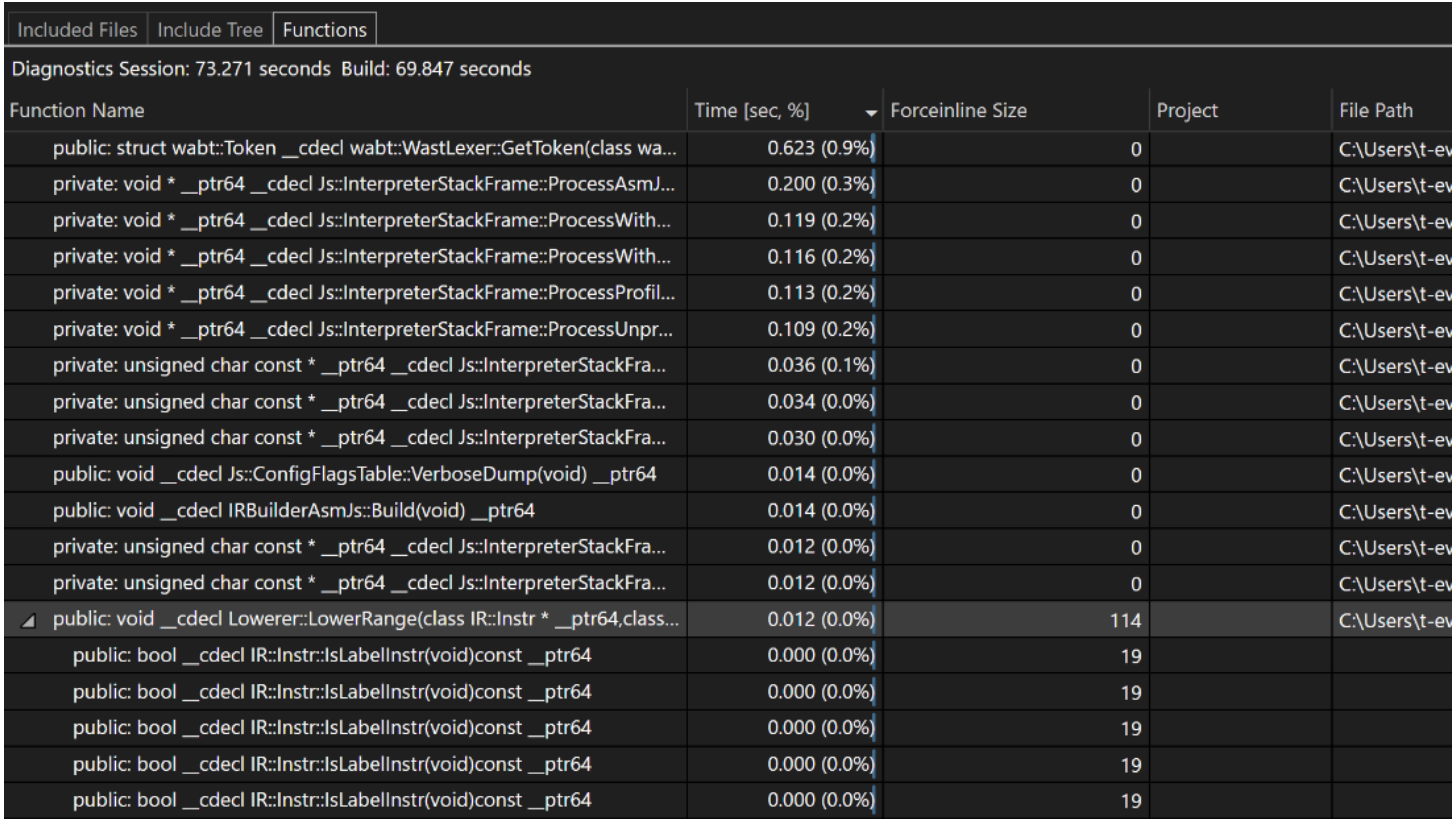

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Function Name	Time [sec, %]	Forceinline Size	Project	File Path
public: struct wabt::Token __cdecl wabt::WastLexer::GetToken(class wa...	0.623 (0.9%)	0		C:\Users\t-ev
private: void * __ptr64 __cdecl Js::InterpreterStackFrame::ProcessAsmJ...	0.200 (0.3%)	0		C:\Users\t-ev
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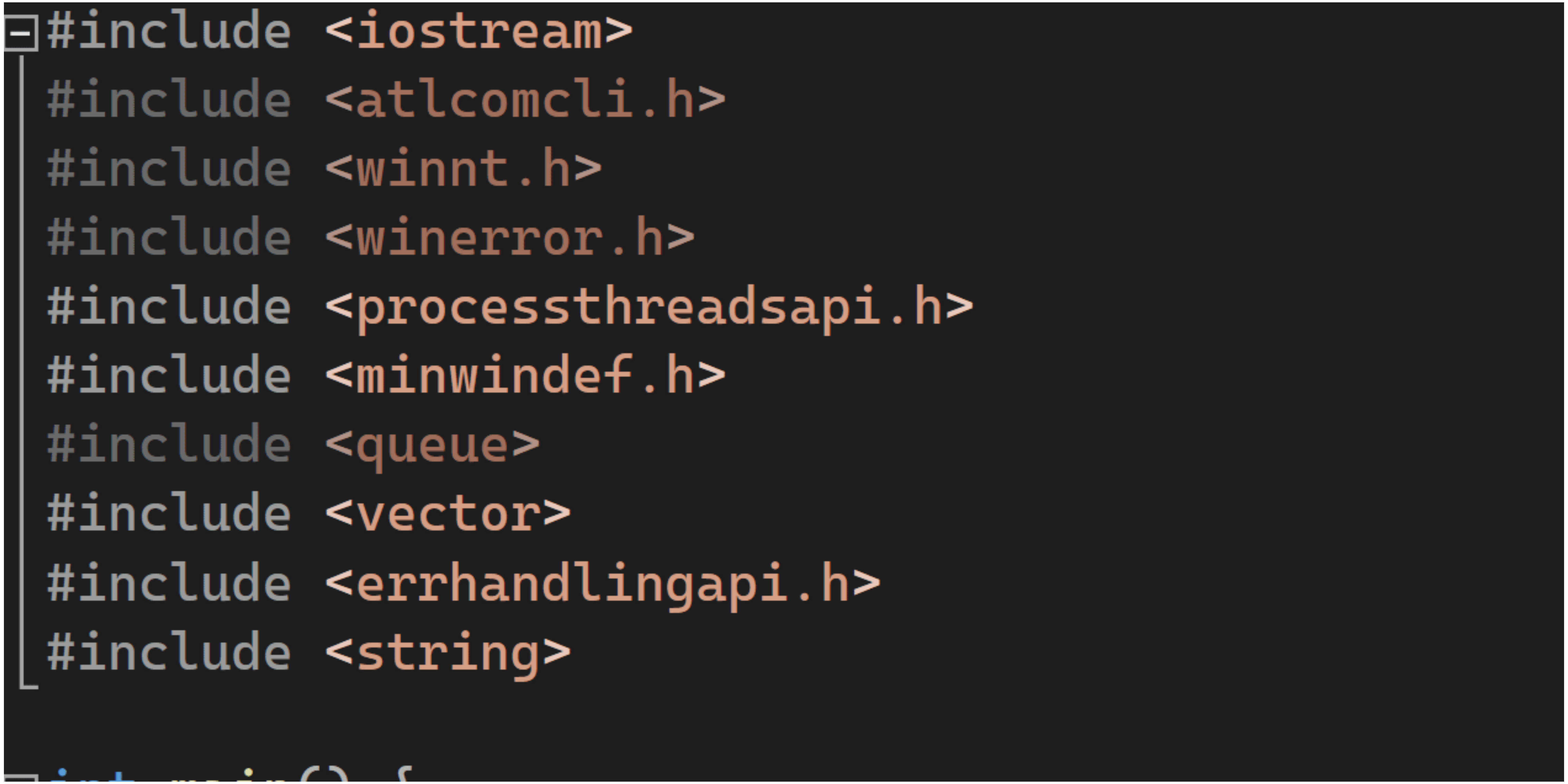
[Functions View] - how long a function takes during compilation, as well as the number of `forceinline`

Myth #10

#include cleanup



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#include <minwindef.h>
#include <queue>
#include <vector>
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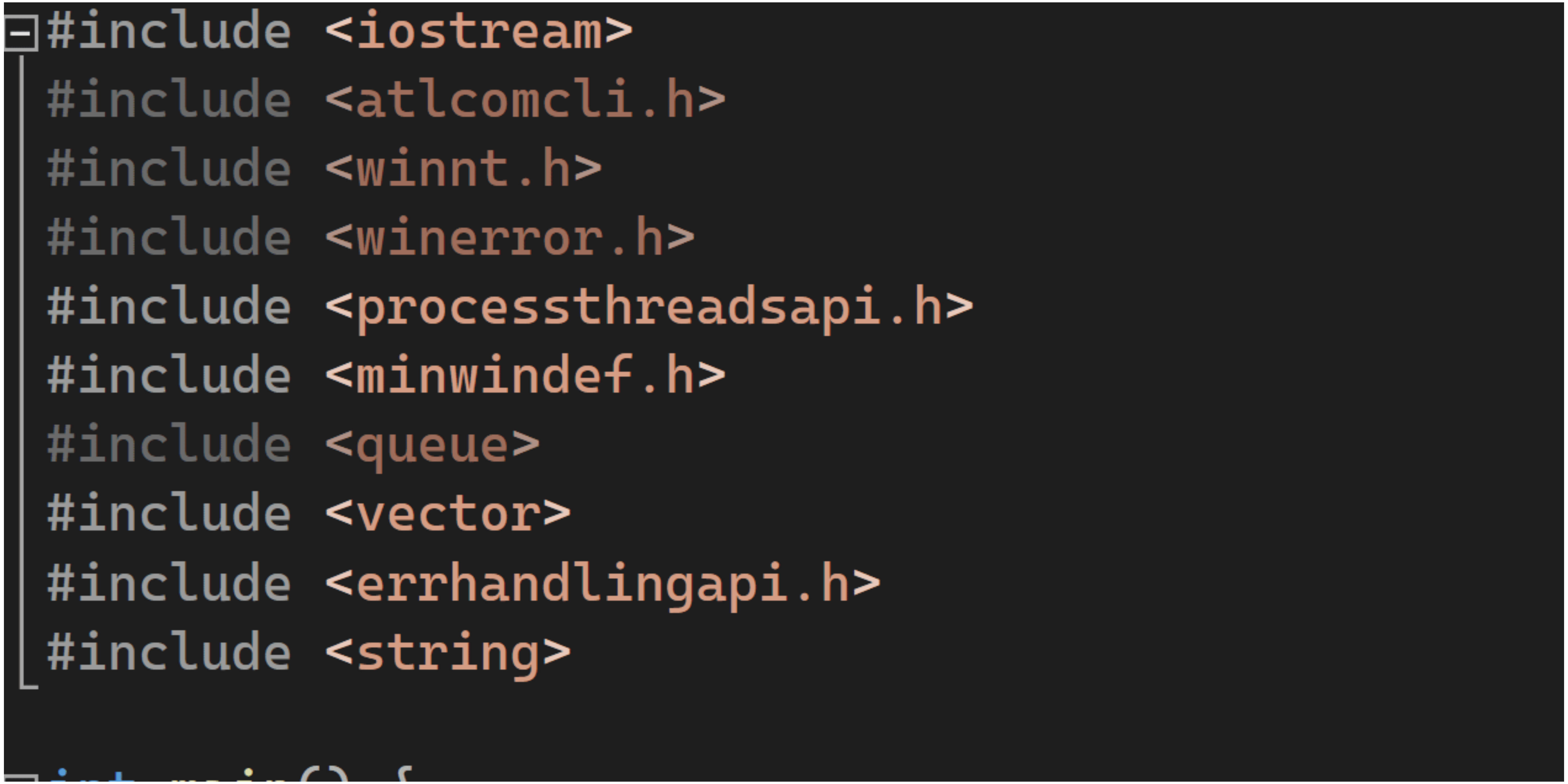

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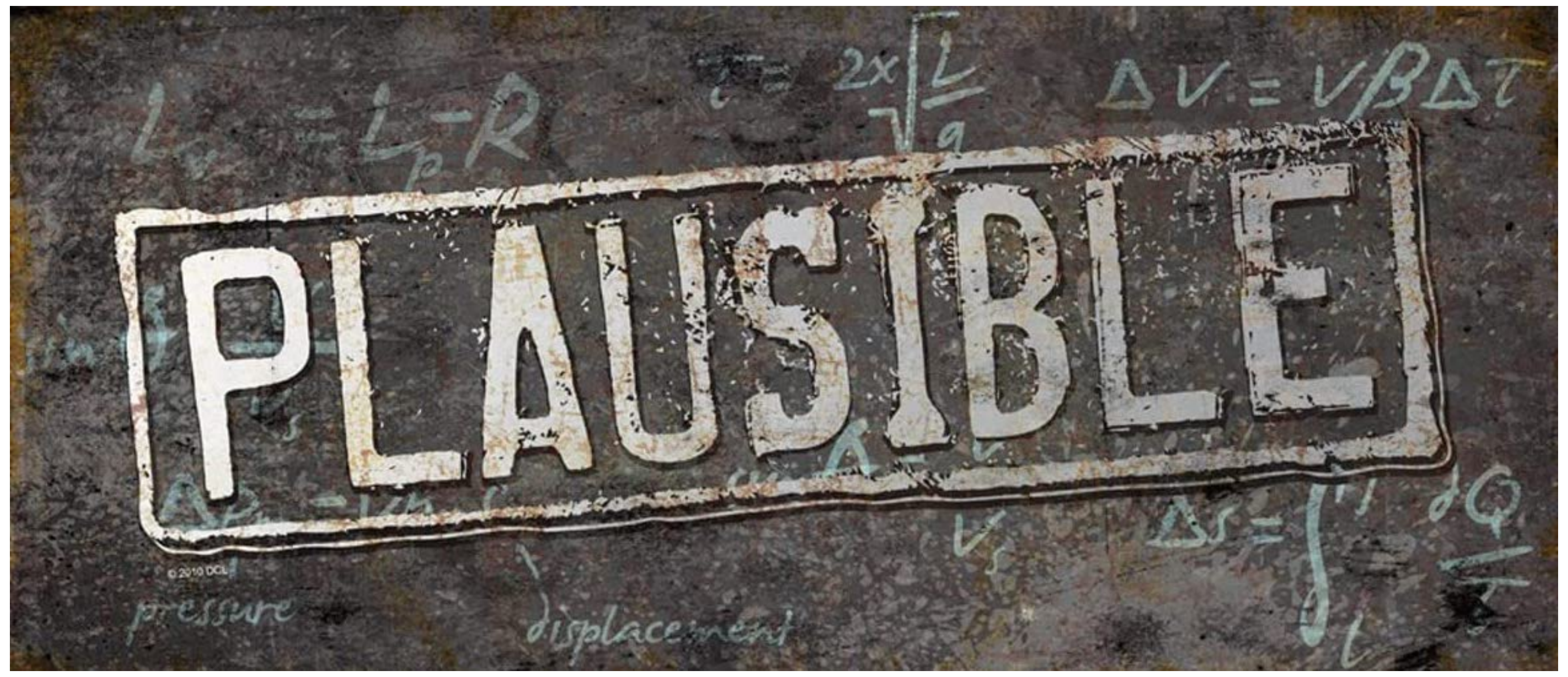
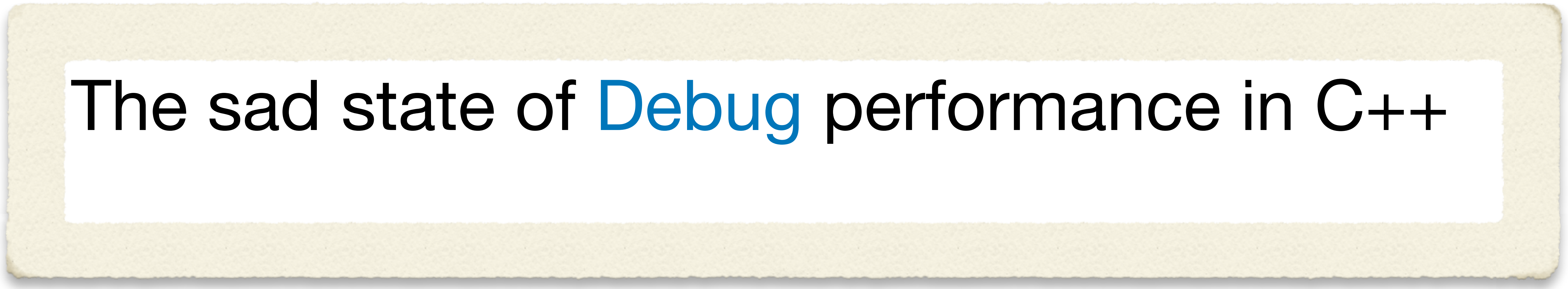
Myth #10

C++ is slow to compile



It can be, but if you work on it (+good tooling) you can drastically improve it.

Myth #12



The sad state of Debug performance in C++

“zero cost abstraction” is a kind of a lie - for sure on Debug builds (no optimizations)

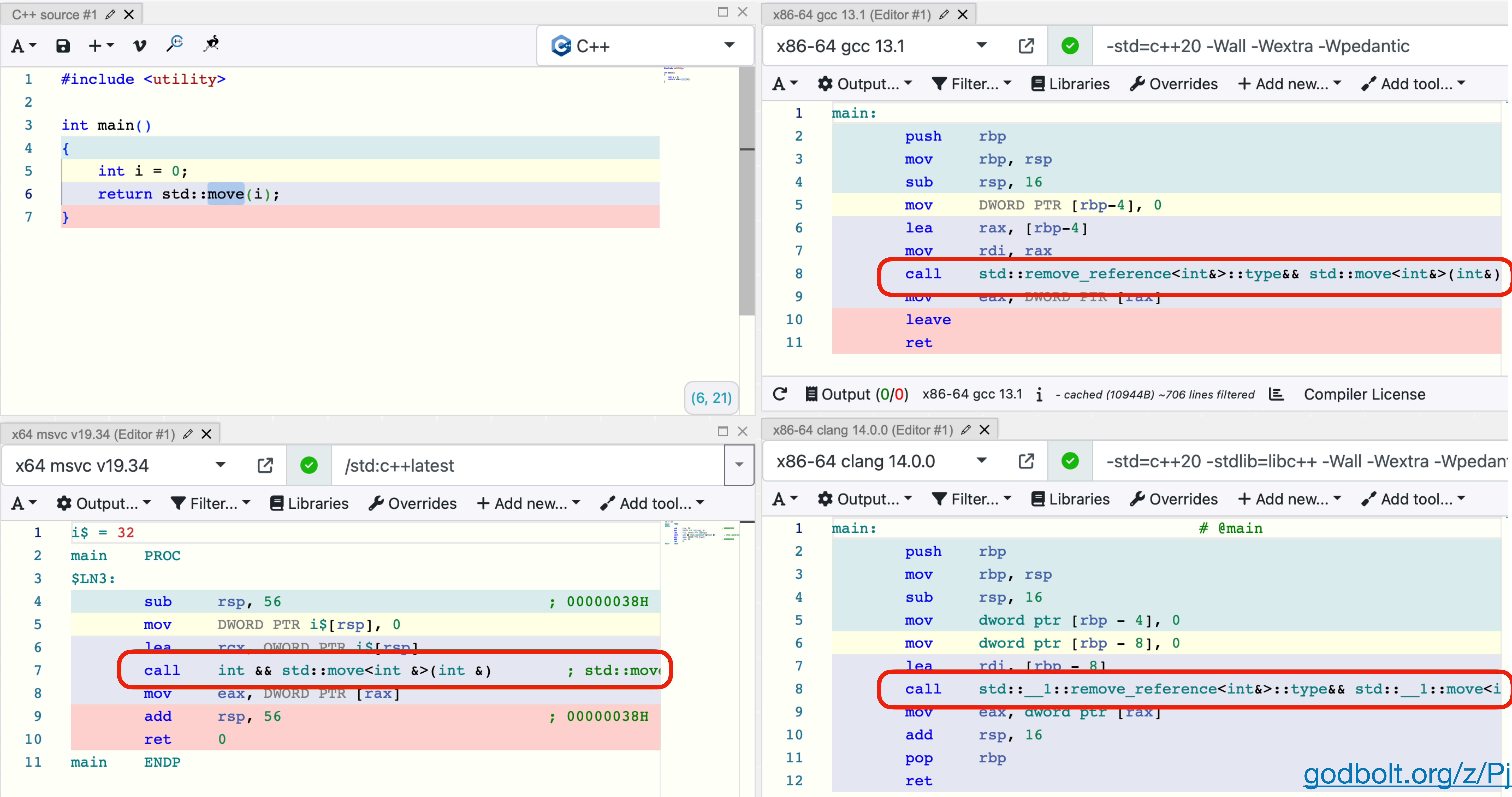
eg.

```
int i = 0;
std::move(i);
std::forward<int&>(i);
```

➡️ `static_cast<int&&>(i);`

vittorioromeo.info/index/blog/debug_performance_cpp.html

Myth #12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```cpp
#include <utility>

int main()
{
    int i = 0;
    return std::move(i);
}
```

x86-64 gcc 13.1 -std=c++20 -Wall -Wextra -Wpedantic

```
main:
        push    rbp
        mov     rbp, rsp
        sub     rsp, 16
        mov     DWORD PTR [rbp-4], 0
        lea     rax, [rbp-4]
        mov     rdi, rax
        call    std::remove_reference<int&>::type&& std::move<int&>(int&)
        mov     eax, DWORD PTR [rax]
        leave
        ret
```

x64 msvc v19.34 /std:c++latest

```
i$ = 32
main    PROC
$LN3:
        sub     rsp, 56                                 ; 00000038H
        mov     DWORD PTR i$[rsp], 0
        lea     rcx, QWORD PTR i$[rsp]
        call    int && std::move<int &>(int &)          ; std::move
        mov     eax, DWORD PTR [rax]
        add     rsp, 56                                 ; 00000038H
        ret     0
main    ENDP
```

x86-64 clang 14.0.0 -std=c++20 -stdlib=libc++ -Wall -Wextra -Wpedan

```
main:                                   # @main
        push    rbp
        mov     rbp, rsp
        sub     rsp, 16
        mov     dword ptr [rbp - 4], 0
        mov     dword ptr [rbp - 8], 0
        lea     rdi, [rbp - 8]
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        add     rsp, 16
        pop     rbp
        ret
```

godbolt.org/z/Pj6xahP9j

Myth #12

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        leave
        ret
```

/std:c++latest

```
i$ = 0
main    PROC
$LN3:
        sub     rsp, 24
        mov     DWORD PTR i$[rsp], 0
        mov     eax, DWORD PTR i$[rsp]
        add     rsp, 24
        ret     0
main    ENDP
```

-std=c++20 -stdlib=libc++ -Wall -Wextra -Wpedan

```
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        mov     rbp, rsp
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        pop     rbp
        ret
```

godbolt.org/z/5vEhrnPbK

Myth #12

Compilers can implement some mechanism to acknowledge meta functions like `std::move` and `std::forward` as compiler intrinsics - in the *compiler front-end*

MSVC took an alternative approach and implemented this new inlining ability using a C++ attribute: `[[msvc::intrinsic]]`

The new attribute will semantically replace a function call with a cast to that function's return type if the function definition is decorated with `[[msvc::intrinsic]]`

=> *extensible* to your own such utility functions

youtu.be/idwVQUG6Jqc

devblogs.microsoft.com/cppblog/improving-the-state-of-debug-performance-in-c/

Myth #12

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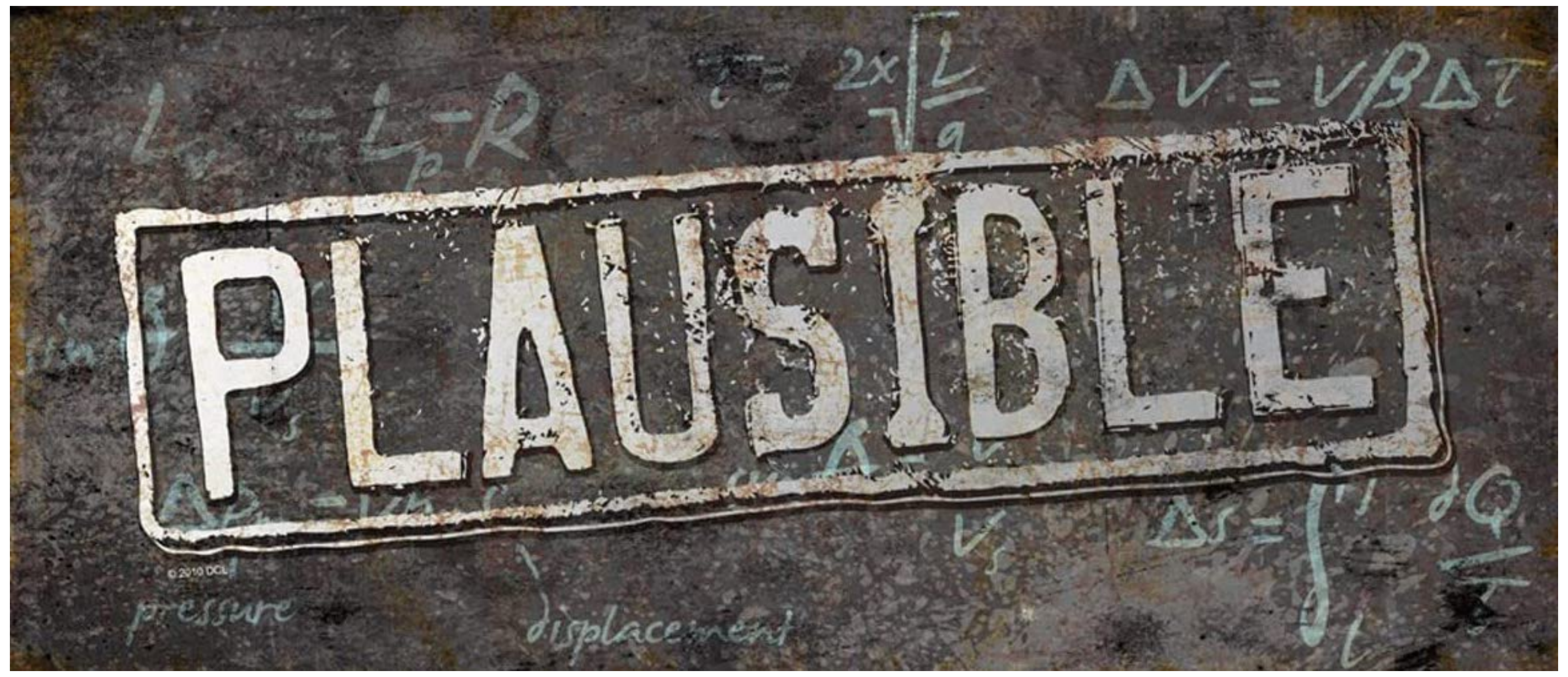


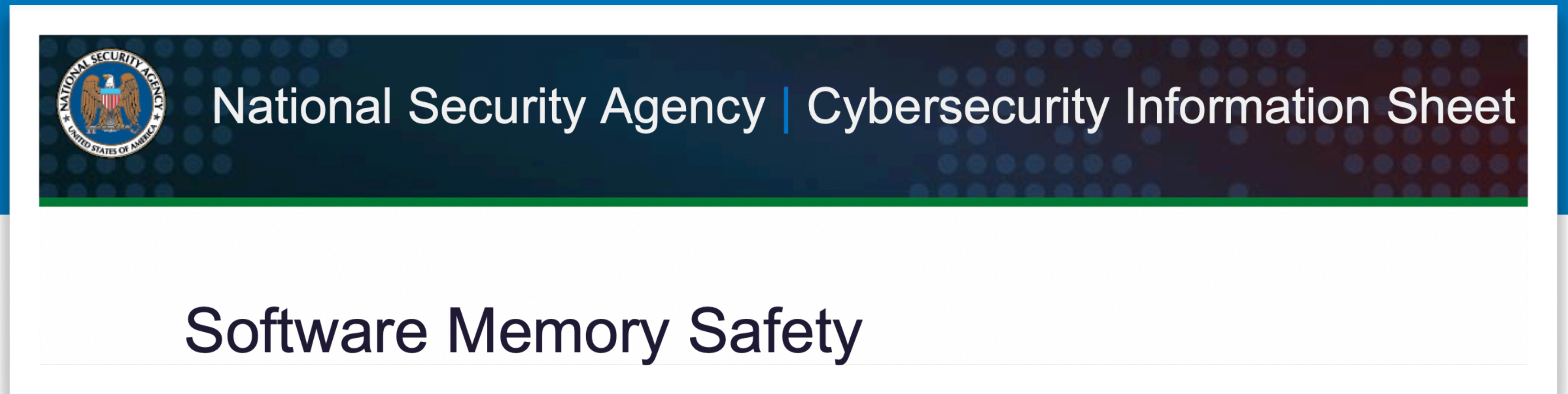
Myth #23

C++ will never be a safe language

- type safety
- bounds safety
- lifetime safety
- initialization safety
- object access safety
- thread safety
- arithmetic safety

Myth #23

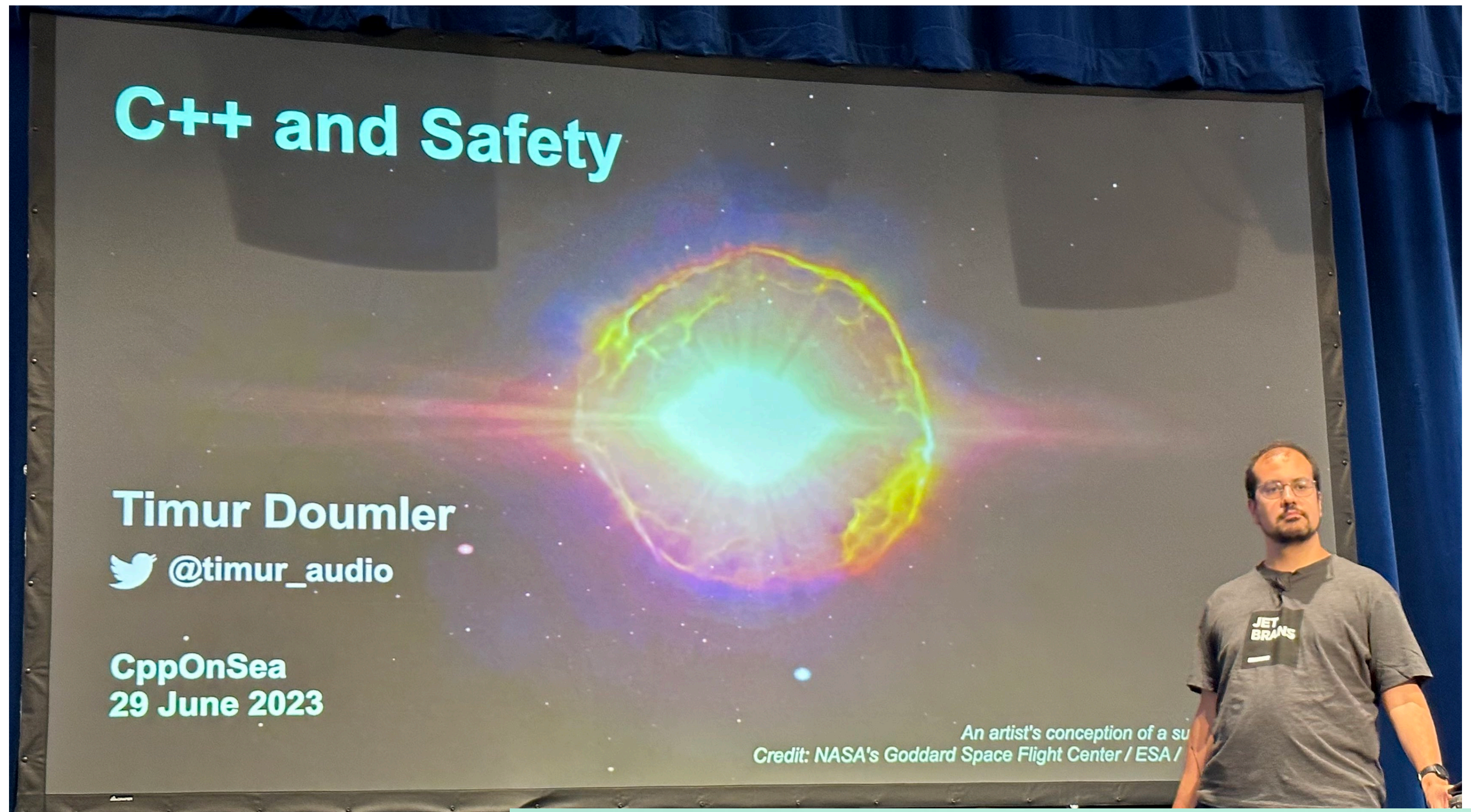
C++ is under attack... and the community is responding 🤷‍♂️


National Security Agency | Cybersecurity Information Sheet

Software Memory Safety

defense.gov/2022/Nov/CSI_SOFTWARE_MEMORY_SAFETY.PDF

Keynote:
All the Safeties
Sean Parent
2023


C++ and Safety

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CppOnSea
29 June 2023

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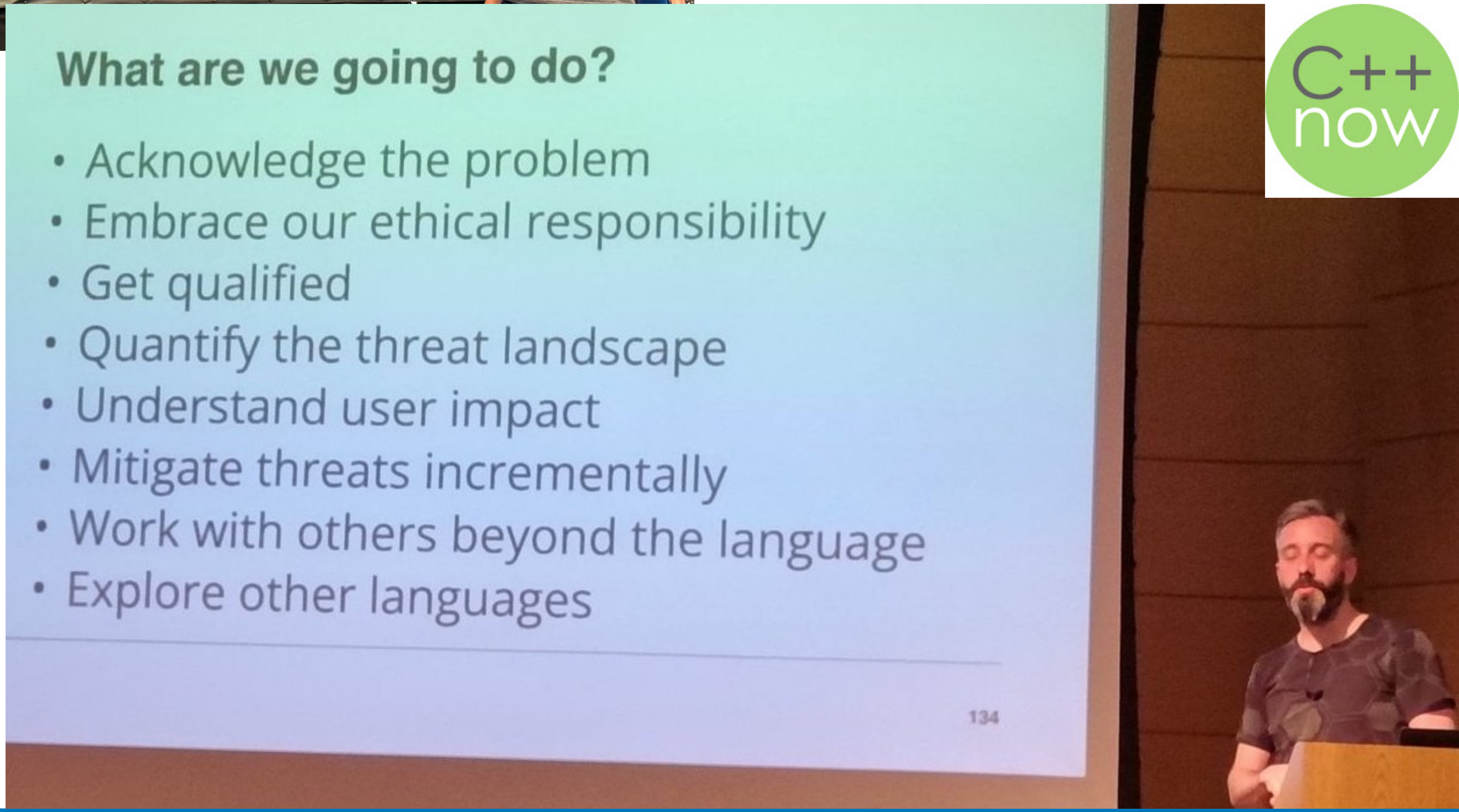
REMOVING NEEDLESS UNDERFINED BEHAVIOR FOR A SAFER C++

ALISDAIR MEREDITH



What are we going to do?

- Acknowledge the problem
- Embrace our ethical responsibility
- Get qualified
- Quantify the threat landscape
- Understand user impact
- Mitigate threats incrementally
- Work with others beyond the language
- Explore other languages

Myth #23

Tradeoffs need to be made...

"To UB, or not to UB"

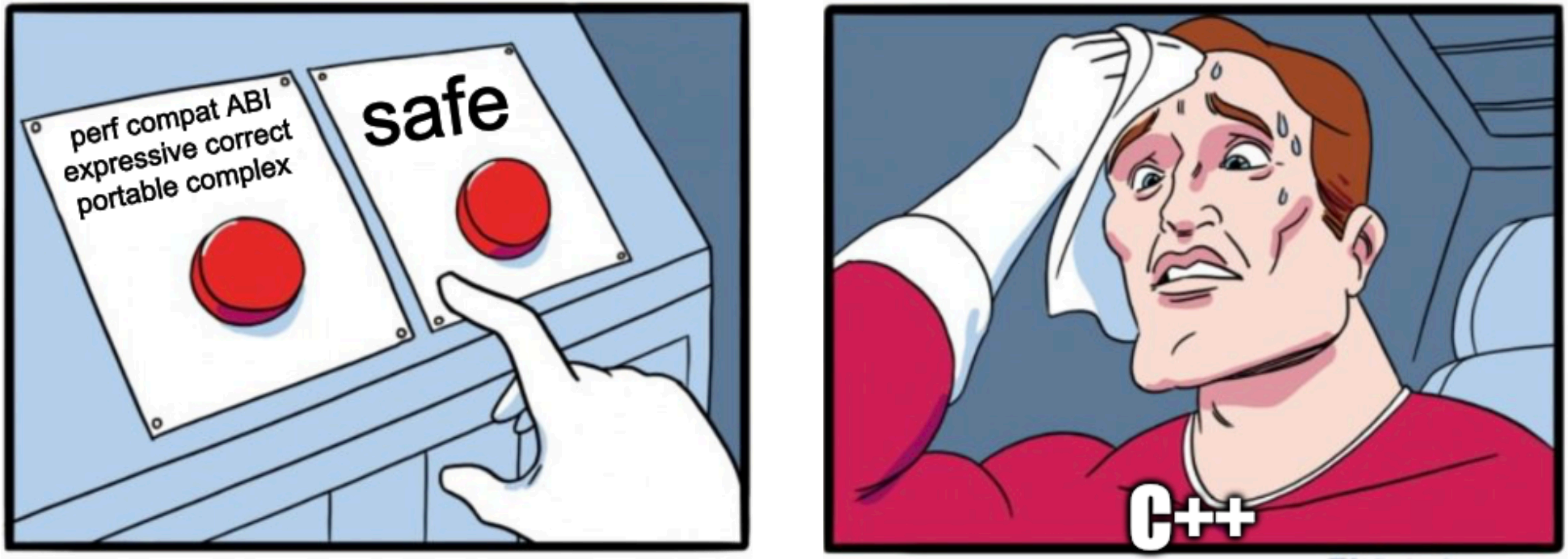
-- *Prince Hamlet*

We have not addressed C++ safety until we have eliminated **all** UB.

We can't completely eliminate UB from C++ (for good reasons*).

➡️ C++ will never be a safe language

Myth #23


perf compat ABI
expressive correct
portable complex
safe
C++

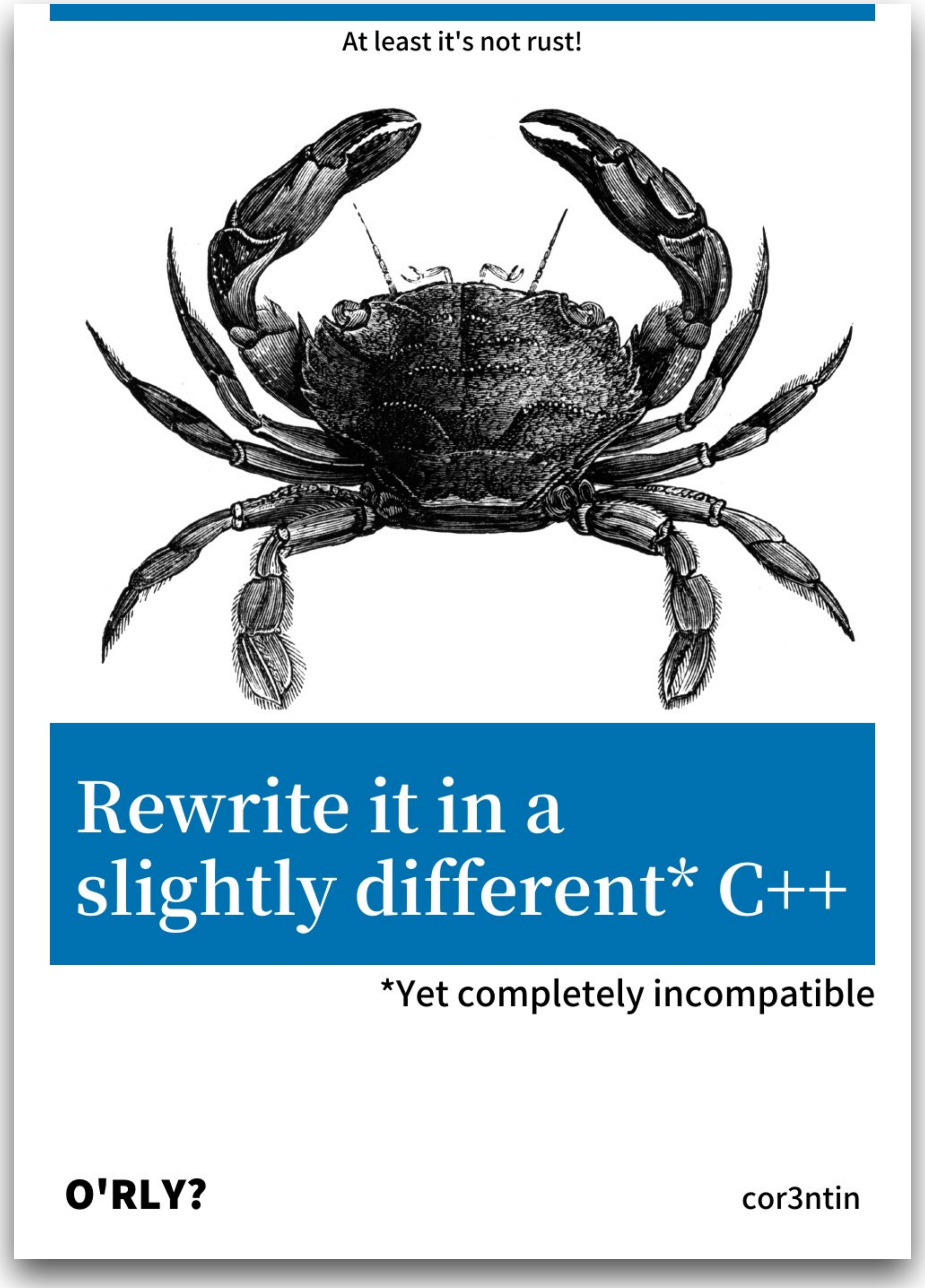
Myth #23

An excellent essay on the subject of safety: *"If we must, let's talk about safety"*

-- Corentin Jabot

cor3ntin.github.io/posts/safety/

- A cakewalk and eating it too
- Borrowing the borrow checker
- But we care about safety, right?
- Dogma
- Down with Safety!
- UB
- Correct by confusion
- ++(C++) / Rust


At least it's not rust!
Rewrite it in a slightly different* C++
*Yet completely incompatible
O'RLY?
cor3ntin

Myth #23

Guarantee lifetime safety:

- garbage collector 😱
- *dynamic* memory analysis (ASan)
- *statically* enforce rules on references: multiple immutable refs || unique mutable ref
  - by compiler/language:
    - borrow checker (Rust)
    - mutable value semantics (~~Val~~ Hylo)
    - no direct mutation (Haskell & other pure functional languages)
  - by tooling (static lifetime analysis):
    - clang-tidy
    - MSVC
    - other commercial analyzers (plenty of them)

Myth #23

The new C++ "AAA"

~~AAA (almost always auto)~~

AAA (almost always analyze)

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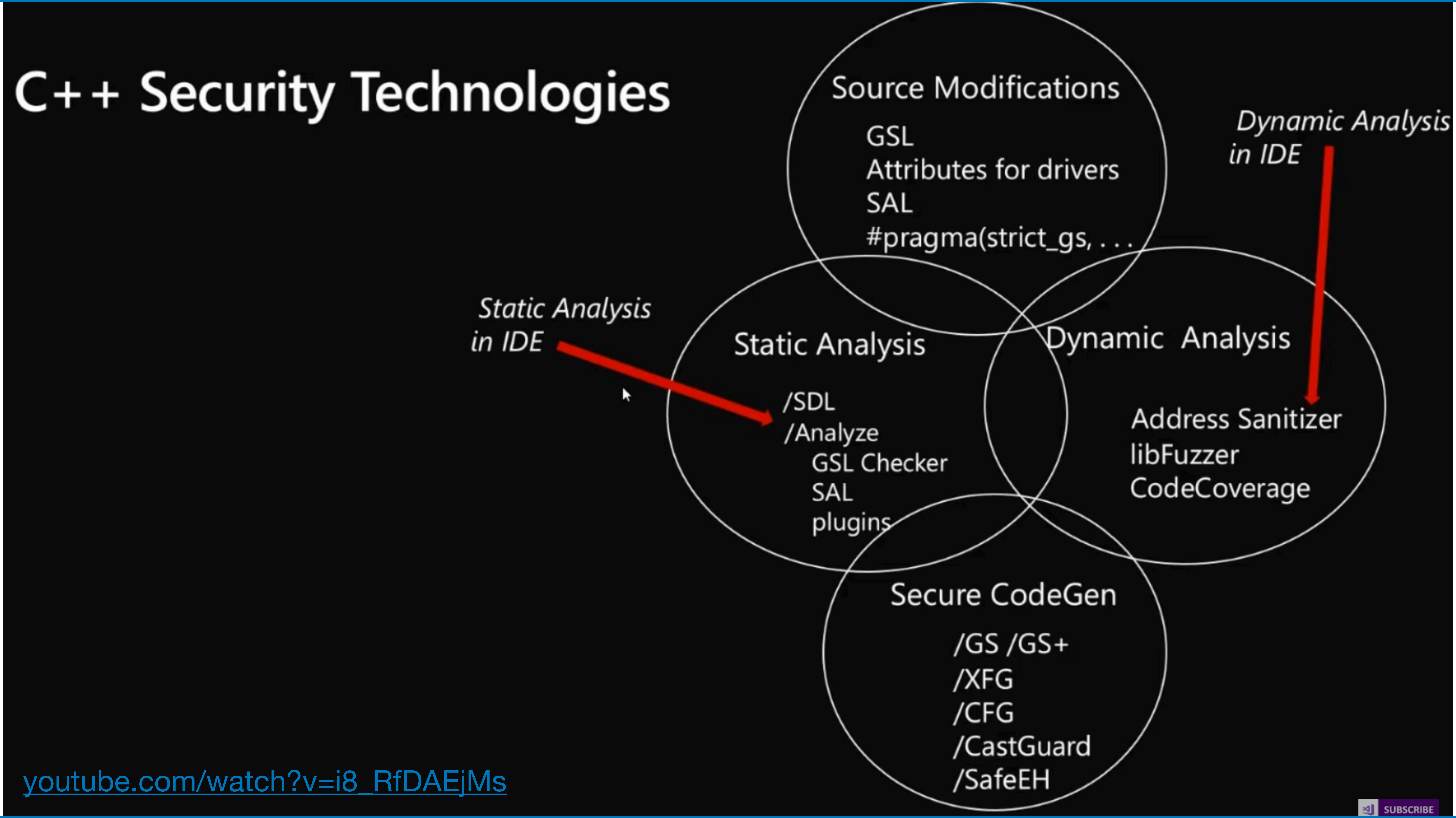

C++ Security Technologies

Source Modifications

GSL
Attributes for drivers
SAL
#pragma(strict_gs, . . .

Dynamic Analysis in IDE

Static Analysis in IDE

Static Analysis

/SDL
/Analyze
GSL Checker
SAL
plugins

Dynamic Analysis

Address Sanitizer
libFuzzer
CodeCoverage

Secure CodeGen

/GS /GS+
/XFG
/CFG
/CastGuard
/SafeEH

youtube.com/watch?v=i8_RfDAEjMs

Myth #23

ASan FTW !!!

```
-fsanitizer=address
```

{ Clang, gcc, MSVC }

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2020: The Year of Sanitizers?

Victor Ciura

Myth #23

ASan `continue_on_error`

devblogs.microsoft.com/cppblog/addresssanitizer-continue_on_error/

NEW: (Visual Studio 2022 v17.6)
Address Sanitizer runtime which provides a new “checked build”.
This new runtime mode diagnoses and reports hidden memory safety errors,
with zero false positives, as your app runs.

youtube.com/watch?v=i8_RfDAEjMs

Myth #23

Static Analysis `lifetime annotations for C++`

NEW:

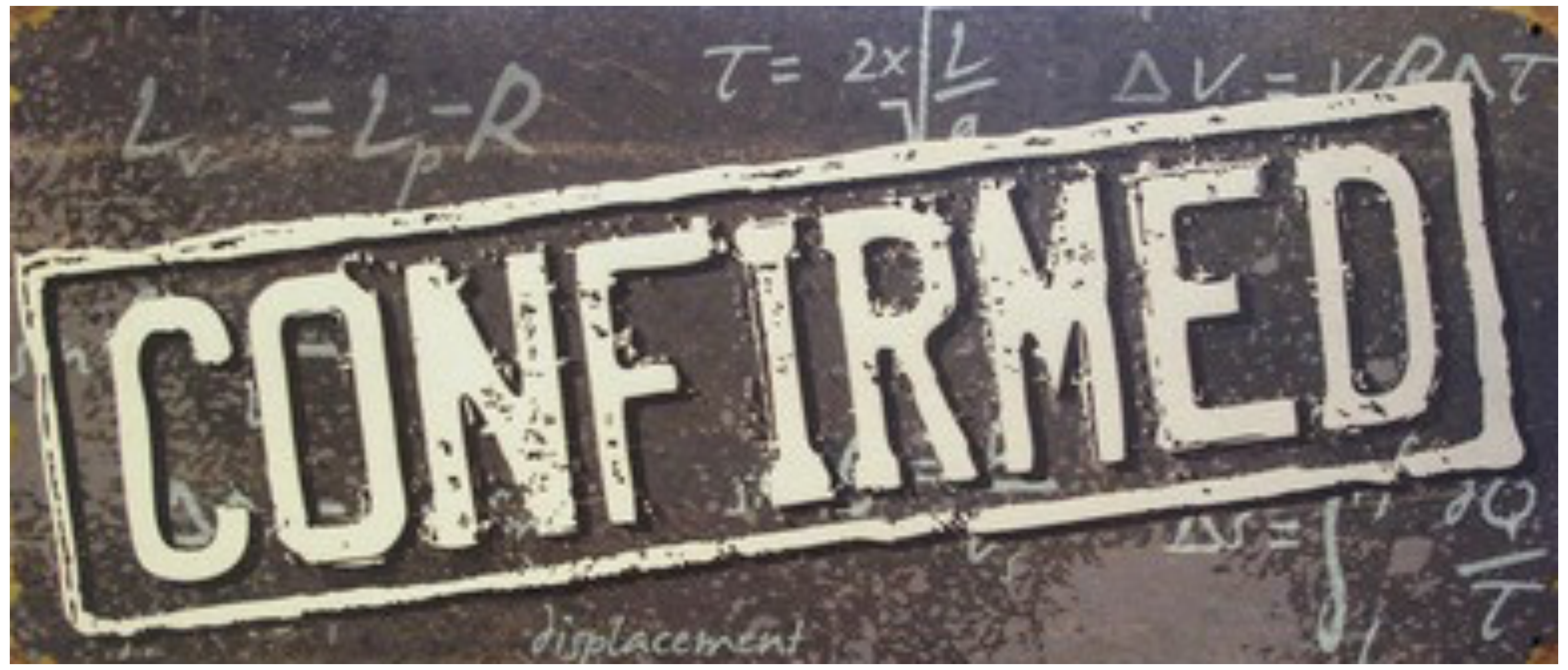
`[[clang::lifetimebound]]` and `[[msvc::lifetimebound]]`

discourse.llvm.org/t/rfc-lifetime-annotations-for-c/61377

youtube.com/watch?v=fe6yu9AQIE4

Myth #23

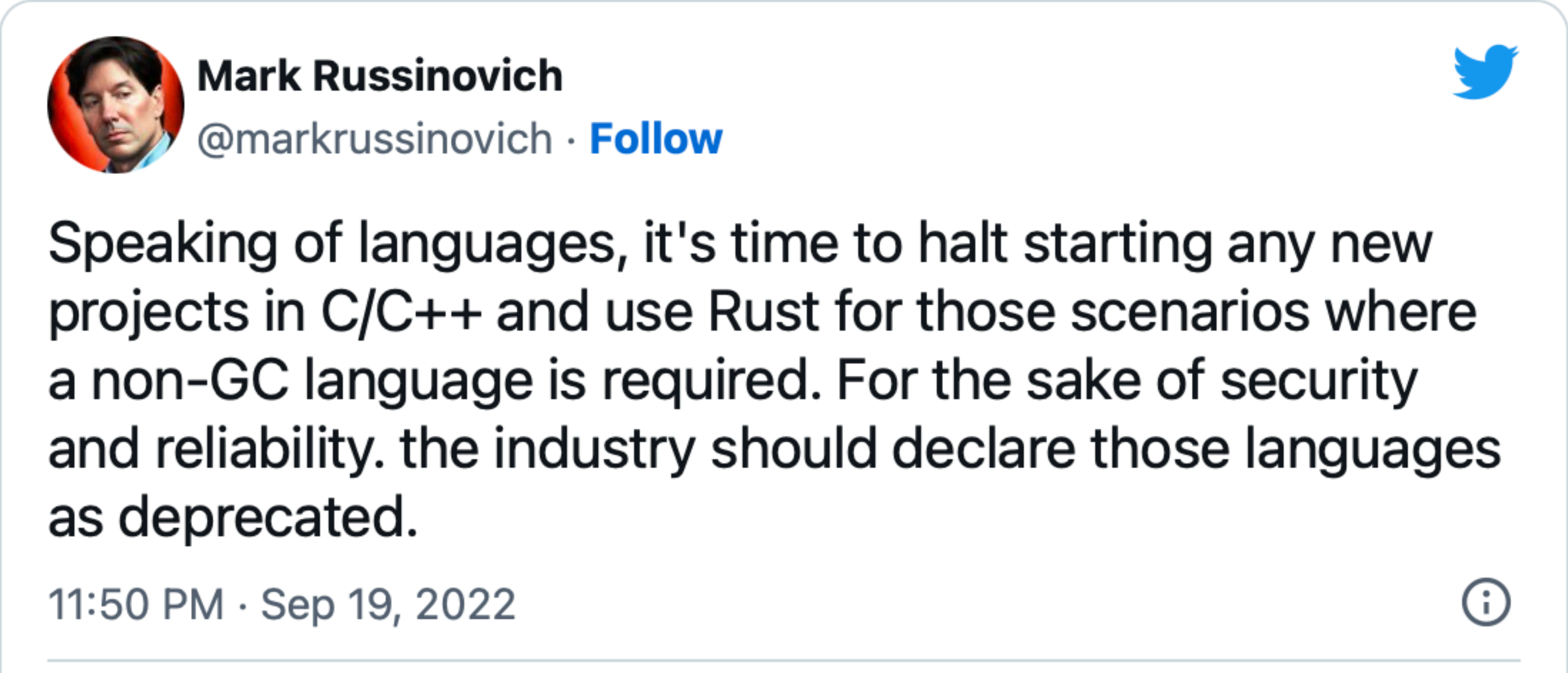
C++ will never be a safe language*



* but it can be much safe(r) with some effort and good tooling 🧰

Myth #38

Just rewrite it in **Rust** 🦀



Mark Russinovich
@markrussinovich · **Follow**

Speaking of languages, it's time to halt starting any new projects in C/C++ and use Rust for those scenarios where a non-GC language is required. For the sake of security and reliability. the industry should declare those languages as deprecated.

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Myth #38

🦀 Too soon?

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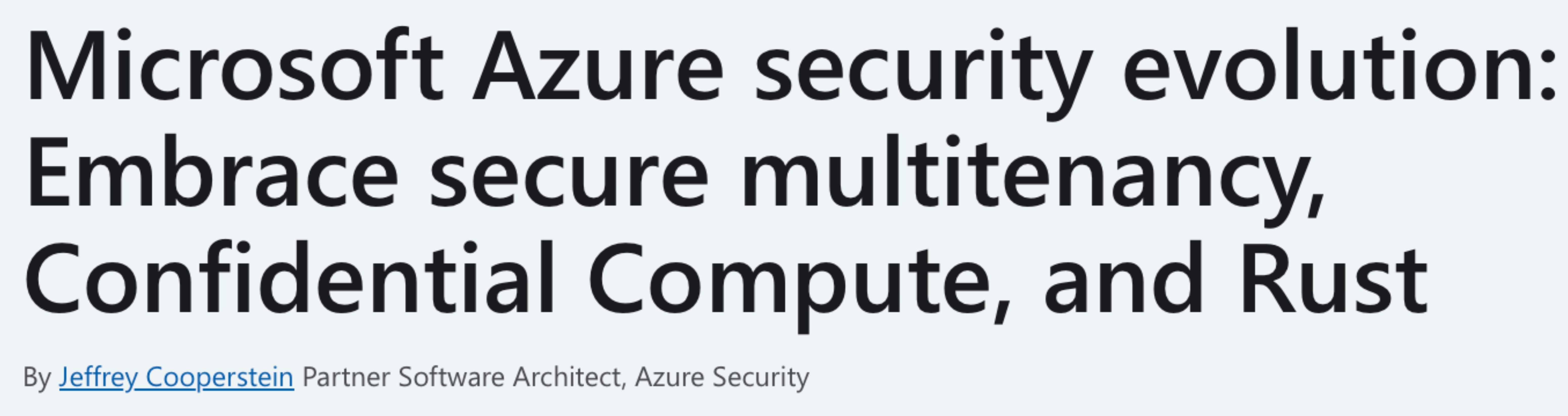

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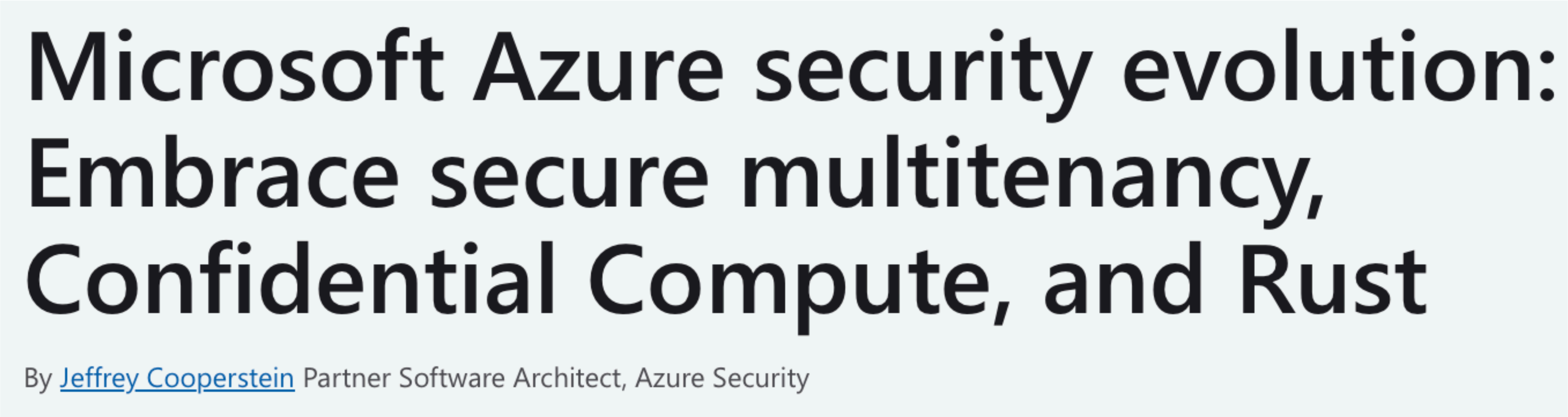

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🔒 **trust**

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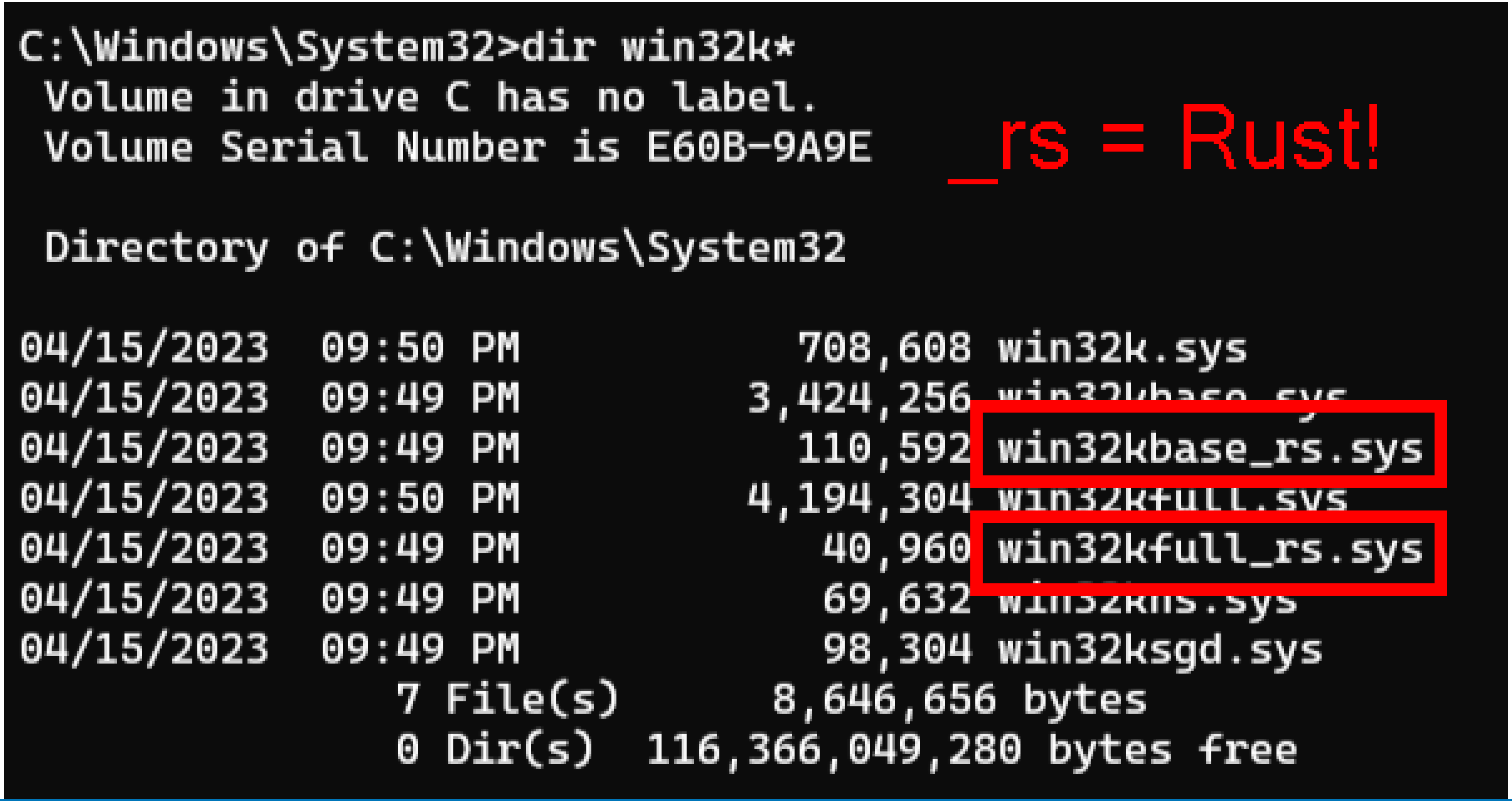
Myth #38

Rust already in the Windows 11 `kernel` (May 2023)



```
C:\Windows\System32>dir win32k*
 Volume in drive C has no label.
 Volume Serial Number is E60B-9A9E

 Directory of C:\Windows\System32

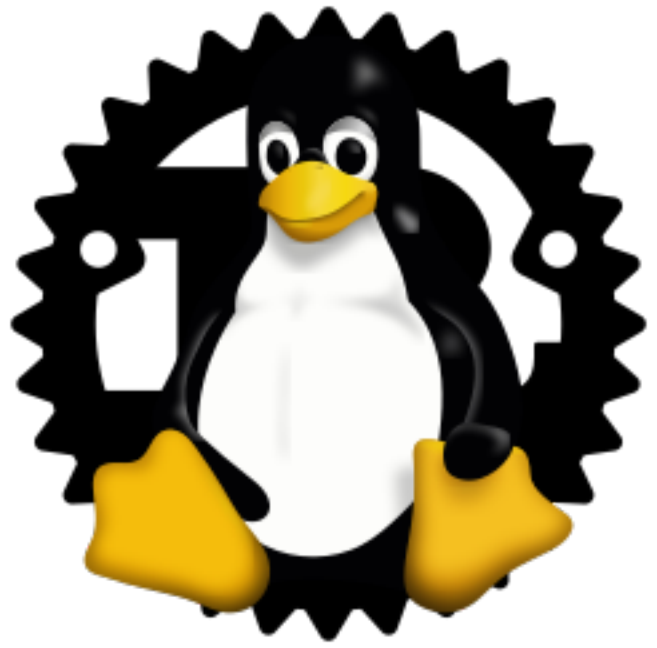
04/15/2023  09:50 PM           708,608 win32k.sys
04/15/2023  09:49 PM         3,424,256 win32kbase.sys
04/15/2023  09:49 PM           110,592 win32kbase_rs.sys
04/15/2023  09:50 PM         4,194,304 win32kfull.sys
04/15/2023  09:49 PM            40,960 win32kfull_rs.sys
04/15/2023  09:49 PM            69,632 win32kns.sys
04/15/2023  09:49 PM            98,304 win32ksgd.sys
               7 File(s)      8,646,656 bytes
               0 Dir(s)  116,366,049,280 bytes free
```

_rs = Rust!

Myth #38

Rust in the Linux `kernel` (since 6.1)

-- with Linus Torvalds' blessing



The first Rust modules start to make their way into the Linux kernel (6.3+)

Ubuntu has done all the work to provide the right toolchain in the distro and custom kernel patches (SAUCE) that allow easier acquisition and build of Rust modules.

ubuntu

wikipedia.org/wiki/Rust_for_Linux

Myth #38

youtube.com/watch?v=8T6CIX-y2AE&t=2703s

So this happened 👀 (public announcement, April 2023)

Ported Windows 11 core components from C++ to Rust

- **`DirectWrite`**
- **`GDI`**
- **`...`** 🤫

Windows 11: The journey to security by-default

David "dwizzzle" Weston
Director of OS Security
@dwizzzleMSFT

Myth #38

Rust in Windows: Crawl

- Learn by doing: Exploration → Flighting → Production (crawl → walk → run)
- Direct impact: Improve security
- Indirect impact: Gain experience with transitioning to Rust in production
  - Costs of learning Rust?
  - Costs of porting Rust?
  - Costs of writing new Rust?
  - Is the full pipeline of Rust tooling ready? Debugging, perf, cross-platform, POGO, etc.
  - Costs of maintaining a hybrid C++/Rust codebase?

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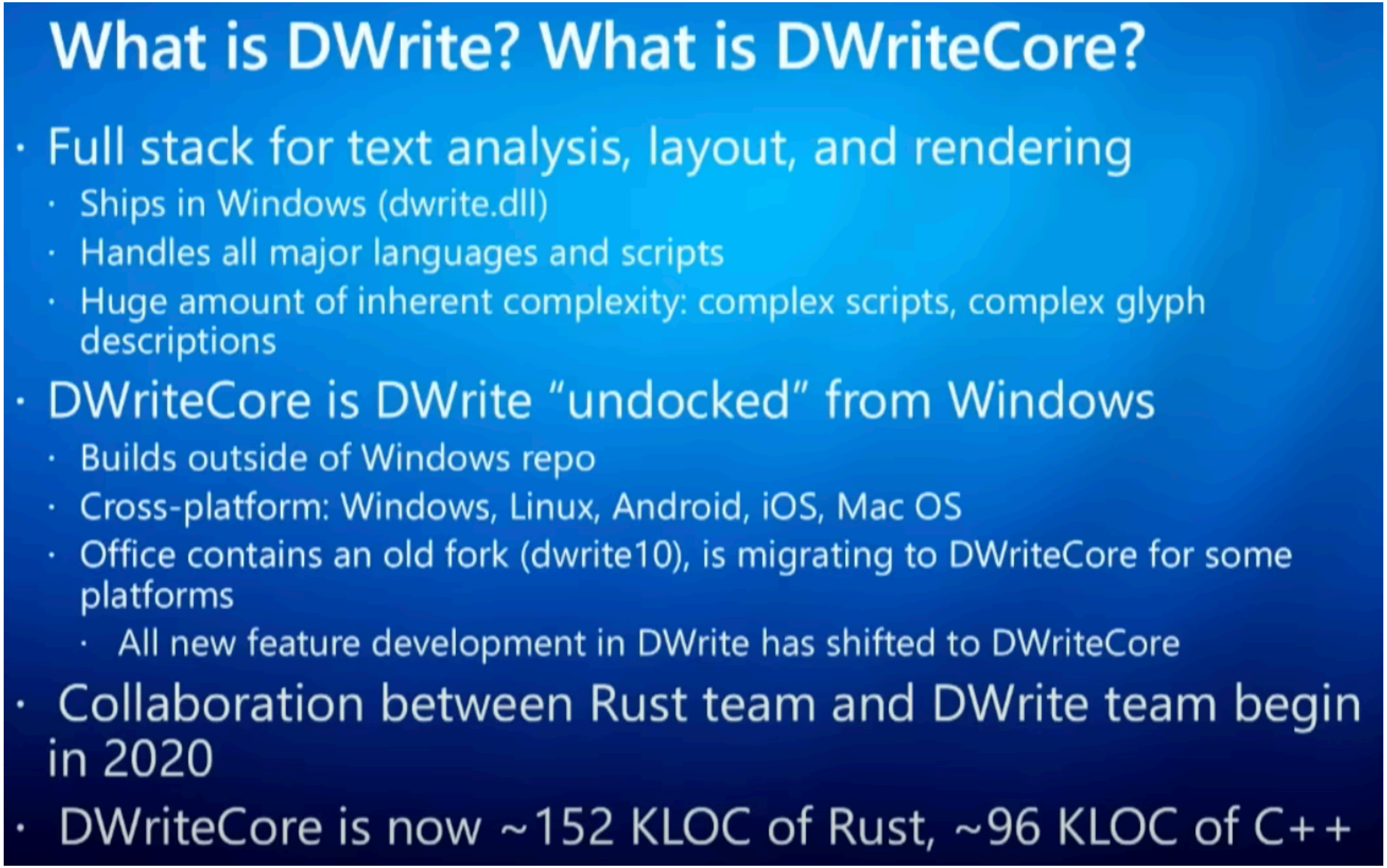

What is DWrite? What is DWriteCore?

- Full stack for text analysis, layout, and rendering
  - Ships in Windows (dwrite.dll)
  - Handles all major languages and scripts
  - Huge amount of inherent complexity: complex scripts, complex glyph descriptions
- DWriteCore is DWrite “undocked” from Windows
  - Builds outside of Windows repo
  - Cross-platform: Windows, Linux, Android, iOS, Mac OS
  - Office contains an old fork (dwrite10), is migrating to DWriteCore for some platforms
    - All new feature development in DWrite has shifted to DWriteCore
- Collaboration between Rust team and DWrite team begin in 2020
- DWriteCore is now ~152 KLOC of Rust, ~96 KLOC of C++

1st experiment

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Myth #38 - Interop Rust and C++

- DWriteCore internally uses COM-like interfaces. These were a good integration point for C++/Rust, and provided natural boundaries for incremental porting.
- DWriteCore public APIs are all COM. In some cases, Rust code is directly callable from app code, through COM interfaces.

```
DWRITE_BEGIN_INTERFACE(INumberSubstitution,
     "9d5d67e0-7bde-4f6d-a073-360c5c381dd6") : IDWriteNumberSubstitution
{
    virtual NumberSubstitutionMode GetMode() const = 0;
    virtual NumberSubstitutionChars const& GetChars() const = 0;
    virtual uint32_t GetScript() const = 0;
};
```

```
com::interfaces! {
    #[uuid("9d5d67e0-7bde-4f6d-a073-360c5c381dd6")]
    pub unsafe interface INumberSubstitution : IDWriteNumberSubstitution {
        pub fn GetMode(&self) -> NumberSubstitutionMode;
        pub fn GetChars(&self) -> *const NumberSubstitutionChars;
        pub fn GetScript(&self) -> u32;
    }
}
```

- In other places, we statically link Rust and C++ code.

```
extern "C" IDWriteInlineObject* Rust_Layout_CreateInlineObject(
  IDWriteTextLayout *layout,
  InlineLayoutBoundMode boundMode,
  bool adjustBaseline);
```

```
#[no_mangle]
pub extern "C" fn Rust_Layout_CreateInlineObject(
    layout: IDWriteTextLayout,
    bound_mode: InlineLayoutBoundMode,
    adjust_baseline: bool,
) -> IDWriteInlineObject {
    …
}
```

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Win32k **GDI** port to Rust

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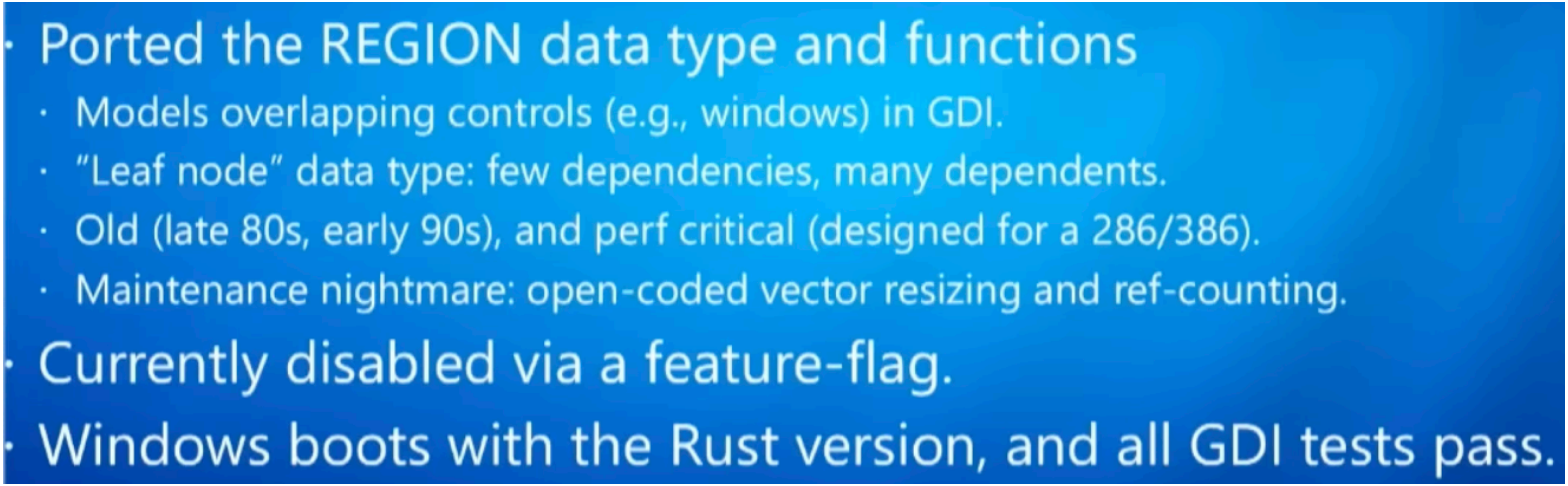

- Ported the REGION data type and functions
  - Models overlapping controls (e.g., windows) in GDI.
  - "Leaf node" data type: few dependencies, many dependents.
  - Old (late 80s, early 90s), and perf critical (designed for a 286/386).
  - Maintenance nightmare: open-coded vector resizing and ref-counting.
- Currently disabled via a feature-flag.
- Windows boots with the Rust version, and all GDI tests pass.

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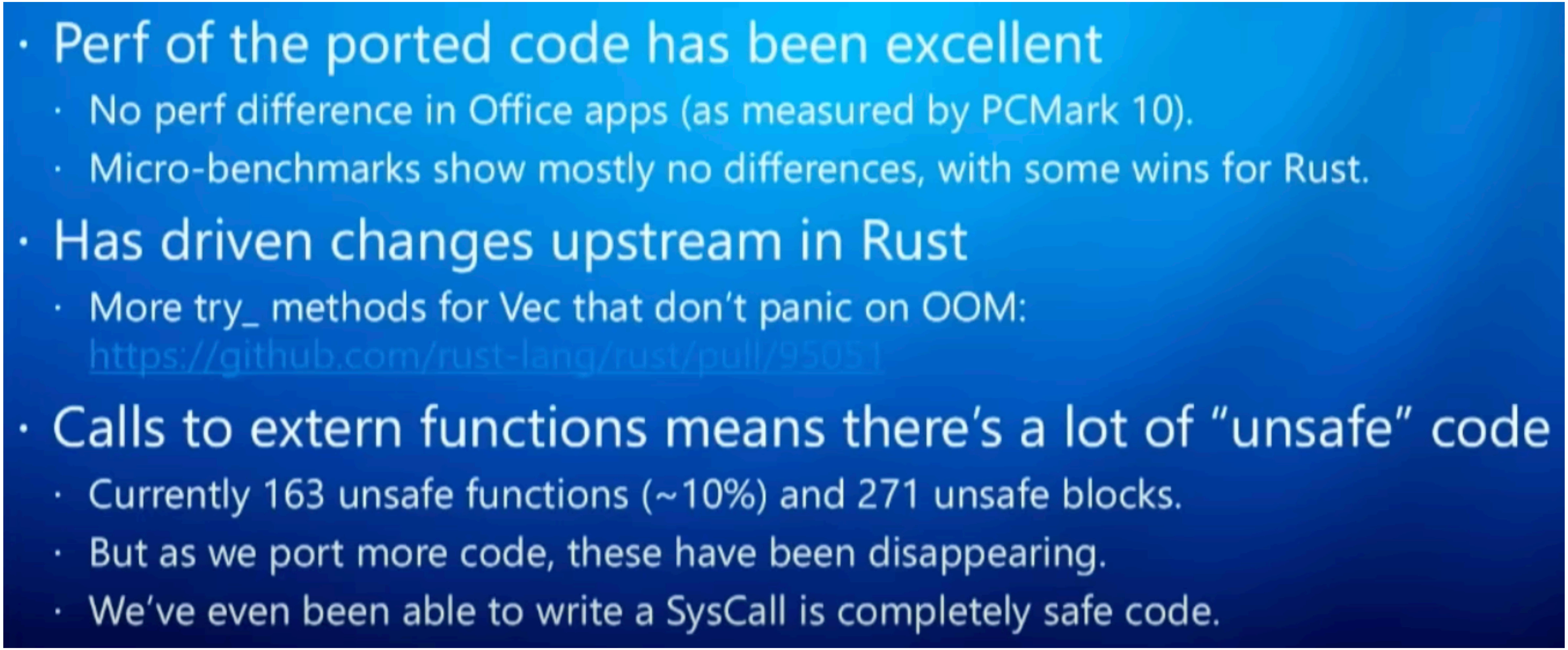

- Perf of the ported code has been excellent
  - No perf difference in Office apps (as measured by PCMark 10).
  - Micro-benchmarks show mostly no differences, with some wins for Rust.
- Has driven changes upstream in Rust
  - More try_ methods for Vec that don't panic on OOM: https://github.com/rust-lang/rust/pull/95051
- Calls to extern functions means there's a lot of "unsafe" code
  - Currently 163 unsafe functions (~10%) and 271 unsafe blocks.
  - But as we port more code, these have been disappearing.
  - We've even been able to write a SysCall is completely safe code.

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Myth #38

More on the way... 🤐

Myth #38

Rust Fact vs. Fiction

5 Insights from Google's Rust journey in 2022

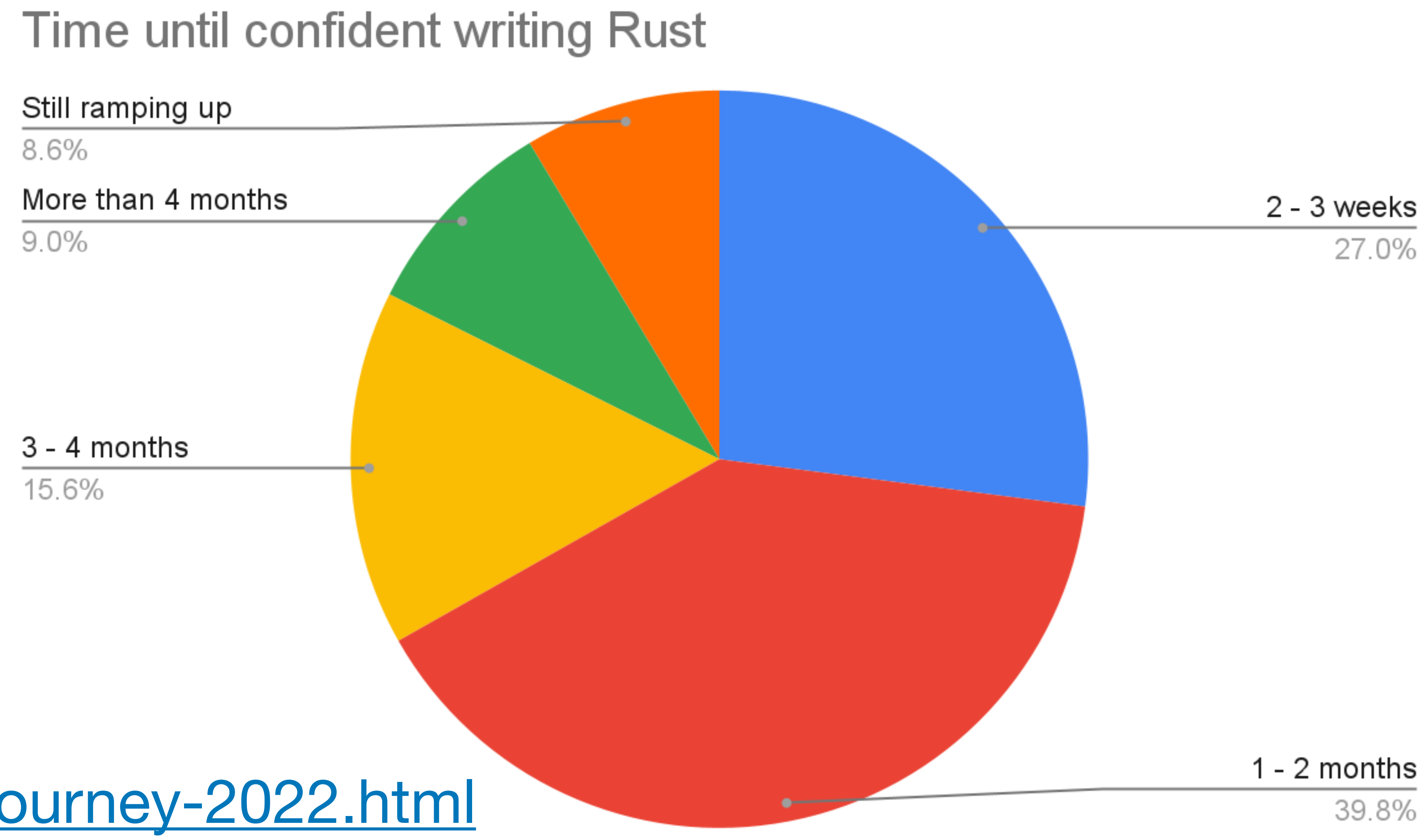
Rumor 1: Rust takes more than 6 months to learn – Debunked

Rumor 2: The Rust compiler is not as fast as people would like – Confirmed

Rumor 3: Unsafe code and interop are always the biggest challenges – Debunked

Rumor 4: Rust has amazing compiler error messages – Confirmed

Rumor 5: Rust code is high quality – Confirmed



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Myth #38

Chromium: Rust and C++ interoperability

It's important for Rust to be able to call C++ functions in a way that meets the following criteria:

- No need for unsafe keyword
- No overhead in the general case
- No boilerplate or re-declarations / No C++ annotations
- Broad type support - with safety
- Ergonomics - with safety

There's progress in Rust community in solving some of these problems:

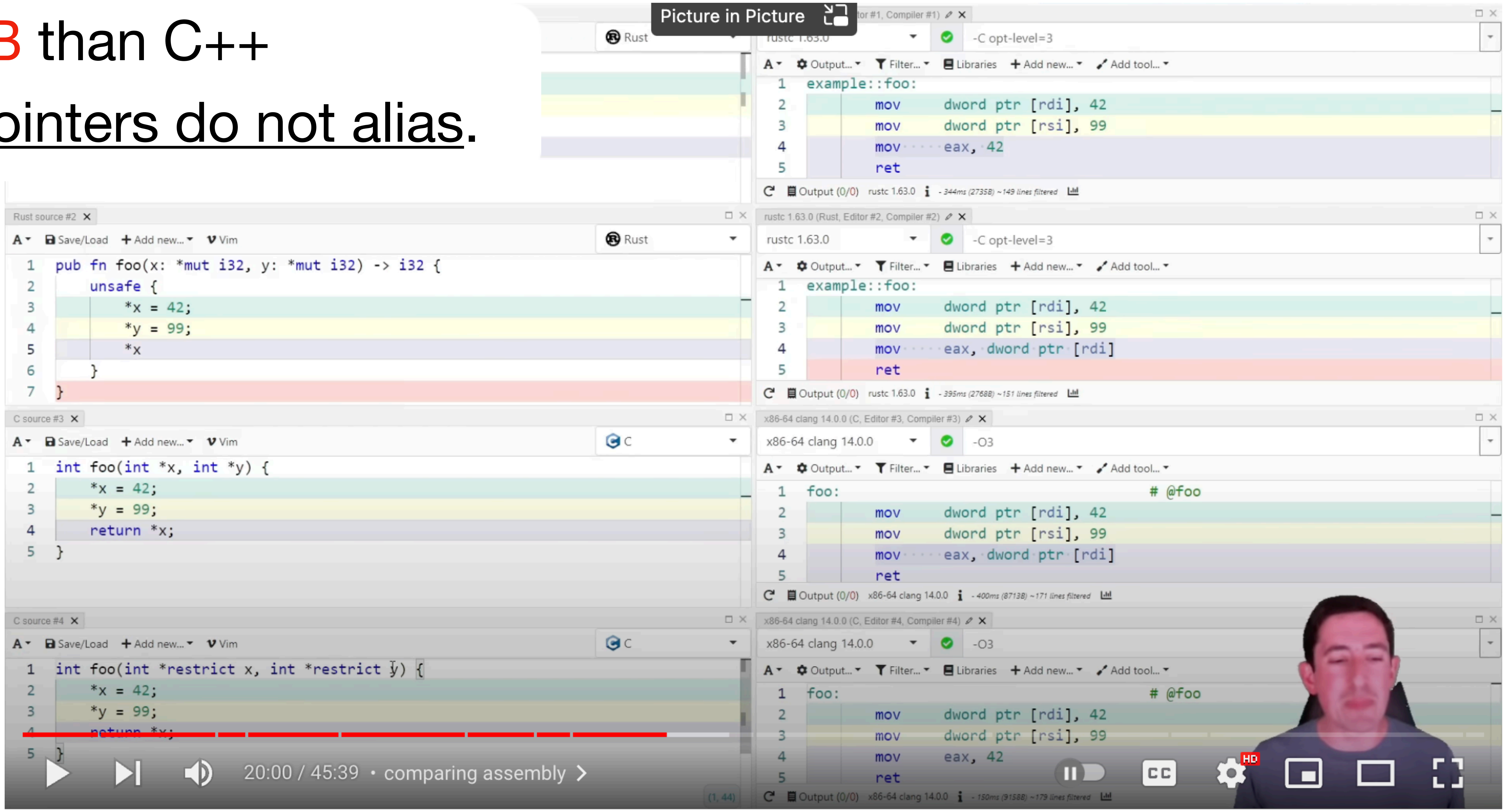
➡️ see moveit, autocxx and mosaic

chromium.org/Home/chromium-security/memory-safety/rust-and-c-interoperability/

Myth #38

unsafe { 😱 }

`unsafe{Rust}` has more UB than C++ because it always assumes pointers do not alias.



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-C opt-level=3
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Rust source #2
Save/Load
Add new...
Vim
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Output... Filter... Libraries Add new... Add tool...
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-O3
C source #4
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```
example::foo:
        mov     dword ptr [rdi], 42
        mov     dword ptr [rsi], 99
        mov     eax, 42
        ret
```

```
pub fn foo(x: *mut i32, y: *mut i32) -> i32 {
    unsafe {
        *x = 42;
        *y = 99;
        *x
    }
}
```

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        ret
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    return *x;
}
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Unsafe Rust is not C

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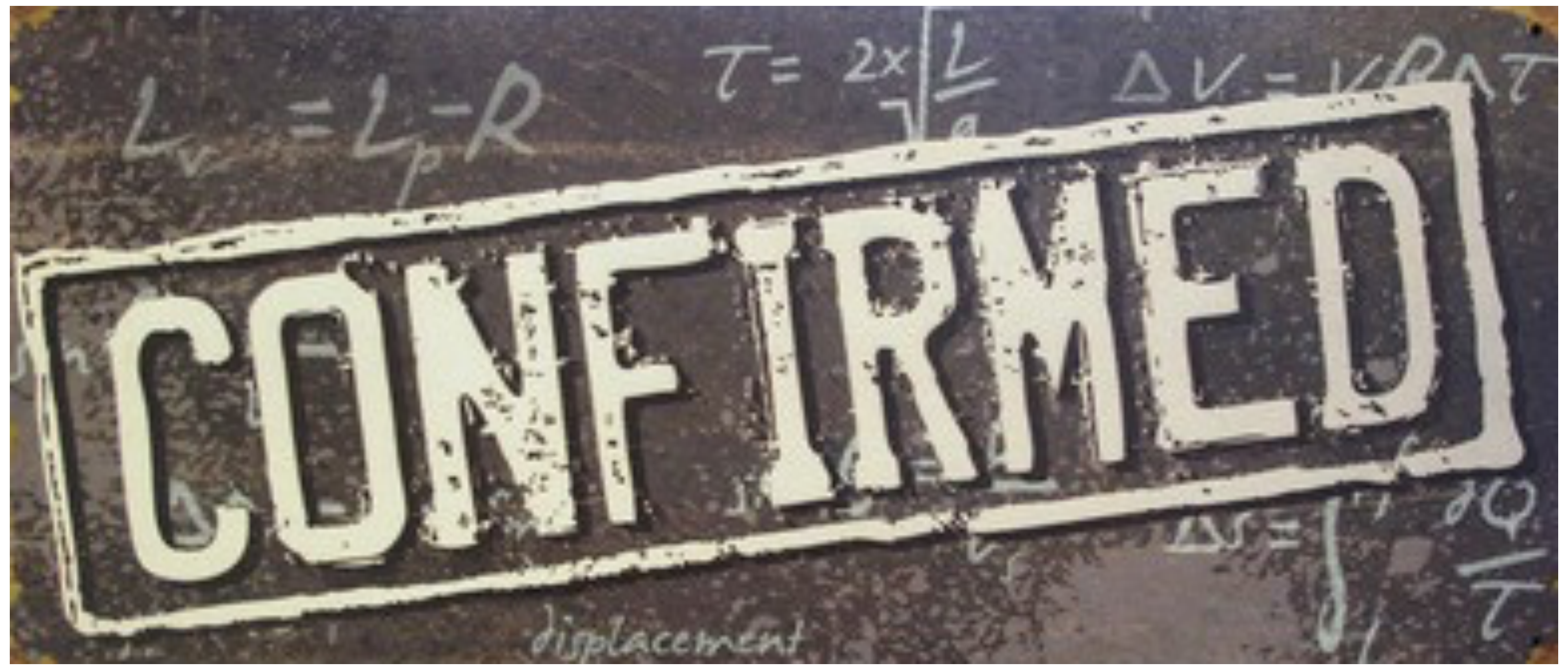
Just rewrite it in Rust 🦀



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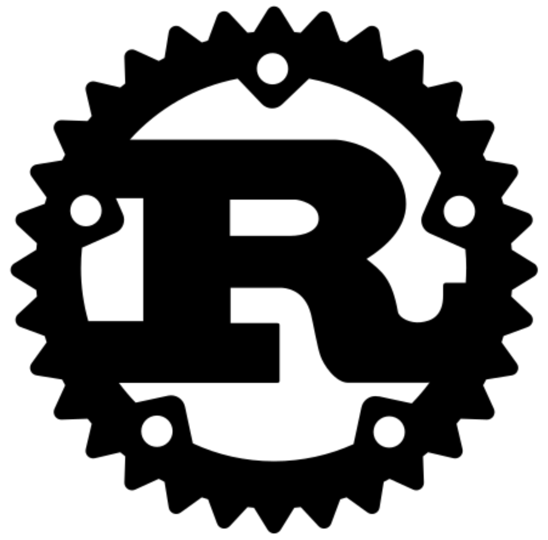

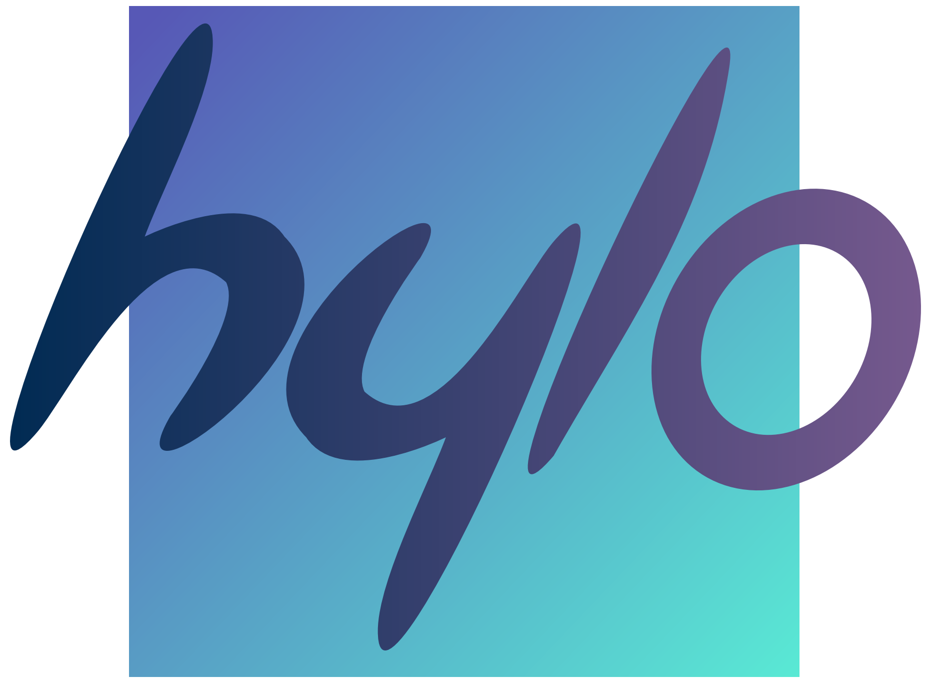

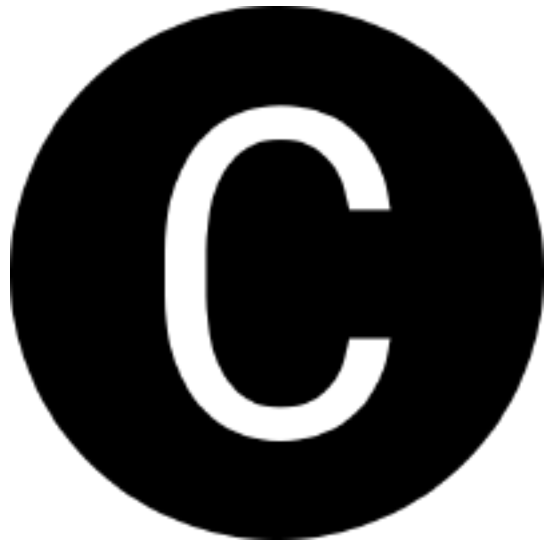

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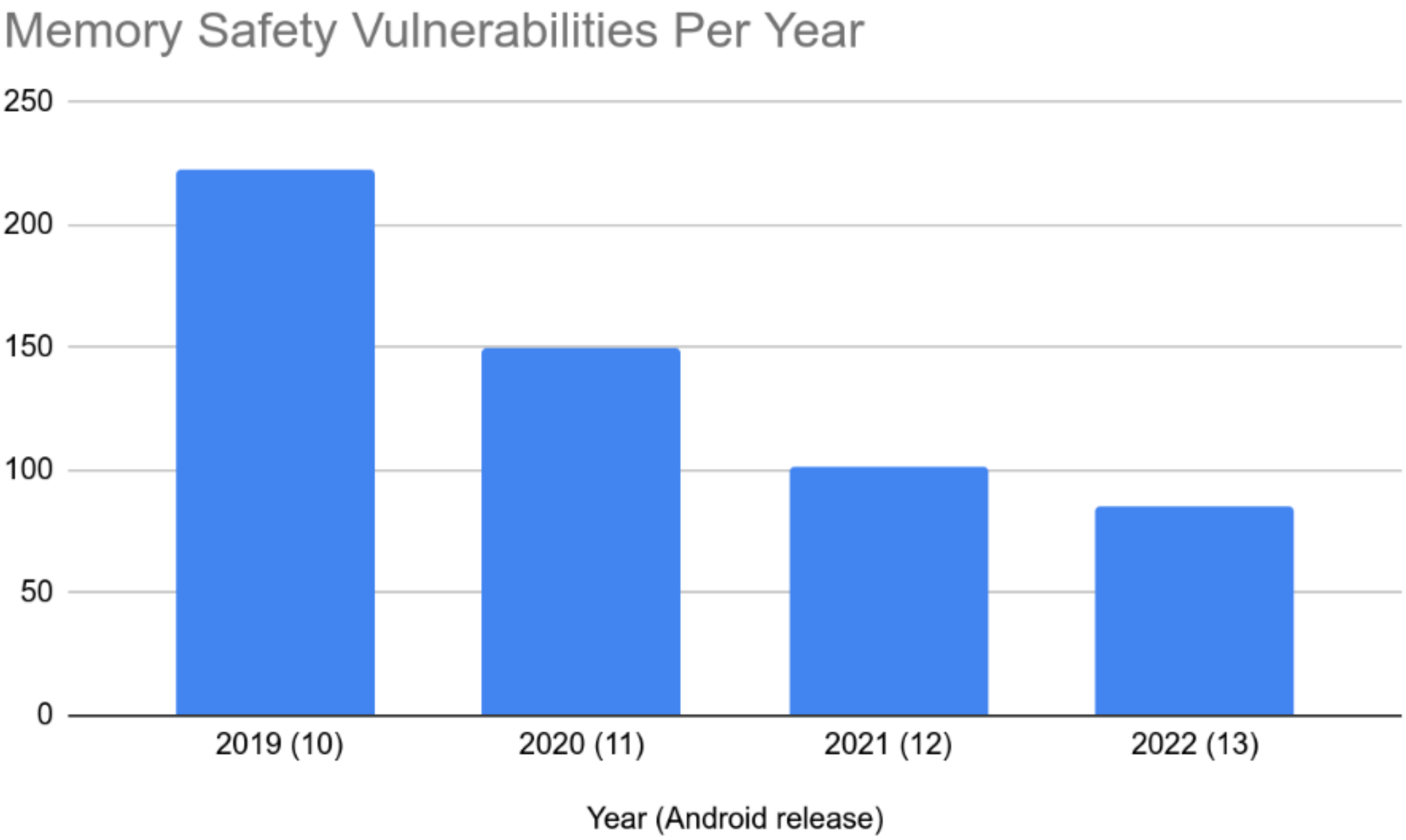

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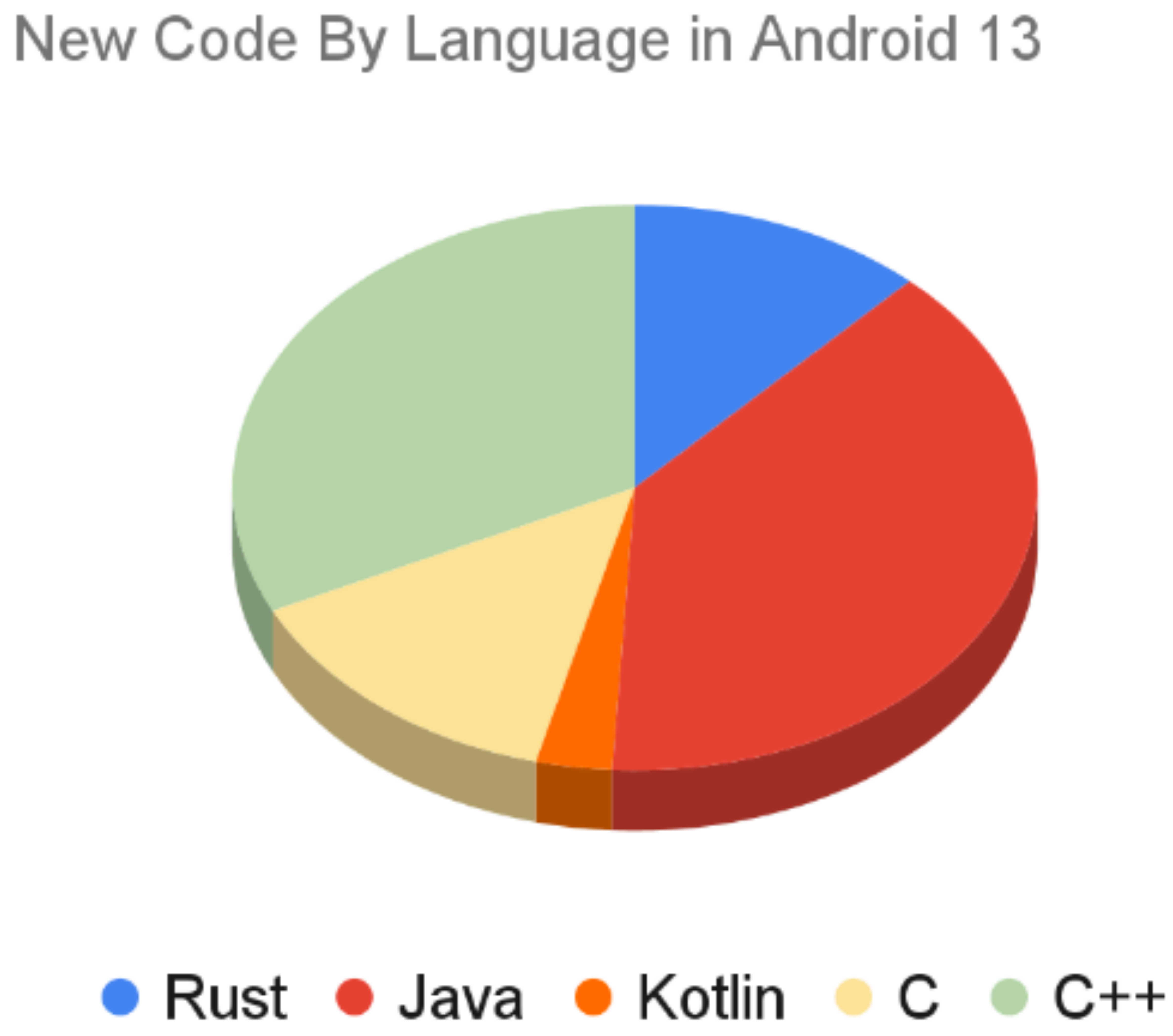

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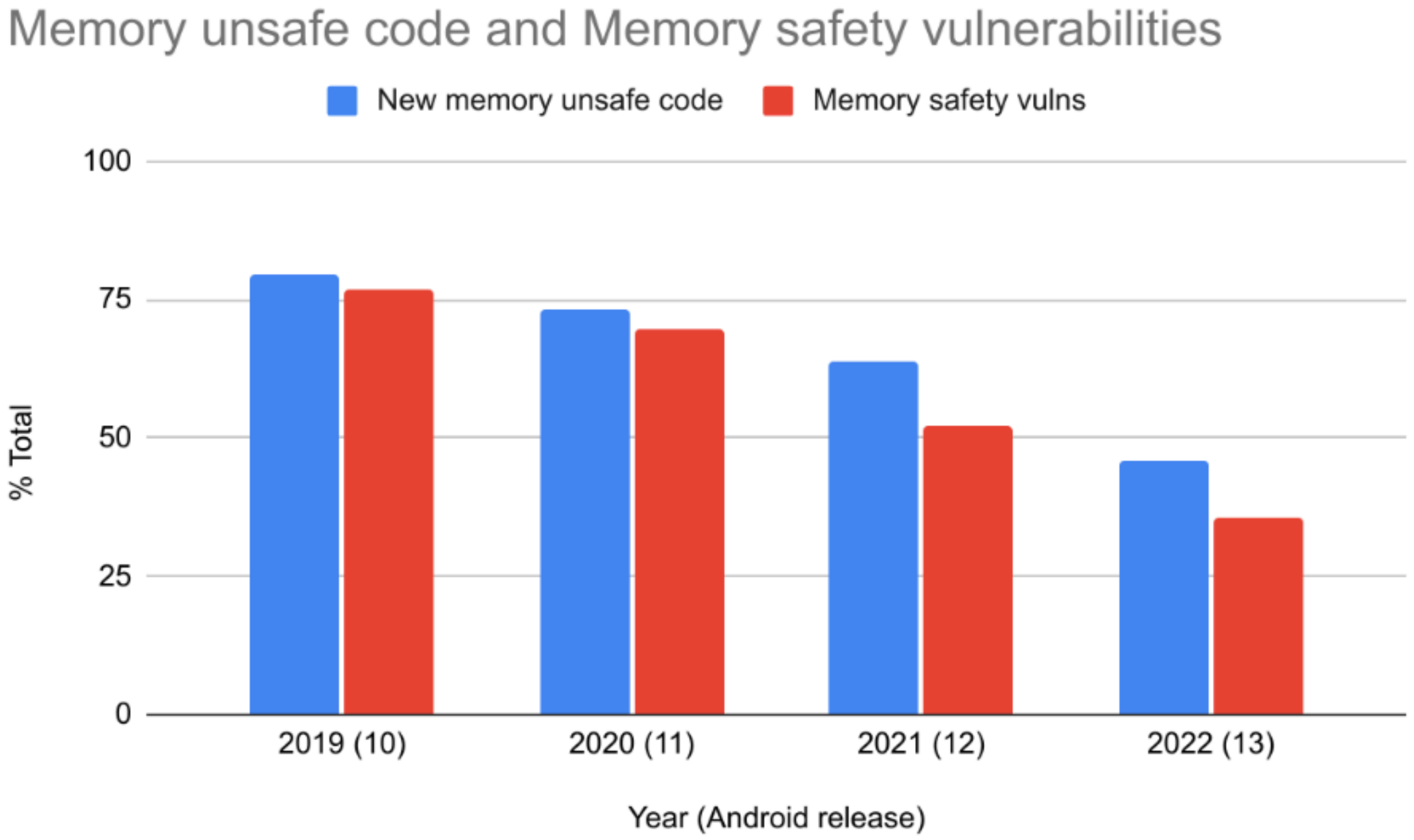

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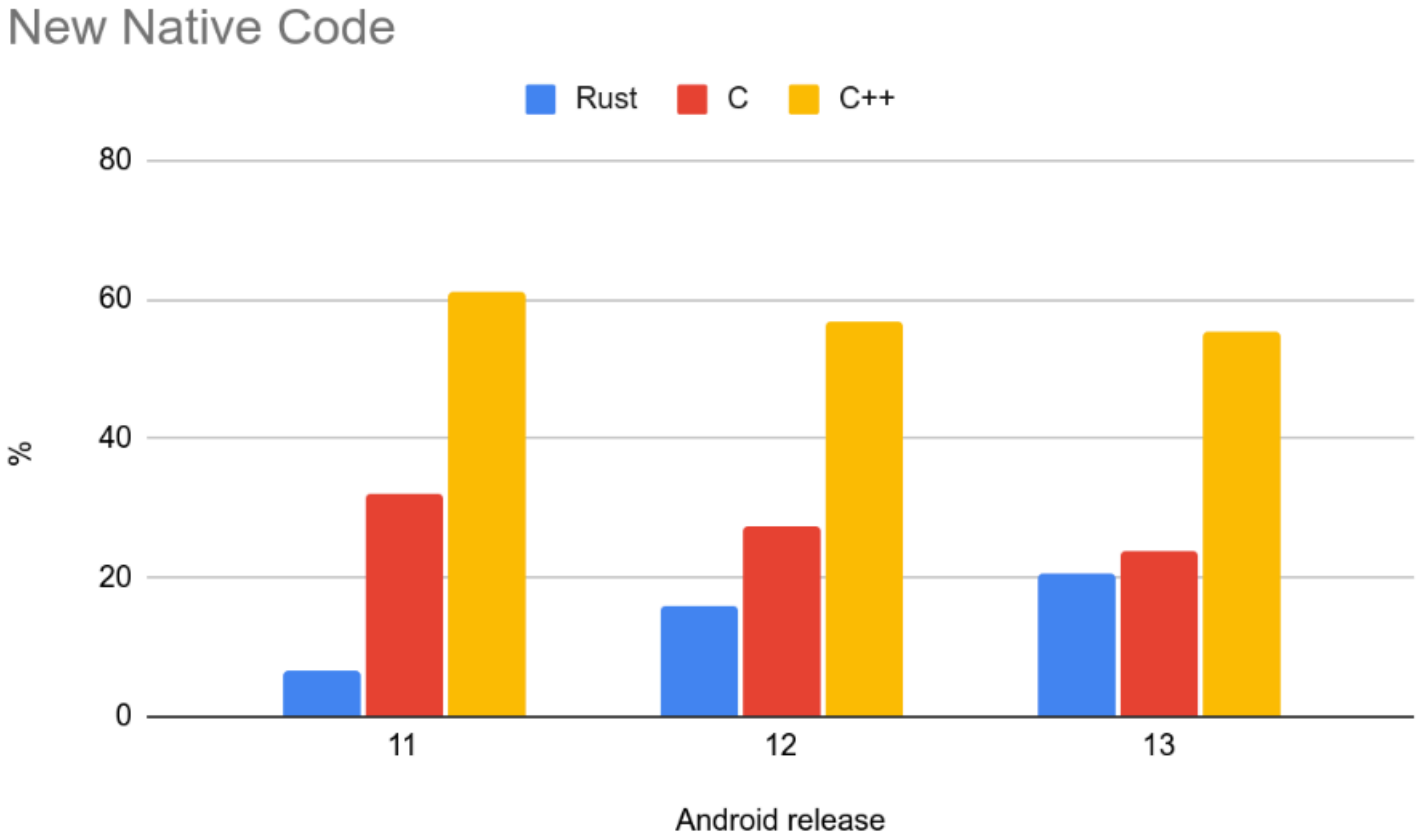

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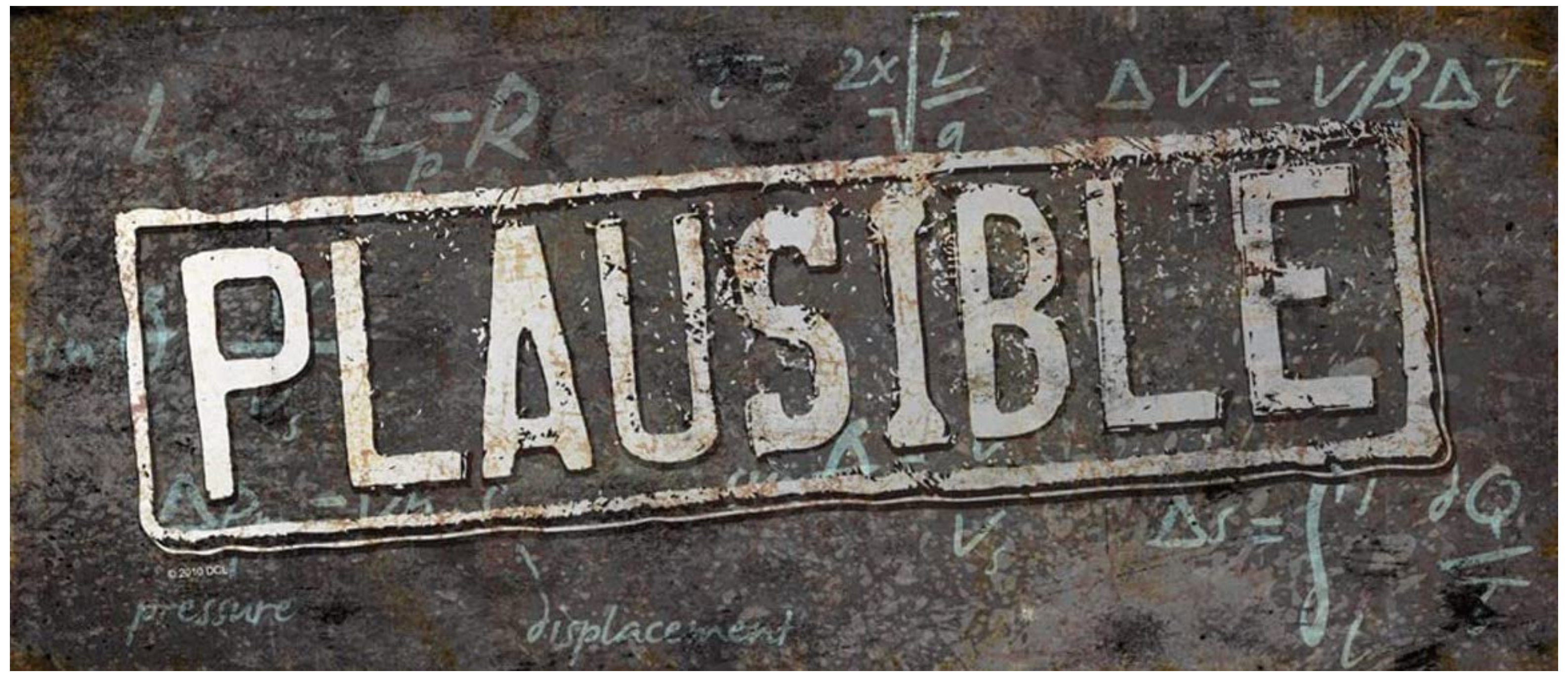

* it's not a zero-sum game - there will be enough food for everyone

Myth #39

> std::ranges are safer than iterators

All our experience with *iterators* since the 90s, tells us they should be 🙂

Myth #39

C++20 ranges library is fantastic tool, but watch out for gotchas ⚠️

- **views** have *reference* semantics => all the reference gotchas apply
- as always with C++, **const** is shallow and doesn't propagate (as you might expect)
- some functions do caching, eg. `begin()`, `empty()`, `| filter | drop`
- don't hold on to views or try to reuse them
  - safest to use them ad-hoc, as temporaries
  - if needed, better "copy" them (cheap) for reuse

* the Nico slide :)

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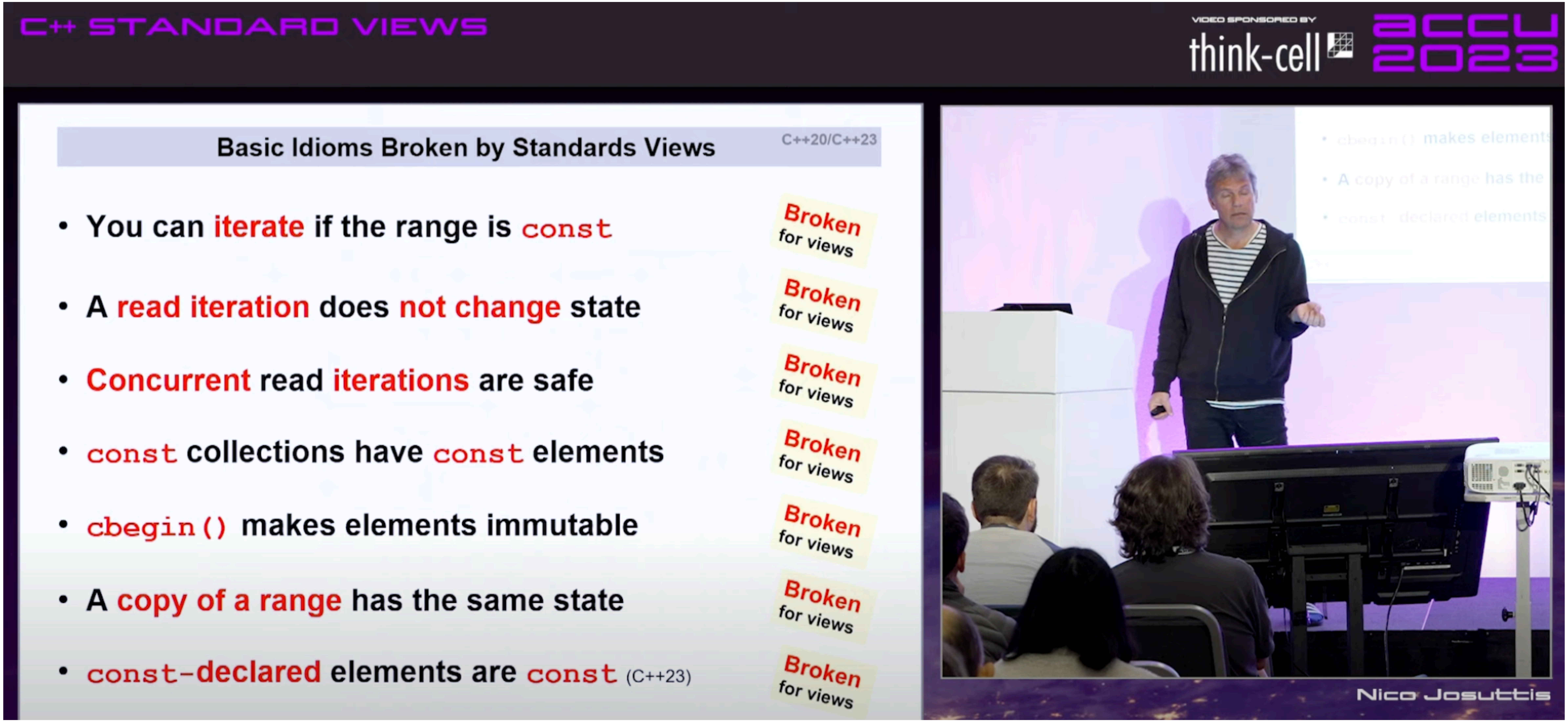

Basic Idioms Broken by Standards Views

C++20/C++23

- You can iterate if the range is const — Broken for views
- A read iteration does not change state — Broken for views
- Concurrent read iterations are safe — Broken for views
- const collections have const elements — Broken for views
- cbegin() makes elements immutable — Broken for views
- A copy of a range has the same state — Broken for views
- const-declared elements are const (C++23) — Broken for views

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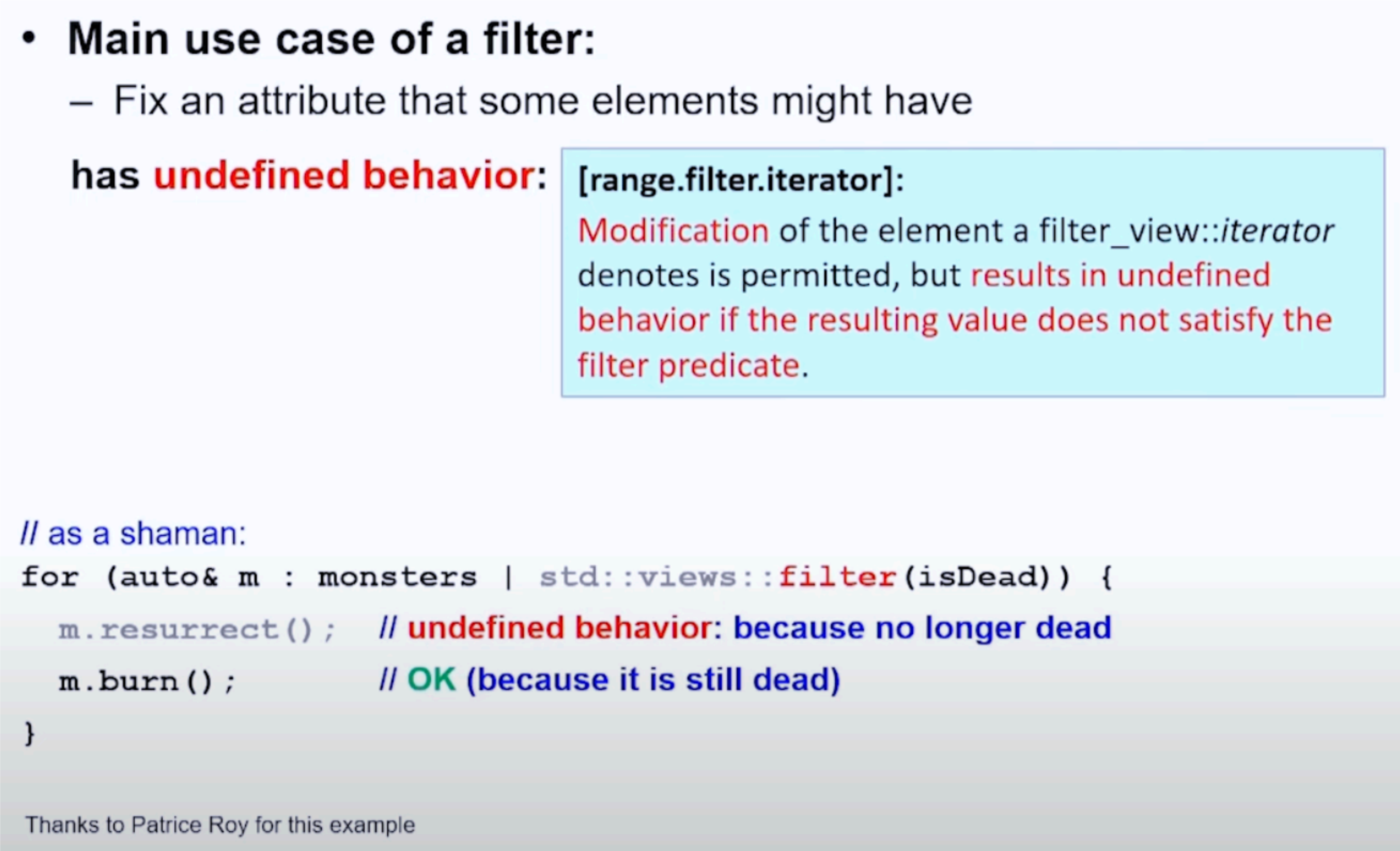
Myth #39

Ranges & filter predicate invariant



- **Main use case of a filter:**
  - Fix an attribute that some elements might have

has undefined behavior:

> **[range.filter.iterator]:**
>
> Modification of the element a filter_view::*iterator* denotes is permitted, but results in undefined behavior if the resulting value does not satisfy the filter predicate.

```
// as a shaman:
for (auto& m : monsters | std::views::filter(isDead)) {
  m.resurrect();     // undefined behavior: because no longer dead
  m.burn();          // OK (because it is still dead)
}
```

Thanks to Patrice Roy for this example

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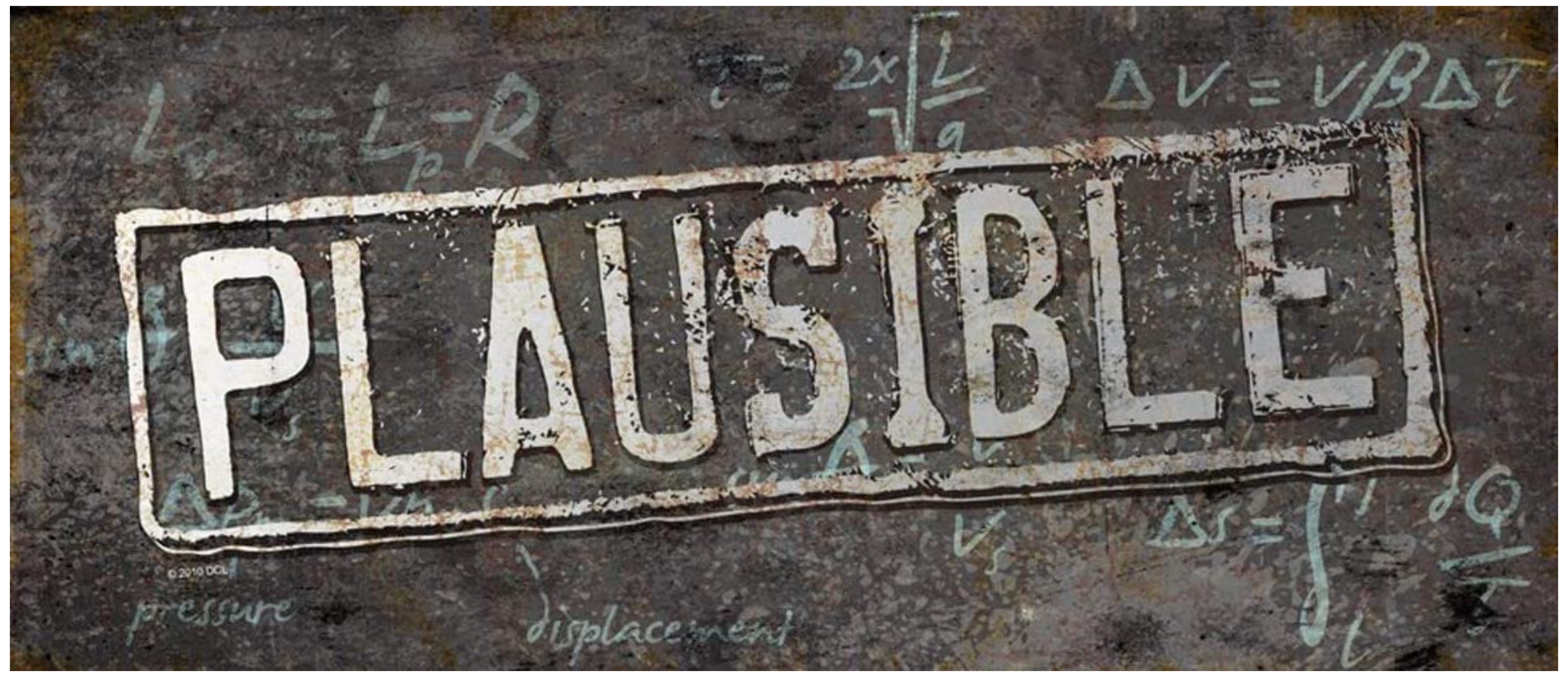

Myth #7

CMake is the gold standard of C++ project systems

Myth #7

> “CMake:
>
> When it works, it's great;
>
> when it doesn't, you're regretting your life decisions 🙂

twitter.com/pati_gallardo/status/1672137915575545856?s=46&t=dcjdCXT0jeVLLjXhQ3J85A

Myth #7

CMake Debugger
in Visual Studio and VSCode

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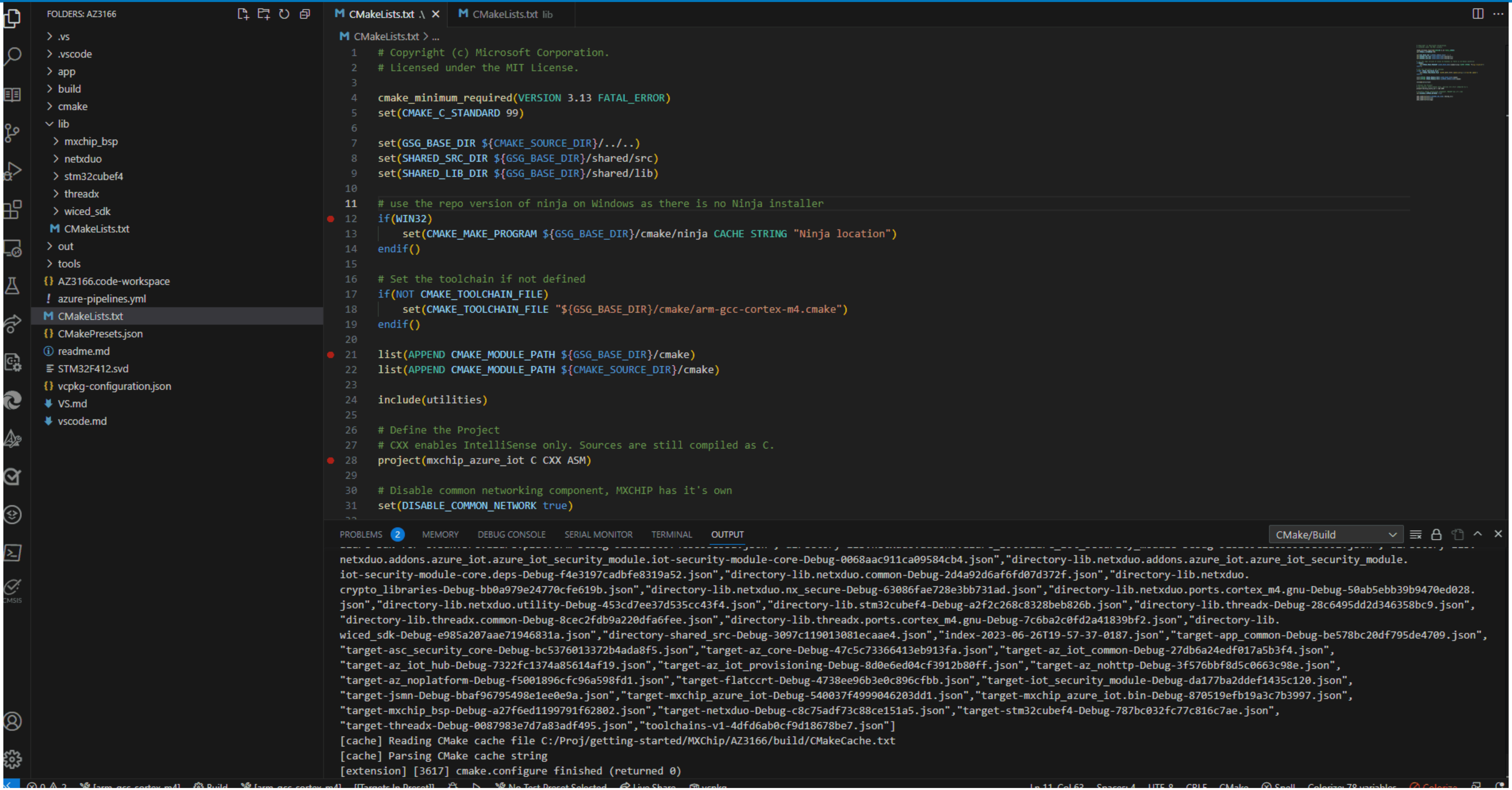

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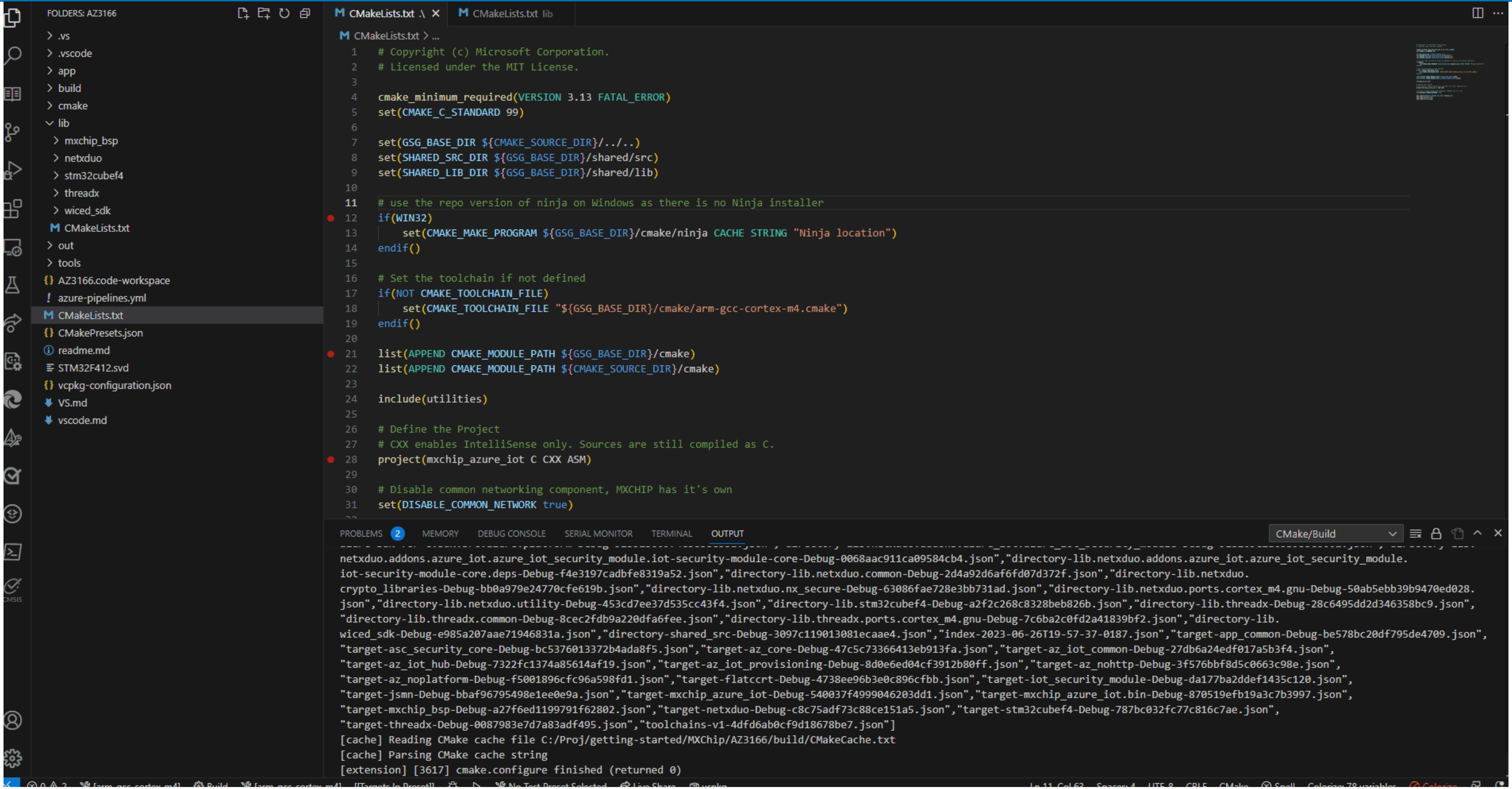

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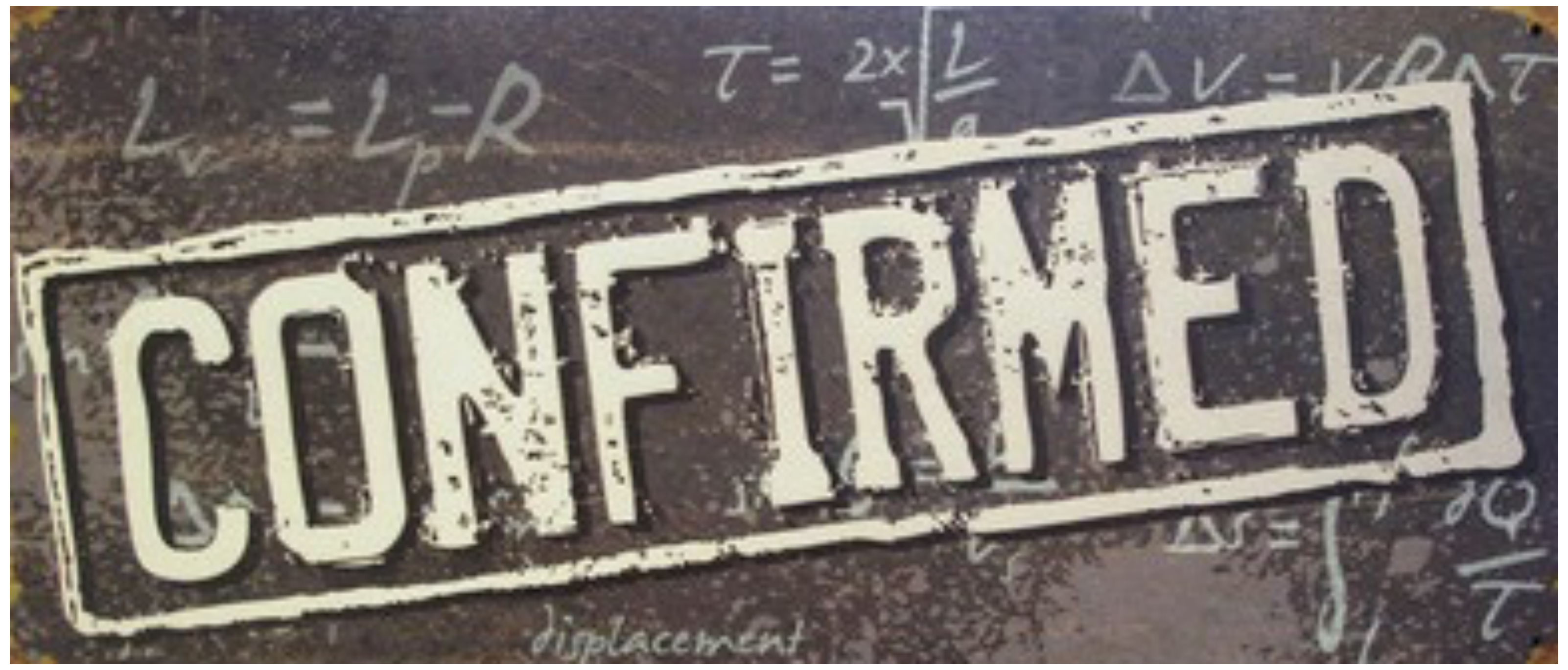
The CMake debugger has now been implemented in VS & VSCode and merged upstream to Kitware.

CMake Debugger: VS + VSCode + Rider + CLion

Myth #7

CMake is the gold standard of C++ project systems



Myth #0

New (C++) is the enemy of the old

"Before we had [feature], we were nonetheless able to program in C++"

- *Pablo Halpern*, ACCU Conf 2022 (via *Kate Gregory*)

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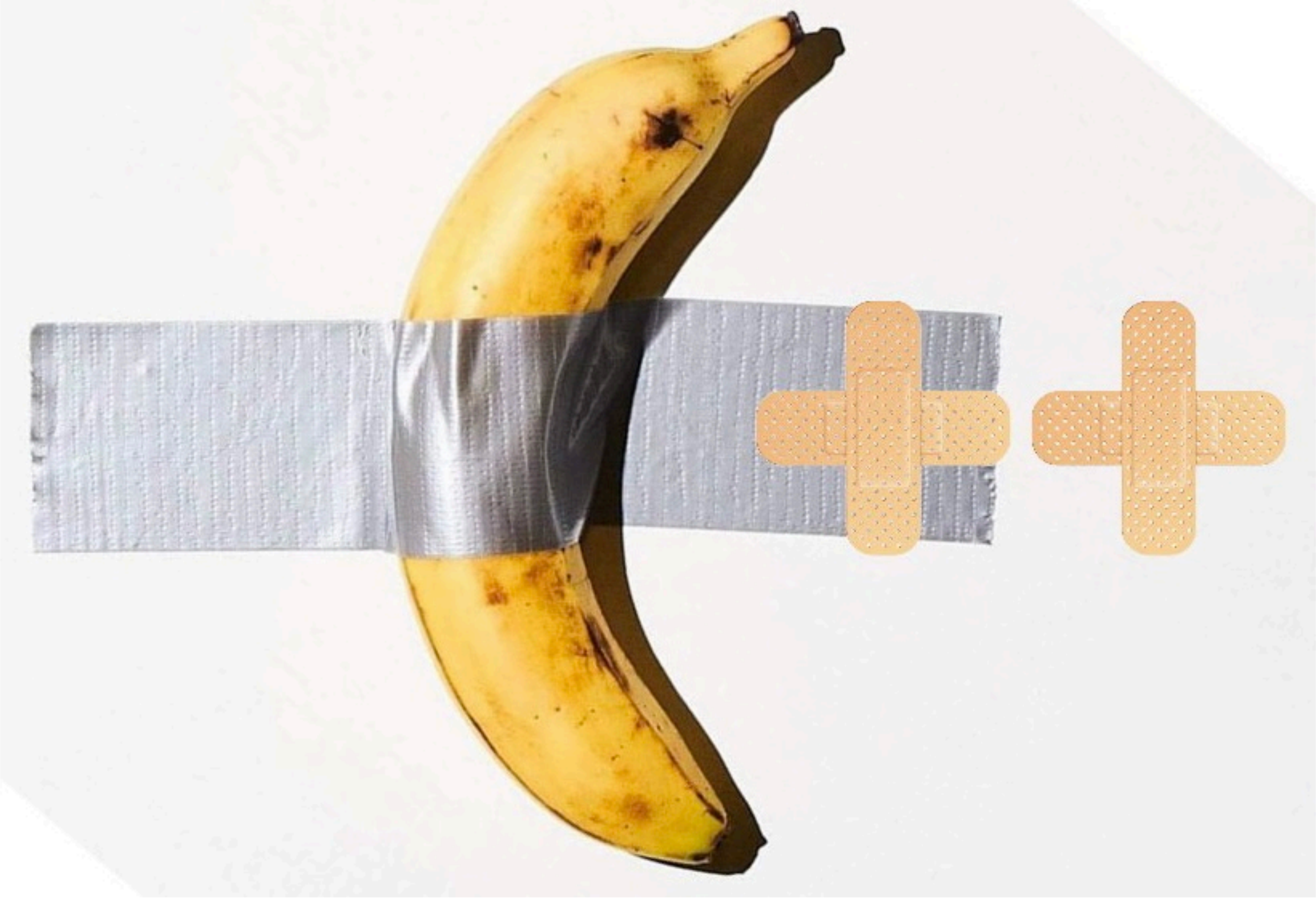

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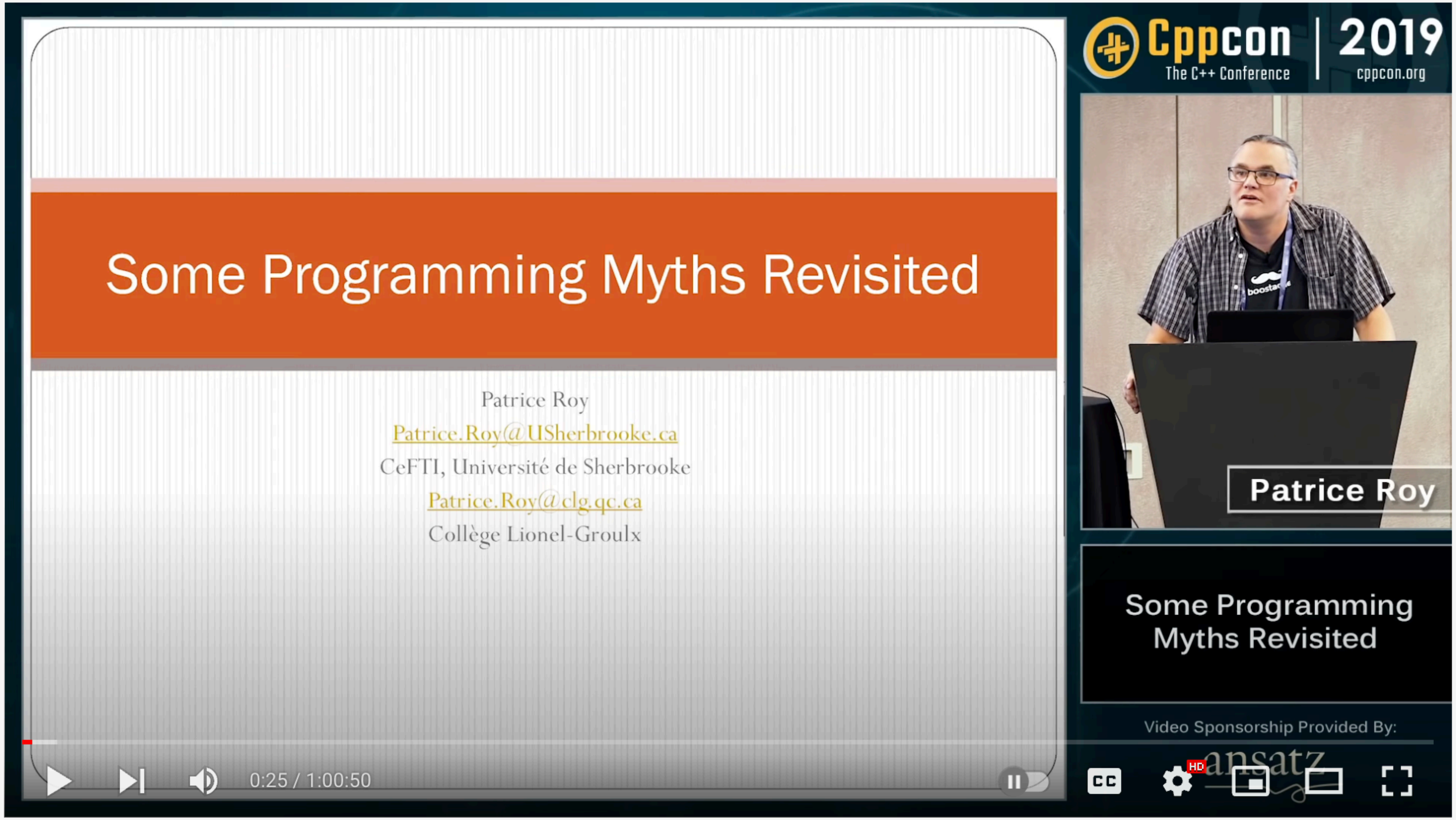

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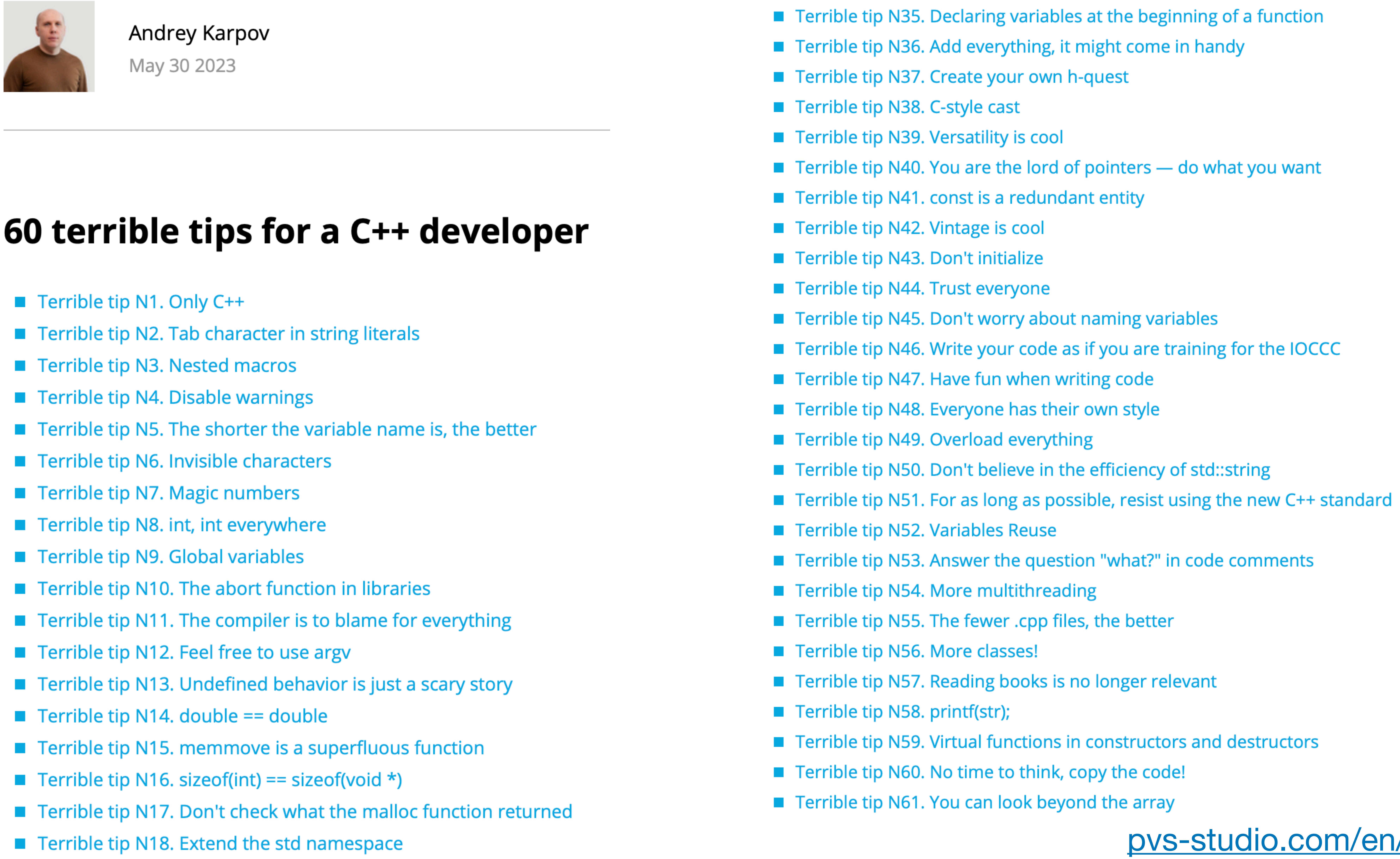

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60 terrible tips for a C++ developer

- Terrible tip N1. Only C++
- Terrible tip N2. Tab character in string literals
- Terrible tip N3. Nested macros
- Terrible tip N4. Disable warnings
- Terrible tip N5. The shorter the variable name is, the better
- Terrible tip N6. Invisible characters
- Terrible tip N7. Magic numbers
- Terrible tip N8. int, int everywhere
- Terrible tip N9. Global variables
- Terrible tip N10. The abort function in libraries
- Terrible tip N11. The compiler is to blame for everything
- Terrible tip N12. Feel free to use argv
- Terrible tip N13. Undefined behavior is just a scary story
- Terrible tip N14. double == double
- Terrible tip N15. memmove is a superfluous function
- Terrible tip N16. sizeof(int) == sizeof(void *)
- Terrible tip N17. Don't check what the malloc function returned
- Terrible tip N18. Extend the std namespace
- Terrible tip N35. Declaring variables at the beginning of a function
- Terrible tip N36. Add everything, it might come in handy
- Terrible tip N37. Create your own h-quest
- Terrible tip N38. C-style cast
- Terrible tip N39. Versatility is cool
- Terrible tip N40. You are the lord of pointers — do what you want
- Terrible tip N41. const is a redundant entity
- Terrible tip N42. Vintage is cool
- Terrible tip N43. Don't initialize
- Terrible tip N44. Trust everyone
- Terrible tip N45. Don't worry about naming variables
- Terrible tip N46. Write your code as if you are training for the IOCCC
- Terrible tip N47. Have fun when writing code
- Terrible tip N48. Everyone has their own style
- Terrible tip N49. Overload everything
- Terrible tip N50. Don't believe in the efficiency of std::string
- Terrible tip N51. For as long as possible, resist using the new C++ standard
- Terrible tip N52. Variables Reuse
- Terrible tip N53. Answer the question "what?" in code comments
- Terrible tip N54. More multithreading
- Terrible tip N55. The fewer .cpp files, the better
- Terrible tip N56. More classes!
- Terrible tip N57. Reading books is no longer relevant
- Terrible tip N58. printf(str);
- Terrible tip N59. Virtual functions in constructors and destructors
- Terrible tip N60. No time to think, copy the code!
- Terrible tip N61. You can look beyond the array

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