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| Core WG List of Issues |  
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This list only contains the issues we agreed to will appear on the US ballot.

As the committee receives comments from other National Bodies, the core issues extracted from these comments will be added to this "official" core list of issues. This list will eventually contain all the core issues the committee will address before DIS ballot.

The status of the issues below is either "active" or "resolved". The active issues are those for which the committee does not have a proposed resolution yet. The resolved issues are the issues for which the committee agreed on a resolution at the Nashua meeting (March 97). These resolutions need to be approved at the London meeting (July 97). Many of the resolved issues have working paper text provided as part of the proposed resolution.

For reference purposes, the issues that were closed at the Nashua meeting with no further action required are listed at the end of this document.

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Chapter 1 - Introduction

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 604
Title: Should the C++ standard talk about features in C++ prior to

1985?
Section: 1.1 [intro.scope]
Status: resolved
Description:

UK issue 229:
>Delete the last sentence of 1.1 and Annex C.1.2. This is the first standard for C++, what happened prior to 1985 is not relevant to this document."

Resolution:
At the Nashua meeting, the C compatibility WG decided:
>Delete references to C.1. Annex C.1 needs to be removed."

Requestor: UK issue 229
Owner: (C Compatibility)
Emails:
Papers:

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 602
Title: Clarify the WP conformance model
Section: 1.3 [intro.compliance]
Status: active
Description:

Part 1 (resolved):
o Resolve the inconsistencies in the WP.
Proposed Resolution:
Subclause 1.3 should:
- recognize that some syntactic errors do not require diagnostics, either because they are explicitly so described or because they are described as resulting in undefined behavior.
- decouple the requirement to issue a diagnostic from the various taxonomies (compile-time vs runtime errors, well-formed vs ill-formed programs) and simply require that violations of diagnosable rules result in a diagnostic.
- decouple the requirement to accept and correctly execute programs from the various taxonomies and simply require that implementations accept and correctly execute programs that contain no errors.

The proposed wording is in Mike Miller's paper.

Part 2 (active):
o Refining the definition of "well-formed" and "ill-formed"

Clarify that well-formed programs contain no compile-time or link-time errors.

Mike Miller's paper proposes wording to address this issue. At the Nashua meeting, the core WG did not agree on whether this is a problem that needs to be resolved or whether Mike's proposed resolution was acceptable.

Resolution:
Requestor: Mike Miller
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Conformance Model)
Emails:
Papers:

97-0023/N1061 Defining Conformance, Rev. 1 by Mike Miller

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Chapter 2 - Lexical Conventions

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 744
Title: Is the description of trigraph processing wrong?
Section: 2.3[lex.trigraph]
Status: resolved

Description:

2.3 para 4 says:
"Trigraph replacement is done left to right, so that when two sequences which could represent trigraphs overlap, only the first sequence is replaced. [Example: The sequence "???" becomes "?=", not "?#". The sequence "?????????" becomes "???", not "?". -- end example]"

[Clark Nelson, edit-778:]

> A new paragraph was added after the September draft,
> specifically [lex.trigraph]/4. The paragraph seems to be
> trying to clarify some aspects of trigraph processing.
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> Unfortunately, the entire paragraph seems to be based on a
> false premise; to wit, that ??? is a trigraph which is
> replaced by a single ?. However, ??? is not listed as a
> trigraph sequence in the trigraph table, and according to
> paragraph 3, there are no other trigraphs. If ??? were
> a trigraph for ?, then paragraph 4 would be meaningful and,
> arguably, necessary clarification. However, if (as I believe)
> ??? is not a trigraph of any sort, then the new paragraph 4
> is actually meaningless and/or just plain wrong, and should be
> deleted.
>
> As a possibly related issue, in the C standard, the statements
> of paragraph 3 are normative. Should the note-brackets around
> that paragraph be removed from the working paper? If they were,
> the confusion about ??? might have been a little less likely.

Resolution:

Do as Clark suggests:
Paragraph 4 should be deleted and paragraph 3 should be made normative.

Requestor: Clark Nelson
Owner: Tom Plum (Lexical Conventions)
Emails:
Papers:

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Chapter 3 - Basic Concepts

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 745
Title: Does &inline_function yield the same result in all the translation units?

Section: 3.2[basic.def.odr]

Status: resolved

Description:

3.2 para 4 says:

"An inline functions shall be declared in every translation unit in

which it is used."

It is not clear from this statement whether taking the address of an inline function in different translation units must yield the same result.

Resolution:

Yes, taking the address of an inline function in different translation units must yield the same result.

Add to the end of 7.1.2 para 4:

"An inline function with external linkage shall have the same address in all translation units."

Requestor:

Owner: Josee Lajoie (ODR)

Emails:

Papers:

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Work Group: Core

Issue Number: 789

Title: When is a name used in a default argument considered "used"?

Section: 3.2[basic.def.odr]

Status: resolved

Description:

Resolution:

[N1065 issue 3.32]

The working paper should explicitly state that an entity which appears to be "used" in a default argument is actually used only

if the default argument itself is used.

Requestor: Bill Gibbons

Owner: Josee Lajoie (ODR)

Emails:

Papers:

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Work Group: Core

Issue Number: 664

Title: When does the reevaluation rule for class scope name lookup

require a diagnostic?

Section: 3.3.6 [basic.scope.class]

Status: resolved

Description:

3.3.6 para 1 says:

2) The name N used in a class S shall refer to the same declaration when re-evaluated in its context and in the completed scope of S.

No diagnostic is required for a violation of this rule.

3) If reordering member declarations in a class yields an alternate valid program under (1) and (2), the program's behavior is ill-formed, no diagnostic is required.

In the presence of rule 3) it is not clear why rule 2) is needed. The following example should be added following rule 2) to

illustrate that rule 2) applies when a name is used in a declaration and then redeclared by the same declaration.

```
typedef int I; //1

class D {
    typedef I I; //2
};
```

Resolution:

The example above should be added to the WP, following rule 2) of 3.3.6.

Requestor: Steve Adamczyk
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Name Lookup)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 686
Title: Where is a function name looked up if an argument type is introduced with a using-declaration?
Section: 3.4.2 [basic.lookup.koenig]
Status: resolved
Description:

basic.lookup.koenig says:

during When an unqualified name is used as the postfix-expression in a function call (`_expr.call_`), other namespaces not considered the usual unqualified look up (`_basic.lookup.unqual_`) may be searched; this search depends on the types of the arguments.

of For each argument type T in the function call, there may be a set of zero or more associated namespaces to be considered; such namespaces are determined in the following way:

- [...]
 - If T is a class type, its associated namespaces are the namespaces in which the class and its direct and indirect base classes are defined.
 - [...]
- Typedef names used to specify the types do not contribute to this set.

This text is not very clear as to what happens if the type was introduced with a using-declaration:

```
namespace N1 {
    struct T { };
    void f(T);
};

namespace N2 {
    using N1::T;

    void f(T);
};

void foo() {
    N2::T t;
```

```
f(t);          // which f?
```

```
}
```

Resolution:

The function called is N1::f.

The sentence in 3.4.2 paragraph 2:

"Typedef names used to specify the types do not contribute to

this

set."

should be augmented to say that:

"Typedef names and using-declarations used to specify the types

do

not contribute to this set."

Requestor: Andrew Koenig

Owner: Josee Lajoie (Name Lookup)

Emails: core-7041

Papers:

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Work Group: Core

Issue Number: 790

Title: What is the associated namespace if the argument has

function

type?

Section: 3.4.2 [basic.lookup.koenig]

Status: resolved

Description:

3.4.2[basic.lookup.koenig] para 2:

"For each argument type T in the function call, there is a set of zero or more associated namespaces to be considered. The set of namespaces is determined entirely by the types of the arguments."

The list does not cover arguments of function types.

An argument can have function type if the parameter has type reference to function.

Resolution:

3.4.2[basic.lookup.koenig] para 2, fifth bullet

change:

"If T is a pointer to function type, ..."

to:

"If T is a function type, ..."

Requestor:

Owner: Josee Lajoie (Name Lookup)

Emails:

Papers:

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Work Group: Core

Issue Number: 791

Title: Does a function declaration need to be visible at the point of the call for a function call to be well-formed?

Section: 3.4.2 [basic.lookup.koenig]

Status: resolved

Description:

There should be an example to illustrate that a function name does not have to be known at the point of the call for the function

call

to be well-formed. i.e. parsing must not assume for:

name()

that 'name' is visible in the scope of the call for this

expression

to be interpreted as a function call.

```
namespace NS {
    class T{ };
};
```

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        void f(T);
    }
    NS::T parm;
    int main() {
        f(parm); //ok, calls NS::f
    }

```

Resolution:

Add the suggested example.

Requestor:

Owner: Josee Lajoie (Name Lookup)

Emails:

Papers:

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Work Group:

Core

Issue Number:

665

Title:

In X::~~Y is Y looked up in the context of the current expression?

Section:

3.4.3 [basic.lookup.qual]

Status:

resolved

Description:

In an expression like

```
p->X::~~X();
```

where is the "X" that follows the "~" looked up?

3.4.5 [basic.lookup.classref] says that in an unqualified name, the name after the ~ is looked up in the current context and in the class of p. But it doesn't say anything special about the qualified case. This implies that it is looked up in the scope of X only. If this is true, it seems to me that is a problem because it doesn't work when X is a typedef, as in:

```

struct A {
    ~A();
};

typedef A AB;

int main()
{
    AB *p;
    p->AB::~~AB();
}

```

This suggests that the name after ~ should always be looked up in the current context, even for the qualified name case.

The look up for a destructor name for a class type should follow the look up of a pseudo-destructor-name (3.4.3).

Resolution:

Replace 3.4.3 [basic.lookup.qual] paragraph 5, before the example, with:

"If a pseudo-destructor-name (5.2.4) contains a nested-name-specifier, the type-names are looked up as types in the scope designated by the nested-name-specifier."
(this covers the case of the pseudo-destructor-name)

and add:

"In a qualified-id of the form:
::opt nested-name-specifier ~class-name
where the nested-name-specifier designates a namespace scope,

and

in a qualified-id of the form:
::opt nested-name-specifier class-name::~class-name
the class-names are looked up as types in the scope designated

by

the nested-name-specifier."

and clarify in 3.4.3.1[class.qual] that the qualified name look up for class members described in this subclause does not apply to

the

look up of a destructor name.

Requestor: John Spicer
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Name Look Up)
Emails:
Papers

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 792
Title: What are the rules used to determine whether expressions involving nontype template parameters are equivalent?
Section: 3.5 [basic.link]
Status: active
Description:

[N1053 issue 6.46]
There must be rules for determining when two template declarations/ definitions refer to the same template. For template type parameters this is obvious, but when nontype parameters are used the equivalence may involve unevaluated expressions. There must be some way to determine if two such expressions are equivalent. The approach recommended in N1053 should be adopted.

Resolution:
Requestor: John Spicer
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 746
Title: What is the order of initialization of a class static data member?
Section: 3.6.2[basic.start.init]
Status: resolved
Description:

> On comp.std.c++, jlilley@empathy.com (John Lilley) writes:
> The order of construction is determined by the placement of
> the *definitions* of the static members, not the
> declarations within the containing class. Within a single
> translation unit (source file), the static members are
> constructed in the order of definition (DWP s3.6.2.1).

Perhaps it is an oversight, rather than a deliberate omission, but section 3.6.2/1 in the Nov 96 working paper refers to "objects of namespace scope with static storage duration"; it does not mention objects of `_class scope_` with static storage duration (i.e. static members).

As far as I can tell, the current wording of the draft leaves the order of initialization of static members unspecified.

Resolution:

The wording in 3.6.2 para 1 should be changed to say instead: "Objects defined in namespace scope..."

Requestor: Fergus Henderson
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Object Model)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 747
Title: The term "static initialization" needs to be defined
Section: 3.6.2[basic.start.init]
Status: resolved

Description:

para 2 says:
"An implementation is permitted to perform the initialization of an object of namespace scope with static storage duration as a static initialization..."

The term 'static initialization' and 'dynamic initialization' need to be defined.

Resolution:

'static initialization' designates both zero-initialization and initialization with constant expressions.
'dynamic initialization' designates initializations that are not static initializations.

Requestor:
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Object Model)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 772
Title: Wording needs to acknowledge there is no such thing as a const reference
Section: 3.9.3[basic.type.qualifier]
Status: resolved

Description:

3.9.3/3 says:
"Each non-function, non-static, non-mutable member of a const-qualified class object is const-qualified, ..."

This is clearly wrong, since there is no such thing as a const-qualified reference (as opposed to a reference to const-qualified type.)

"non-reference" should be added to the list in 3.9.3/3.

7.1.1/8 says:
"The mutable specifier can be applied only to names of class data members (9.2) and cannot be applied to names declared const or static."

References are implicitly const, because a reference may not be changed to refer to another object after initialization.

The omission of "reference" in the restrictions in 7.1.1 appears to be an almost-editorial oversight.

Resolution:
Clarify the WP as Bill suggests.
Requestor: Bill Gibbons
Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Types)
Emails:
Papers:

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Chapter 4 - Standard Conversions

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 773
Title: When is the conversion array of const char to pointer to char applied on a string literal?
Section: 4.2 [conv.array]
Status: resolved
Description:

Is the following legal?

```
char* pc = "abc" + 1;
```

When the string "abc" is converted from an array of const char to a pointer, before the '+ 1' is applied, which conversion takes place, the one that yields 'const char*' or the one that yields 'char *'? How is it decided which array-to-pointer conversion is applied?

Of course there is more than just the + operator that can cause this question to come up. For example,

```
("abc")  
&"abc"
```

Also, when a throw expression is a string literal, will
catch (char *) { }
catch it?

Resolution:
At the Nashua meeting, it was decided that the deprecated standard conversion from string to char* is only applied when there is an explicit target type of type char*.

Requestor:
Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Type Conversions)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 793
Title: Is it "null pointer constant" or "null-pointer constant"?
Section: 4.10 [conv.ptr]
Status: resolved
Description:

Resolution:
It is "null pointer constant".
18.1 para 4 needs to be modified.

Requestor: ANSI CD2 Public Comment 28
Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Type Conversions)
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Chapter 5 - Expressions

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 794
Title: Are recursive calls to main() allowed?
Section: 5.2.2[expr.call]
Status: resolved
Description:

para 9 says:
"Recursive calls are permitted."

To match what 3.6.1 says regarding main(), this sentence should say:

"Recursive calls are permitted, except to the function named main (3.6.1, [basic.start.main])."

Resolution:
Add the suggested wording.

Requestor: ANSI CD2 Public Comment 36
Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Expressions)
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 795
Title: Should a pseudo-destructor call allow the object expression to have a different cv-qualification from the type-name naming the destructor?
Section: 5.2.4[expr.pseudo]
Status: resolved
Description:

5.2.4[expr.pseudo] para 2 says:
"The left hand side of the dot operator shall be of scalar type. The left hand side of the arrow operator shall be of pointer to scalar type. This scalar type is the object type. The type designated by the pseudo-destructor-name shall be the same as the object type."

```
const int* pci;  
typedef int I;  
pci->~I(); //ill-formed
```

Should a pseudo-destructor call allow the object expression to have a different cv-qualification from the type-name naming the destructor?

Resolution:
Yes, the pseudo-destructor call should allow the object expression

to have a different cv-qualification from the type-name naming the destructor.

The last sentence quoted above should say:
"The cv-unqualified versions of the object type and of the type designated by the pseudo-destructor-name shall be the same type."

Requestor:
Owner: Josee Lajoie(Object Model)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 774
Title: Should the WP say that converting from void* to original pointer type yields a pointer value equal to original pointer?
Section: 5.2.9[expr.static.cast]
Status: resolved
Description:

[Steve Clamage:]

The C standard says explicitly that any data pointer can be converted to void* without loss of information, and that you can convert the void* back to the original type and the result will compare equal to the original pointer.

I don't find the second part of that statement for static_cast. I think we need that guarantee, so that we know for any type T:

```
T* t1 = ...;
void* p = t1;
assert( static_cast<T*>(p) == t1 ); // cannot fail
```

[Josee:]

5.2.9 paragraph 6 says the following:

"The inverse of any standard conversion sequence (`_conv_`), other than the lvalue-to-rvalue (`_conv.lval_`), array-to-pointer (`_conv.array_`), function-to-pointer (`_conv.func_`), and boolean (`_conv.bool_`) conversions, can be performed explicitly using `static_cast` subject to the restriction that the explicit conversion does not cast away constness (`_expr.const.cast_`)"

A conversion from a data pointer to a void* is a standard conversion so the wording above allows the conversion from a void* to a data pointer.

Should additional wording be added to say that the result will compare equal to the original pointer?

Resolution:

Make it clear that `static_cast` of pointer to object type to void* and back again gives the original pointer value.

Requestor: Steve Clamage
Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Type Conversions)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 775
Title: Is a conversion between a pointer to a struct and a pointer to the first member of the struct a static_cast?
Section: 5.2.9[expr.static.cast]
Status: resolved
Description:

From comp.std.c++:
In article 1@jake.esu.edu, jpotter@falcon.lhup.edu (John E. Potter) writes:
>Steve Clamage (Stephen.Clamage@Eng.Sun.COM) wrote:
>: Second counter-example, much stronger:
>: struct S { int i; ... };
>: S s;
>: int* ip = static_cast<int*>(&s); // convert struct* to int*
>: *ip = 2;
>: The rules of C and C++ state explicitly that '&s' can be
>: converted to a pointer to its first element, and therefore

>: modifying 's' via 'ip' is completely valid.
>
> Yes, 9.2/17 assures that &s suitably cast to int* must work.
>
> But 5.2.9 [expr.static.cast] does not list pointer to POD
> conversion to pointer to first member as one of the valid
> conversions.

Should the conversion in 9.2/17 be a static_cast or a reinterpret_cast?

In the C standard, the section on casts does not explicitly mention that the conversion between a pointer to struct and a pointer to the first element of the struct is a valid conversion.

Resolution:

At the Nashua meeting, the core WG decided that the static_cast from a pointer to struct to a pointer to the first member of the struct should remain invalid. A reinterpret_cast should be used instead.

Question:

Wording is probably needed in the reinterpret_cast subclause to indicate that such a reinterpret_cast is well-defined?

Requestor: Steve Clamage
Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Type Conversions)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 796
Title: Can a const_cast cast _any_ type to its own type?
Section: 5.2.11 [expr.const.cast]
Status: resolved

Description:

para 2 says:
"Any expression may be cast to its own type using a const_cast operator."

Can this be applied to types not normally valid as const_cast operands?

Resolution:

It should be made clear that casting an operand to its own type using a const_cast is ok as long as the type is valid for an operand of a const_cast. (i.e. pointer, pointer-to-member or reference).

[Josee: Shouldn't this restriction also be applied to reinterpret_cast? Para 2 of 5.2.10 also allows any operand to be cast to its own type using a reinterpret_cast.]

Requestor:
Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Type Conversions)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 669
Title: semantics for new and delete expressions should be separated from the requirements for operator new and delete
Section: 5.3.4 [expr.new], 5.3.5 [expr.delete]
Status: active

Description:

Erwin Unruh wrote a paper (96-0011/N0829) that suggested that the semantics for the new expression and the delete expression be reworked so that they would only describe which operator new (or operator delete) they call. The restrictions on the behavior of the allocation and deallocation functions called should be moved to the library section.

Subclause 5.3.4[expr.new] and 5.3.5[expr.delete] still has some troublesome passages.

5.3.4 New

o Paragraph 8, last sentence says:

"The pointer returned by the new-expression is non-null and distinct from the pointer to any other object."

The part of this sentence that says "and distinct from the pointer to any other object" should be deleted. This is really a requirement on the library operator new. Maybe a note should be added to say: "If the library allocation function is called, the pointer returned is distinct from the pointer to any other object."

o Paragraph 13, first sentence says:

"The allocation function shall either return null or a pointer to a block of storage in which space for the object shall have been reserved."

This sentence should be moved to the note that follows. Again, this is a requirement that applies to the semantics of the library operator new and should not be in the normative text for 5.3.4.

Also paragraph 13 should be moved after paragraph 10, which discusses allocation functions.

o Paragraph 16 says:

"The allocation function can indicate failure by throwing a `bad_alloc` exception (`_except_`, `_lib.bad.alloc_`). In this case no initialization is done."

This should be changed to:

"If the allocation function exits by throwing an exception, no initialization is done."

o Paragraph 21 says:

"The way the object was allocated determines how it is freed: if it is allocated by `::new`, then it is freed by `::delete`, and if it is an array, it is freed by `delete[]` or `::delete[]` as appropriate."

This should be deleted. Name lookup in 5.3.4 and 5.3.5 indicate which operator new and delete is called.

5.3.5 Delete

o Paragraph 2, the last few sentences say:

"In the first alternative (delete object), the value of the operand of delete shall be a pointer to a non-array object created by a new-expression, or a pointer to a sub-object (`_intro.object_`) representing a base class of such an object (`_class.derived_`). If not, the behavior is undefined. In the second alternative (delete array), the value of the operand of

delete shall be a pointer to the first element of an array created by a new-expression. If not, the behavior is undefined.

[Note: this means that the syntax of the delete-expression must match the type of the object allocated by new, not the syntax of the new-expression.]"

The requirements that the object (or array) must be created by a new-expression should be removed. If a user operator delete is called, and this operator does nothing, then all is fine.

o Paragraph 7 says:

"To free the storage pointed to, the delete-expression will call a deallocation function (_basic.stc.dynamic.deallocation_)."

"To free the storage pointed to," should be removed. Again, whether the storage is freed depends on which operator delete is called. A user operator delete may not free the storage.

Resolution:

Requestor: Erwin Unruh
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Memory Model)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 690
Title: Clarify the lookup of operator new in a new expression
Section: 5.3.4 [expr.new]
Status: resolved

Description:

5.3.4 should describe the lookup of operator new in a new expression.

Here is an interesting example:

```
struct C {  
    operator void* new(size_t);  
    operator void* new[](size_t);  
};
```

... new C[N1][N2]; // which operator new is called?

Resolution:

5.3.4 [expr.new] para 10 should indicate that if the object created is of class type or if the array created is an array of classes, operator new is looked up as specified in 12.5.

Requestor:

Owner: Josee Lajoie (Memory Model)
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 797
Title: Is initialization performed if the nothrow operator new returns a null pointer value?
Section: 5.3.4 [expr.new]
Status: resolved

Description:

5.3.4 para 16 says:

bad_alloc "The allocation function can indicate failure by throwing a
exception (_except_, _lib.bad.alloc_). In this case no
initialization is done."

If nothrow operator new is called and returns NULL, initialization
should not be done (and the deallocation function should not be
called).

Resolution:

At the Nashua meeting, the committee members seemed to favor this
resolution:

"If the library nothrow operator new (or its user-defined
replacement) returns a null pointer value, no initialization is
done."

Requestor: ANSI CD2 Public Comment 28
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Memory Model)
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 798
Title: What are the semantics of pointer +/- enum?
Section: 5.7 [expr.add]
Status: resolved

Description:

Resolution:

Para 1 should make it clear that, in pointer +/- enum, the enum
is treated as an integral type that is the underlying type of
the enum.

Requestor:
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Memory Model)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 721
Title: Comparisons of pointer to class members need fine tuning
Section: 5.9 [expr.rel]
Status: resolved

Description:

5.9/2 says:
"If two pointers point to nonstatic data members of the same
object, the pointer to the later declared member compares
greater provided the two members are not separated by an
access-specifier label (11.1) and provided their class is not
a union."

The "point to" provision probably should also cover "point
within".

Resolution:

The WP should be clarified to also cover "point within".

Requestor: Bill Gibbons
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Memory Model)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 799
Title: An example illustrating comparisons of pointers to
different

types and different cv-qualifications is needed
Section: 5.9 [expr.rel]
Status: resolved

Description:

Para 2 says:
"Pointer conversions and qualification conversions are performed
on
pointer operands to bring them to their composite pointer type.
...
Otherwise, the composite pointer type is a pointer type similar
(4.4) to the type of one of the operands, with cv-qualification
signature (4.4) that is the union of the cv-qualification
signatures of the operand types."

This could be clarified by adding an example.

Resolution:

In Nashua, the core WG agreed, an example would be helpful.

Requestor: ANSI CD2 Public Comment 23
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Memory Model)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 722
Title: The definition of address constant expression needs fine
tuning
Section: 5.19 [expr.const]
Status: resolved

Description:

5.19/4 address constant expressions
This needs work. For example, the phrase "The subscription
operator ... can be used" does not describe how it may be
used; presumably the subscript must be an integral constant
expression.

The same goes for 5.19/5.

Resolution:

The following text should be added to paragraph 4 and 5:
"If the subscript operator is used, one of its operands shall be
an
integral constant expression."

Requestor: Bill Gibbons
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Initialization)
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Chapter 6 - Statements

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Chapter 7 - Declarations

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 800
Title: Mistake in description of when an incomplete class can be
used
Section: 7.1.1[dcl.stc]
Status: resolved

Description:

7.1.1 para 8 says:

"The name of a declared but undefined class [...] cannot be used before the class has been defined."

This should say: "can be used in ways that do not require a complete class type (3.2)".

Resolution:

Do as suggested above.

Requestor:

Owner: Josee Lajoie (Object Model)

Emails:

Papers:

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Work Group: Core

Issue Number: 683

Title: What is the underlying type of an enumeration type if the value of an enumerator uses the value of a previous enumerator?

Section: 7.2 [dcl.enum]

Status: resolved

Description:

There is a small omission in the description of the constant-expression which is used to set an enumerator's value,

e.g.

```
enum A { a, b = a + 2 }; // expression "a + 2"
```

The type of "a" in "a+2" presumably follows the usual expression rules. But these rules say, in 4.5/2:

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An rvalue of type `wchar_t` (3.9.1) or an enumeration type (7.2) can be converted to an rvalue of the first of the following types that can represent all the values of its underlying type: `int`, `unsigned int`, `long`, or `unsigned long`.

value

So the evaluation of "a+2" depends on the underlying type of "A", which in turn depends on the value of "b", which depends on the value of "a+2".

e.g.:

Although this is unlikely to affect real programs in practice, we should fix the definition. There are cases where it matters,

```
// Assume an environment where "int" is 16 bits, just for
// convenience (The same problem occurs when "int" is larger.
// Think of systems where "int" is 32 bits and "long" is 64
// bits.)
```

```
enum A { a = 1, b = a-2, c = 32768U };
```

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If we assume the underlying type will be "int", then b is -1 and the actual underlying type is "long".

If we assume the underlying type will be "unsigned int", then b is 65535 and the actual underlying type is "unsigned int".

The answer may seem obvious, but consider:

```
enum A { a = 1U, b = a-2, c = -1 };
```

value The underlying type will clearly be signed. Does "b" have the
"-1" or is the code ill-formed?

There seem to be several possible solutions to this problem:

- 1) When an enumerator is used in the defining expression of a subsequent enumerator in the same enumeration, its type is the type of its defining expression (where the default defining expression is "previous-enumerator + 1" except the first one, where it is "0").
- 2) Give enumerations an "interim" underlying type which is recomputed after each enumerator, and use that underlying type in subsequent defining expressions.
- 3) Require that enumerator computation be done with an infinite number of bits - assuming that the "as if" rule makes this practical.
- 4) Say that if the value of a defining expression depends on the underlying type of the enumeration, the program is ill-formed.

the Bill Gibbons' preference is (1).
should Bill doesn't think it matters much what the answer is, but the
be described by the working paper.

A related problem occurs with the implicit "next value" rule:

```
enum B { a = 32767, b };
```

Why? Is the code well-formed? If so, what is the underlying type?
This example would be fixed if solution (3) was adopted.

Resolution:

At the Nashua meeting, the core WG decided that option (1) should be implemented. i.e. When an enumerator constant is used before the closing "}" of its enumeration, it should have the type of the initializing expression.

Requestor: Bill Gibbons
Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Type Conversions)
Emails: core-6989
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 672
Title: using-declarations and base class assignment operators
Section: 7.3.3 [namespace.udecl]
Status: resolved

Description:
7.3.3 should indicate what happens if a using-declaration refers to a base class assignment operator and the type of this assignment operator corresponds to the type of the derived class copy assignment operator.

```
struct B;
```



```

struct A {
    & operator=(const B&);
};
struct B : A {
    // introduces B's copy-assignment operator
    using A::operator=;
};

```

Resolution:

At the Nashua meeting, members of the core WG wanted the implicit copy assignment operator for class B to still be generated.

Add at the end of 7.3.3[namespace.udecl] paragraph 4:

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"If an assignment operator brought from a base class into a class scope has the signature of a copy assignment operator for the derived class (12.8), the using-declaration will not by itself suppress the implicit declaration of the derived class copy-assignment operator, and if the implicitly-declared operator has the same parameter type as an assignment operator brought in by a using-declaration, that assignment operator from the base class will be hidden or overridden by the implicitly-declared operator, as described below."

Add in 12.8 paragraph 10, after the first sentence:

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operator
be

"A using-declaration (7.3.3) that brings in from a base class an assignment operator with one of the parameter types of a copy assignment operator is not considered an explicit declaration of a copy assignment operator, and if the base class assignment operator has the same parameter type as the implicitly-declared copy assignment operator, the operator from the using-declaration will be hidden by the implicitly-declared operator."

Requestor: Bill Gibbons
 Owner: Josee Lajoie (Object Model)
 Emails:
 Papers:

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Work Group: Core
 Issue Number: 801
 Title: Clarification of the interaction of partial specializations and using-declarations
 Section: 7.3.3 [namespace.udecl]
 Status: resolved

Description:
 [N1053 issue 6.58]

Resolution:
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 However,
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Using declarations only affect the visibility of declarations occurring before the using declaration itself; they do not affect the visibility of subsequent declarations with the same name. However, partial specializations of class templates are found by looking up the primary class template and then considering all partial specializations of that template. So if a using declaration names a class template, subsequent partial specializations are effectively visible because the primary template is visible. The working

paper

should make this clear, and should include an example.

Resolution:

Requestor: John Spicer
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Name Look Up)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 802
Title: Clarification of conversion template instance names and using-declarations
Section: 7.3.3 [namespace.udecl]
Status: resolved
Description:

[N1053 issue 8.11]

Resolution:

It should be made clear that a using-declaration (in a derived class)

may not refer to an instance of a conversion function member template

(in a base class).

Resolution:

Requestor: John Spicer
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Name Look Up)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 729
Title: Must extern "C" functions declared in a namespace and a global extern "C" function have different signatures and return types?
Section: 7.5 [dcl.link]
Status: resolved
Description:

3.5[basic.link] para 10 says:

"After all adjustments of types [...], the types specified by all declarations of a name in a given namespace shall be identical [...]."

cover Because this says "of a name in a given namespace", it does not cover the following properly:

```
extern "C" int f(int);
namespace NS {
    extern "C" void f(int); // ill-formed? undefined behavior?
}
```

because the "C" function is declared in difference namespaces.

Resolution:

Amend 3.5[basic.link]p10 to read:

"After all adjustments of types (during which typedefs (_dcl.typedef_) are replaced by their definitions), the types specified by all declarations referring to a given object or function shall be identical, except that declarations for an

array

object can specify array types that differ by the presence or absence of a major array bound (_dcl.array_). A violation of this rule on type identity does not require a diagnostic."

Amend the first two sentences of 7.5[dcl.link]p6 to read:
"At most one object or function with a particular name can have C linkage. Two declarations for an object or function with C

language

linkage with the same object or function name (ignoring the namespace names that qualify it) that appear in different

namespace

scopes refer to the same entity."

Requestor:

Owner: Josee Lajoie (extern "C")

Emails:

Papers:

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Work Group: Core

Issue Number: 749

Title: Can a declaration specify both a storage class and a linkage specification?

Section: 7.5[dcl.link]

Status: resolved

Description:

What is the meaning of:

```
extern "C" static void f();
```

Is this still illegal?

Or does it declare a function with C language linkage that is local to the translation unit?

Mike Anderson proposes the following:

- (1) either the WP should indicate that using a storage class in a declaration with a linkage specification with no braces is disallowed; or else,
- (2) it should indicate at least that the semantics are equivalent whether or not the braces are present and possibly do a bit more to specify what the semantics are.

[Josee:]

7.5 para 7 says:

"the form of the linkage-specification directly containing a single declaration is treated as an extern specifier for the purpose of determining whether the contained declaration is a definition.

```
extern "C" int i; // declaration
"
```

I believe this implies that the declaration above is equivalent to:

```
extern static void f();
```

and that Mike's solution (1) is the correct one.

Resolution:

Add to 7.5[dcl.link] at the end of paragraph 7:

"A linkage-specification directly containing a single declaration shall not specify a storage class. [For example:

```
extern "C" static void f(); // error
```

-- end example]

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Requestor: Mike Anderson

Owner: Josee Lajoie (extern "C")

Emails:

Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 750
Title: To which declarator in a member function declaration does the extern "C" specifier apply?
Section: 7.5[dcl.link]
Status: resolved
Description:

[Mike Miller in core-7322]:
> What is the meaning of 7.5p4, "A non-C++ language linkage is ignored ... for the function type of class member function declarators" with respect to parameters of member functions?
> For instance,
>
> extern "C" {
> struct S {
> void f(void(*)());
> };
> }
>
> Does S::f take a "C" function or a "C++" function? The example in the text deals with related issues but not this specific one, and the normative text could be read either way, depending on whether you understand "function type of class member function declarators" in a shallow or deep sense.

[Mike Anderson in core-7323]:
I believe it was intended to be understood in a shallow sense (and that S::f takes a "C" function). The words were crafted to make the rule apply only to certain function types (namely, those of member function declarators) and not to any other function types such as the types of function parameters.

Would it be sufficient to expand the example to make this clear, or does the normative text need to be modified? I think another example would be enough.

[Mike Miller in core-7325]:
Assuming that we do intend the "shallow" interpretation, I think the normative words there are wrong; the type of S::f is different ("function taking pointer to C function...") from what it would be if it were not inside extern C ("function taking pointer to C++ function..."), i.e., the non-C++ linkage is *not* ignored in determining the function type. IMHO, it should be rewritten to read something like, "The language linkage of member names and member function types is C++, regardless of the linkage specification in which the class may be defined." (An example is also a good idea.)

Resolution:
It should be made clear that the sentence quoted in 7.5 para 4 applies to the member function in a shallow sense.

The sentence should be rewritten to read something like, "The language linkage of member names and member function types is C++, regardless of the linkage specification in which the class may be defined."
(An example is also needed.)

Requestor: Mike Miller
Owner: Josee Lajoie (extern "C")
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Chapter 8 - Declarators

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 730
Title: When are default arguments for member functions of
template classes semantically checked?
Section: 8.3.6 [dcl.fct.default]
Status: active
Description:

para 5:
"The names in the expression are bound and the semantic
constraints are checked at the point of declaration."

```
template<class T> class Cont {  
    // ...  
public:  
    Cont(const T& default_element = T());  
    // ...  
};  
  
class Y {  
public:  
    Y(int);  
    // ... no Y() ...  
};  
  
Cont<Y> y1; // error: no Y() (that's fine)  
Cont<Y> y2(Y(99)); // use 99 as default value
```

However, is the last declaration legal?
When is the checking of the T() for Cont<Y> done?

The current WP implies that it is checked when C<Y> is first
instantiated.

If this is the case, all of the standard containers are badly
broken - it is not possible to have container with elements of
a type without a default constructor.

Bjarne's Proposed Resolution:

The default argument resolution from Stockholm broke the
library and should be revised. I suspect that treating a
default argument like the return type for an operator->() and
the definition of a template member function is the right way
(check if and when the default argument is used) and for the
same reason: For ordinary classes it makes sense to check
when you see the class, for templates that is seriously
constraining.

Mike Miller's Proposed Resolution:

The semantic constraints on a default argument should be
checked on use, not on declaration, for normal functions as
well as template functions. C++ has a number of cases where
you can declare things that you cannot use because of
unresolvable ambiguities, but we have chosen to diagnose them
on use, not on declaration. The rationale for this choice is
that diagnosis on declaration prevents composing classes from
disparate sources, even though the composition might be
useful in ways that do not stumble over the ambiguity.

Mike thinks default arguments are a similar situation -- the function is completely usable as long as you don't rely on the problematic portion of the declaration. While templates are the most likely context in which this issue might arise, I believe there are probably others in non-template situations.

Mike would support a reconsideration of the "immediate diagnosis" part of the Stockholm resolution, preferably altogether, although applying the revision just to templates would still be an improvement.

Resolution:

Requestor: Bjarne Stroustrup
Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Default Arguments)
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97-0024R1/N1062R1
A Discussion of the Default Argument Instantiation by Erwin Unruh

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 803
Title: The restrictions on default arguments in templates are not sufficiently complete
Section: 8.3.6 [dcl.fct.default]
Status: active

Description:
[N1065 issue 3.35]
The restrictions (in 8.3.6 para 4 and 8.3.6 para 6) on default arguments in templates are not sufficiently complete; for example, they do not specifically mention member functions of class

templates
and member templates.

Resolution:

Requestor: Bill Gibbons
Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Default Arguments)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 751
Title: Should { } be allowed around an initializer that is a string?
Section: 8.5[dcl.init]
Status: resolved

Description:
The current WP disallows:
const char a[3] = {"asdf"};
However, this is allowed in C.

8.5 paragraph 13 says:
"If T is a scalar type, then ...
T x = { a };
is equivalent to
T x = a;
"

An array is not a scalar type.

If the committee decides to leave things the way they are, this difference between C and C++ should be listed in appendix C.

Resolution:

Redundant { } should be allowed around string initializers.

In 8.5.2[dcl.init.string] paragraph 1, after each occurrence of "can be initialized by a string literal" insert "optionally enclosed in braces".

Requestor:

Owner: Josee Lajoie (Object Model)

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Work Group: Core

Issue Number: 804

Title: Can a reference bind directly to what a function call returns

if the function returns a reference?

Section: 8.5.3[dcl.init.ref]

Status: resolved

Description:

```
struct A {};  
struct B {  
    operator A&();  
};  
B f();  
A &r1 = f(); // Should this be allowed?
```

The WP does not allow the previous statement.
However, many compilers give no error on the above statement.

```
const A &r2 = f(); // should a copy always be made?
```

This last case is valid according to the WP, but the implementation is required to copy the result of the conversion function to a temporary, and bind the reference to that. This extra copy is also not existing practice.

Resolution:

The WP should allow the first initialization.

The WP should not require that a temporary be created for the second statement.

See Steve Adamczyk's paper 97-0012/N1050 for proposed wording.

Requestor: Steve Adamczyk

Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Type Conversions)

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Chapter 9 - Classes

Work Group: Core

Issue Number: 805

Title: Can a zero-size class contain static members, member functions and nested types?

Section: 9[class]

Status: resolved

Description:

9[class] para 3 says:

"A class with an empty sequence of members and base class objects is an empty class. Complete objects and member subobjects of an empty

class type shall have nonzero size.1)
1) That is, a base class subobject of an empty class type may

have

zero size.

"

```
struct SS {
    typedef int I;
    static int C;
    void f();
};
```

SS does not have an empty sequence of members. Why can't it have a zero-size?

Resolution:

The definition of empty class is not needed.

9 para 3, the first two sentences and the footnote should be replaced

with:

"Complete objects and member subobjects of class type shall have nonzero size.

Footnote: base class subobjects are not so constrained."

Requestor: Nathan Myers
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Object Model)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 505
Title: Must anonymous unions declared in unnamed namespaces also be

be declared static?
Section: 9.5 [class.union] Unions
Status: resolved

Description:
9.5p3 says:
"Anonymous unions declared at namespace scope shall be declared static."
Must anonymous unions declared in unnamed namespaces also be

declared static?
If the use of static is deprecated, this doesn't make much sense.

Resolution:
An alternative should be to declare the anonymous unions as

members of an unnamed namespace. When the static keyword is removed, it will not be possible to declare anonymous unions in namespace scope unless the anonymous unions are declared in an unnamed namespace.

Replace the sentence above with the following:
"Anonymous unions declared in a named namespace or in the global namespace shall be declared static."

Requestor: Bill Gibbons
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Linkage)
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Chapter 10 - Derived classes

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 624
Title: class with direct and indirect class of the same type: how can the base class members be referred to?
Sections: 10.1 [class.mi] Multiple base classes
Status: resolved
Description:

para 3 says:
can "[Note: a class can be an indirect base class more than once and
be a direct and indirect base class.]"
The WP should describe how base class members can be referred to, how conversion to the base class type is performed, how initialization of these base class subobjects takes place.

Resolution:
A note will be added to the WP to clarify the restrictions on accessing members of the direct base class.

Add after the 2nd sentence of paragraph 3:
"There are limited things that can be done with such a class. The non-static data members and member functions of the direct base class cannot be referred to in the scope of the derived class. However, static members, enumerations and types can be unambiguously referred to."

Requestor:
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Object Model)
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Chapter 11 - Member Access Control

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 806
Title: 11 para 1 does not cover all members that can refer to the private and protected members of a class
Section: 11[access]
Status: resolved
Description:

11[access] para 1 only lists a subset of the members that can refer to the private and protected members of a class.

"A member of a class can be
functions, --private; that is, its name can be used only by member static data members, and friends of the class in which it is declared.
functions, --protected; that is, its name can be used only by member static data members, and friends of the class in which it is declared and by member functions, static data members, and friends of classes derived from this class (see `_class.protected_`).
"

The description should be made more general.

Resolution:
The first two bullets should be replaced with:
"-- private; that is, its name can be used only by members and friends of the class in which it is declared.

-- protected; that is, its name can be used only by members and friends of the class in which it is declared and by members and friends of classes derived from this class (see 11.5)."

Requestor:

Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Access)

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Work Group: Core

Issue Number: 807

Title: Can local classes within member functions refer to the private members of the member function's class?

Section: 11.8[class.access.nest]

Status: resolved

Description:

11.8 para 1 says:

"The members of a nested class have no special access to members of an enclosing class, ..."

Is the following example well-formed?

```
class A {
public:
    void B();
private:
    enum X { X1, X2, X3 };
};
void A::B() {
    struct Z { X x; int i; };
}
```

Can local classes within member functions refer to the private members of the member function's class?

Resolution:

Clarify that a local class has the same access to a containing class as does the containing function (i.e. the local class is not a nested class).

Requestor: ANSI CD2 Public Comment 16

Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Access)

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Chapter 12 - Special Member functions

Work Group: Core

Issue Number: 808

Title: During the construction of a const object, what happens if the object is modified, and a pointer to const type

assumes that the object remains unchanged?

Section: 12.1[class.ctor]

Status: active

Description:

During the construction of a const/volatile object, the constructor and, functions called by the constructor, can modify the object under construction. Does this mean that the implementation cannot

use optimization techniques (like assume that a const object does not change during the execution of a function) for functions called by

constructors?

```
struct C;
void no_opt(C*);

struct C {
    int c;
    C() : c(0) { no_opt(this); }
};

const C cobj;

void no_opt(C *cptr)
{
    int i = cobj.c * 100;
    cptr->c = 1; // must the implementation assume that
                // cobj is modified by this assignment?
    cout << cobj.c * 100 << '\n';
}
```

Resolution:

Requestor: Randy Meyers
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Object Model)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 777
Title: Should it be mentioned in 12.2 that the exception object has

a lifetime longer than the full-expression?

Section: 12.2[class.temporary]
Status: resolved

Description:

12.2 paragraph 4 says:
"There are two contexts in which temporaries are destroyed at a different point than the end of the full-expression."

Should this also discuss the exception object created when an exception is thrown? The exception object created in the run-time may be perceived as a temporary but its lifetime is longer than the full-expression.

Resolution:

It should be made clear that the exception object is not a temporary affected by the rules in this subclause.

Requestor:
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Object Model)
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 753
Title: Is 'new char[size]' aligned properly to hold an object of any type T?
Section: 12.4[class.dtor]
Status: resolved

Description:

[Fergus Henderson in core-7251:]

> The following example in a note in 12.4/13 is not strictly
> conforming C++ according to the rules defined elsewhere in the
> draft. I think it should be changed.
>

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> "13[Note: explicit calls of destructors are rarely needed. One
> use of such calls is for objects placed at specific addresses
> using a new- expression with the placement option. Such use
> of explicit placement and destruction of objects can be
> necessary to cope with dedicated hardware resources and for
> writing memory management facilities. For example,
> void* operator new(size_t, void* p) { return p; }
> struct X {
>     // ...
>     X(int);
>     ~X();
> };
> void f(X* p);
>
> void g()          // rare, specialized use:
> {
>     char* buf = new char[sizeof(X)];
>     X* p = new(buf) X(222); // use buf[] and initialize
>     f(p);
>     p->X::~~X();          // cleanup
> }
> --end note]
> "
>
> The lines
>
>     char* buf = new char[sizeof(X)];
>     X* p = new(buf) X(222); // use buf[] and initialize
>
> are not strictly conforming, because there is no guarantee
> that `buf' will be sufficiently aligned to hold an object of
> type `X'. 5.3.4[expr.new]/12 includes some examples which
> show that this is not guaranteed. I think the first of those
> lines should be changed to
>
>     char* bug = ::operator new(sizeof(X));
>
> For stylistic reasons, it might also be a good idea to change
> the line
>
>     p->X::~~X();          // cleanup
>
> to just
>
>     p->~X();

```

[Mike Miller in core-7257:]

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> Yes, you're right -- there's no requirement that the "array
> allocation overhead" is a multiple of the maximum alignment
> requirement, so the example you cited is not guaranteed to
> work by the current WP text.
>
> However, there's a reason this example is in the WP, and it's
> because this is a very common idiom. I don't see a compelling
> reason to break it.
>
> I can see three possibilities for accommodating the use of
> "new char[xx]" to get a suitably-aligned buffer space for other
> objects:
> 1) require that the "array allocation overhead" be an
>     integral multiple of the maximum alignment requirement, and
>     that it be required to be a contiguous region between the
>     pointer returned by operator new[] and the pointer to the

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> first element of the array.
 > 2) Allow "array allocation overhead" only for arrays of class
 > types (my understanding of the reason for the overhead is
 > to allow the correct invocation of destructors).
 > 3) Make char and unsigned char a special case, like they are
 > in many other ways, such that allocating an array of char
 > or unsigned char is guaranteed to have an "array allocation
 > overhead" of zero.
 > I guess I don't have a strong preference among the three,
 > although 2 and 3 seem a bit more straightforward and
 > correspond more to the rest of the language.
 >
 > This is obviously not a make-or-break issue; people will
 > continue to write "new char[xx]" and it will continue to work,
 > whether we bless it or not. But it's not hard to change the
 > WP to allow it, and it would bring us a little closer to
 > reality to recognize this particular practice.

Resolution:

The WP should be changed to allow "new char[xx]" to get a suitably-aligned buffer space for other objects:

5.3.4 paragraph 9

replace:

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 array)." "When the allocation function is called, the first argument
 be the amount of space requested (which shall be no less than
 size of the object being created and which may be greater than
 size of the object being created only if the object is an

with:

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 placed.] "When the allocation function is called, the first argument
 be the amount of space requested. If the object being created
 not an array, the size requested by the new expression to
 operator new shall be the size of the object. If the object is
 array, the size requested by the new expression to operator new
 may be larger than the size of the object. For arrays of char
 and unsigned char, the difference between the result of the new
 expression and the address returned by the allocation function
 shall be an integral multiple of the most stringent alignment
 requirement (3.9) of any object type whose size is no greater
 the size of the array being created. [Note: since allocation
 functions are assumed to return pointers to storage that is
 appropriately aligned for objects of any type, this constraint
 array allocation overhead permits the common idiom of
 character arrays into which objects of other types will later
 placed.]

Also the first line of the example above should be deleted. The library placement new is not replaceable.

Requestor: Fergus Henderson
 Owner: Josee Lajoie (Memory Model)
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 809
Title: It should be made clear that when the destructor for a derived class implicitly calls the destructor for a base class, the virtual function mechanism is not used
Section: 12.4[class.dtor]
Status: resolved
Description: 12.4[class.dtor]:
Make it clear that a derived class destructor implicitly calls a base class destructor such that the virtual function mechanism is never used.
Resolution: After the first sentence of paragraph 6, add the following sentence:
"All destructors are called as if they were referenced with a qualified-id, i.e. ignoring any possible virtual overriding destructors in more-derived classes."
Requestor: Anthony Scian
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Object Model)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 810
Title: When a class has a member and a base class with the same name what does a mem-initializer-id referring to this name designate, the base or the member?
Section: 12.6.2 [class.base.init]
Status: resolved
Description: A note should indicate that when a class has a base and a member with the same name, a mem-initializer-id designates the class member and it is not possible to refer to the base class in a mem-initializer-id.
Resolution: Add the following note after the first sentence of para 2 in 12.6.2[class.base.init]:
"[Note: if a class has a member with the same name as one or its direct or virtual base, a mem-initializer-id for a constructor of this class naming the member or base class and composed of a single identifier references the class member. A mem-initializer-id for the hidden base class may be specified using a qualified name.]"
Requestor: CD2 Public Comment 20 4)
Owner: Josee Lajoie (Object Model)
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 811
Title: Can a base class copy assignment operator that is virtual be overridden by an assignment operator declared in a derived class?
Section: 12.8[class.copy]
Status: resolved

Description:

```

struct B {
    virtual B& operator=(const B&);
};
struct D : B {
    B& operator=(const B&);
};

```

call If D's copy assignment operator is implicitly defined, does it

B's copy assignment operator such that the virtual function mechanism is not used:

```

B::operator=(...)

```

or such that the virtual function mechanism is used:

```

((B*)(this))->operator=(...)

```

to initialize its base class?

Resolution:

The virtual mechanism is not used.

Replace the first bullet of 12.8[class.copy], para 13, with:

-- if the subobject is of class type, the copy assignment

operator

is used (as if by explicit qualification, i.e., ignoring any possible virtual overriding functions in more derived

classes);"

Requestor: Anthony Scian

Owner: Josee Lajoie (Object Model)

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Chapter 13 - Overloading

Work Group:

Core

Issue Number:

778

Title:

How does the implicit argument match the implicit

parameter

of a base class static member function?

Section:

13.3.1[over.match.funcs]

Status:

resolved

Description:

13.3.1 para 4 says the following:

"For static member functions, the implicit object parameter is considered to match any object (since if the function is selected, the object is discarded)."

This implies that the following:

```

struct S {
    S(int) { }
    void f(int) { }
    static void f(const S&) { }
    void foo() { f(1); } // call f(1) is _not_ ambiguous
};

struct D : public S {
    void bar() { f(1); } // call f(1) is ambiguous
};

```

I [Josee] find this a bit surprising. An example above should be added to the WP.

Or, is this behavior really intended?
If not, the wording in 13.3.1 should say that the implicit object argument is not always an exact match for the implicit parameter, and that the conversion described in 13.3.3.1.4 (i.e. the raking of an initialization for a reference to a base class type initialized with a derived class object is Conversion Rank) also applies to the implicit object argument of a static member function.

Resolution:

At the Nashua meeting, the core WG agree that 13.3.3 should indicate that the "conversion sequence" on the implicit object parameter for a static member function is no better, no worse than other conversion sequences (and therefore is never the deciding factor in selecting one function over another).

Requestor:

Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Type Conversions)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 812
Title: Is the built-in operator for , & -> used if overload resolution is ambiguous?
Section: 13.3.1.2[over.match.oper]
Status: resolved

Description:

13.3.1.2 para 9 says:
"If the operator is operator , , the unary operator &, or the operator ->, and overload is unsuccessful, then the operator is assumed to be the built-in operator and interpreted according to clause 5".

What does 'unsuccessful' mean?
Is the built-in operator used if overload resolution is ambiguous?

Resolution:

"unsuccessful" means "no viable functions are found" and does not include ambiguity.

Requestor: ANSI CD2 Public Comment 13
Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Type Conversions)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 813
Title: The partial ordering rules for function templates are overly restrictive
Section: 13.3.3 [over.match.best]
Status: active

Description:

[N1065 issue 1.15]
13.3.3 para 1:
"-- F1 and F2 are template functions with the same signature, and the function template for F1 is more specialized than the template for F2 according to the partial ordering rules described in 14.5.5.2, ..."

The partial ordering rules for function templates are overly restrictive: they require that two functions being compared have

identical signatures. This restriction could be relaxed to just require that the functions have identical parameter types for overloading purposes.

Resolution:

Requestor: Bill Gibbons
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 682
Title: operator ?: and operands of enumeration types
Section: 13.6 [over.built]
Status: active

Description:

The type of a conditional expression choosing between two enums of the same type was changed in the May WP from that enum type to the integral type it promotes to, breaking code. I propose changing paragraph 27 of 13.6 [over.built] from

27 For every type T, where T is a pointer or pointer-to-member type,
there exist candidate operator functions of the form
T operator?(bool, T, T);

to

27 For every type T, where T is an enumeration, pointer or pointer-to-member type, there exist candidate operator functions of the form
T operator?(bool, T, T);

Should the following testcase be ambiguous?

```
const char c;  
enum E { a } e;  
bool b;  
  
main ()  
{  
    return b ? c : e;  
}
```

The builtin candidates are:
operator?(bool, const char &, const char &)
operator?(bool, int, int)

Resolution:

Requestor: Jason Merrill
Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Type Conversions)
Emails: core-6983, core-6987
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 734
Title: ambiguity in "bool & ? void *& : classType&" where classType has an operator void*&
Section: 13.6 [over.built]
Status: active

Description:

This testcase is ambiguous under the current rules:

```

void *p;

struct A {
    operator void*& () { return p; };
};

bool b;
A a;

main ()
{
    void *q = b ? p : a;
}

```

The implementation of the current rules results in:
 Ambiguous overload for `bool & ? void *& : A &'
 candidates are: operator ?:(bool, void *&, void *&) <builtin>
 operator ?:(bool, void *, void *) <builtin>
 because there is no lvalue->rvalue conversion to disambiguate
 for non-class operands.

Resolution:

Requestor: Jason Merrill
 Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Type Conversions)
 Emails:
 Papers:

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Work Group: Core
 Issue Number: 756
 Title: most uses of built-in "?" with class operands are
 ambiguous
 Section: 13.6[over.built]
 Status: active

Description:

The pseudo-prototype for the "?" operator in [over.built] makes
 most uses of "?" with a class operand ambiguous.

Consider

```

struct A {};
struct B {
    operator A();
};
void f() {
    A a;
    B b;
    1 ? a : b;
}

```

The pseudo-prototype generates the following (and more, but these
 are enough to demonstrate the ambiguity):

```

bool ? A : A
bool ? const A : const A

```

These are indistinguishable in overload resolution, in the same
 way that

```

void g(A);
void g(const A);

```

are indistinguishable. As [over.best.ics] para 6 says, in a
 copy-initialization, "Any difference in top-level cv-qualification
 is subsumed by the initialization itself and does not constitute a

conversion."

Resolution:
Requestor: Steve Adamczyk
Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Type Conversions)
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Chapter 14 - Templates

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 780
Title: The definition of 'template-declaration' is incomplete
Section: 14 [temp]
Status: resolved

Description:
14p1 states:
"The declaration in a template-declaration shall declare or define a function or a class, define a static data member of a class template, define a member function or a member class of a class template, or define a member template of a class. ..."

But what about...

```
template <class T>
class A {
    class B {
        static int x;
    };
};
template <class T>
int A<T>::B::x = 0; // not one of allowed forms
```

How can we define a static data member of a class nested within a class template?

Resolution:
The list of possible forms of a template-declaration does not include corresponding definitions of class members where the class is nested within a class template, nor does it include definitions of member templates (whether in non-template classes, template classes or classes nested within one of these).

Requestor: Neal Gafter
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
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Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 757
Title: Can a template member function be overloaded?
Section: 14[temp]
Status: resolved

Description:
14 paragraph 5 says:
"The name of a class template shall not be declared to refer to any other template, class, function, object, enumeration, enumerator, namespace, or type in the same scope (`_basic.scope_`). Except that a function template can be overloaded either by (non-template) functions with the same name or by other function templates with the same name (`_temp.over_`), a template name declared in namespace scope shall be unique in that namespace."

This paragraph forgets to say that (except for overloading) the name of a function template in class scope must not be the same as the name of any other class member.

Resolution:

The restriction that a function template name must be unique within a namespace scope (except for overloading) should also apply to member function templates, i.e. it should apply to class scope as well.

Requestor:

Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 814
Title: The semantics of the keyword "export" need to be clarified
Section: 14[temp]
Status: active

Description:

The semantics, use and intent of the keyword "export" need to be clarified.

Resolution:

Requestor: ANSI CD2 Public Comment 29
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 781
Title: Must default template-arguments be provided only on the first template declaration?
Section: 14.1 [temp.param]
Status: resolved

Description:

14.1 paragraph 8 says the following:
"The set of default template-arguments available for use with a template in a translation unit shall be provided by the first declaration of the template in that translation unit."

This should be clarified to say:
"shall be provided only by the first declaration"
because the following interpretation:
"shall be provided by the first and possibly following declarations"
is also possible.

Resolution:

The working paper should be clarified to state that default template-arguments may be specified only on the first declaration of a template in a translation unit.

Requestor:

Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 815
Title: Does the type of a template nontype parameter of array/function type decay?
Section: 14.1[temp.parm]
Status: active

Description:

[N1053 issue 6.54]:
"Array/function decay in template parameter lists."

The implicit "decay" of array and function types to pointer types in parameter lists should also apply to nontype template parameters.

Resolution:

Requestor: John Spicer
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 816
Title: There is an ambiguity on ">" with expressions written as default arguments
Section: 14.2[temp.names]
Status: resolved

Description:

The working paper has rules for handling a ">" within an expression in a template-id (14.2 para 3). A similar ambiguity occurs with expressions written as default arguments for nontype template parameters in the parameter list of a template. The same solution should apply.

Resolution:

Requestor: Randy Meyers
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 758
Title: Can an array name be a template argument?
Section: 14.3[temp.arg]
Status: resolved

Description:

14.3[temp.arg] para 3 says:
"A template-argument for a non-type non-reference template-parameter shall be ... the address of an object or a function with external linkage ... The address of an object or function shall be expressed as &f, plain f (for function only) ..."

It is followed by the following example:
char p[] = "Vivisectionist";
X<int,p> x2; // & is not used
i.e. the array name is not preceded with the & operator.

What was probably intended is the following:
"The address of an object or function shall be expressed as '&e' except when 'e' is a function or an array in which case it can be expressed as 'e'."

Resolution:

The allowed forms for a template-argument corresponding to a non-type non-reference template-parameter do not account for the above implicit conversions; i.e. the "&" prior to an array name or function name in these cases should be optional if the values decay to pointers in the absence of "&".

Requestor:
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 759
Title: Initializing a template reference parameter with an argument of a derived class type needs to be described
Section: 14.3[temp.arg]
Status: active
Description:

14.3[temp.arg], paragraph 6:

"Standard conversions (`_conv_`) are applied to an expression used as a template-argument for a non-type template-parameter to bring it to the type of its corresponding template-parameter.

[Example:

```
struct Base { /* ... */ };  
struct Derived : Base { /* ... */ };  
template<Base& b> struct Y { /* ... */ };  
Derived d;  
Y<d> yd; // derived to base conversion
```

-- end example]

"

Since binding an object of a derived class type to a reference to a base class type is not a standard conversion anymore, this text needs work.

Resolution:

Requestor:
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 760
Title: Is a template argument that is a private nested type accessible in the template instantiation context?
Section: 14.3[temp.arg]
Status: resolved
Description:

Sean Corfield in core-7317:

Is the private nested class accessible in the instantiation context?

```
class Outer {  
    //...  
private:  
    class Inner {  
        //...  
    };  
    list< Inner > data;  
};
```

Since `Outer::Inner` is inaccessible outside the scope of `Outer` and its friends, one can imagine that instantiations would fail. A quick trial on the local compiler agrees (HP's Cfront -- not much of a yardstick).

14.3 [temp.arg] says:

10For a template-argument of class type, the template

definition has no special access rights to the inaccessible members of the template argument type. The name of a template-argument shall be accessible at the point where it is used as a template-argument.

All that says is that inaccessible *members* can't be accessed. Is it *really* intending to say that if a template argument is accessible "at the point where it is used as a template-argument" then any & all uses of the corresponding template parameter are accessible within the template body?

```
// Outer::Inner as before
template<typename T>
void A<T>::f() {
    T t; // same as Outer::Inner t but Outer::Inner is not
        // accessible
}
```

I believe we intend that to be well-formed but I just don't think the WP is quite clear enough about it (and certainly some compilers disagree).

Resolution:

It may be desirable to make it more clear (perhaps with an example) that access checking is done by name, so that if a name is accessible then it may be used in a template-id, and in the resulting instantiation there is no restriction on access to the corresponding template-parameter name itself.

Requestor: Sean Corfield
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 782
Title: Can a value of enumeration type be used as a template non-type argument?
Section: 14.3 [temp.arg]
Status: resolved

Description:

14.3 para 3 says:
"A template-argument for a non-type non-reference template-parameter shall be an integral constant-expression of integral type ..."

Values of enum types should also be allowed as non-type template arguments. The sentence above should be changed to:

"A template-argument for a non-type non-reference template-parameter shall be an integral constant-expression of integral or enumeration type ..."

Resolution:

The working paper should make it clear that a constant-expression used as a template-argument for a non-type non-reference template-parameter may also have enumeration type.

Requestor: John Spicer
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 761
Title: Can the member function of a class template be virtual?
Section: 14.5.1.1[temp.mem.func]
Status: resolved
Description:

14.5.1.1 paragraph 3 says:
"A member function of a class template is implicitly a member function template with the template-parameters of its class template as its template-parameters."
14.5.2 paragraph 3 says:
"A member function template shall not be virtual."

This seems to imply that virtual member functions in a class template are ill-formed.

```
template <class T> struct AA {  
    virtual void f(); // this is an error  
};
```

It should be clarified to say that the following is an error.

```
template <class T> struct AA {  
    template <class C> virtual void f(C); // this is an error  
};
```

We should get rid of the wording in 14.5.1.1 that says that a member function of a class template is a member function template with the template parameters of its class. This sentence is confusing.

Resolution:

The term "member function template" is not used clearly here. It is not intended to mean "member template of function type", but rather "member function of a class template which, because the enclosing class is a template, behaves somewhat like a template itself".

This distinction should be made more clear. There may be similar wording problems with respect to member templates elsewhere in the working paper.

Requestor:

Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 817
Title: Clarification of the interaction of friend declarations and partial specializations
Section: 14.5.3[temp.friend]
Status: resolved
Description:

[N1053 issue 6.50]

Resolution:

It should be made clear that friend declarations are not allowed to declare partial specializations, and that a template friend declaration specifies that all instances of that template, regardless of whether implicitly generated and regardless of whether partially or completely (explicitly) specialized, are friends of the class containing the template friend declaration.

Resolution:
Requestor: John Spicer
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
Papers:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 818
Title: Friends classes are not well covered in 14.5.3
Section: 14.5.3[temp.friend]
Status: resolved
Description:
Resolution:
Para 4:
The phrase "the corresponding member function" is incorrect; the friend might be a class. So the word "function" should be

deleted.

Requestor: ANSI CD2 Public Comment 12
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 819
Title: Were are partial specialization allowed?
Section: 14.5.4[temp.class.spec]
Status: active
Description:

[N1053 issue 6.49 and issue 6.53 item 3]
It is not clear whether a partial specialization must be declared
in the class or namespace of which it is a member. There are cases
for member templates where such a rule would prevent specialization
entirely. The restrictions, if any, should be explicitly stated
in the working paper.

Resolution:
Requestor: John Spicer
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 820
Title: Clarification of nontype dependency rules in partial specializations
Section: 14.5.4[temp.class.spec]
Status: active
Description:

[N1053 issue 6.51]
The restrictions in 14.5.4 [temp.class.spec] item 2 makes a large class of partial specializations ill-formed for no apparent
reason.

The restriction should probably be relaxed, possibly by restoring the less restrictive wording from a previous version of the
working paper.

Resolution:
Requestor: John Spicer
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 821
Title: The restrictions on partial specializations based on the
dependency of arguments on other arguments are too severe
Section: 14.5.4[temp.class.spec]
Status: active

Description:
Editorial Box 6:
14.5.4 para 5:
The restrictions on partial specializations based on the
dependency
of arguments on other arguments are too severe. The restrictions
should be relaxed where possible.

Resolution:
Requestor: Editorial Box 6
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 822
Title: Clarification of ordering rules for nontype arguments in
partial specializations
Section: 14.5.4.2[temp.class.order]
Status: active

Description:
[N1053 issue 6.52]
The partial ordering rules for class template partial
specializations
are too restrictive with respect to nontype template parameters.
The
rules should be reformulated to allow additional obviously correct
orderings.

Resolution:
Requestor: John Spicer
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 823
Title: Interaction of partial ordering with default arguments and
ellipsis parameters
Section: 14.5.4.2[temp.class.order]
Status: active

Description:
[N1053 issue 6.55]
The working paper does not give clear rules for the handling of
default arguments and ellipsis parameters when determining the
partial ordering of function templates.

Resolution:
Requestor: John Spicer
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core

Issue Number: 824
Title: In which contexts should partial ordering of function templates be performed?
Section: 14.5.4.2[temp.class.order]
Status: active
Description:

[N1053 issue 6.56]
In addition to overload resolution, there are additional contexts in which partial ordering of function templates could be used to resolve ambiguities between function template instances with identical function parameters (and possibly identical template arguments) but generated from different partial specializations:

- * Taking the address of a template function instance
- * Matching a declaration of an instance with a particular partial specialization (for friend declarations, explicit specialization and explicit instantiation)
- * Selecting a placement delete function that matches a placement operation.

It might be useful to apply the partial ordering rules in these contexts.

Resolution:
Requestor: John Spicer
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 825
Title: Clarification of rules for partial specializations of member class templates
Section: 14.5.4.3[temp.class.spec.mfunc]
Status: active
Description:

[N1053 issue 6.53 items 1 & 2]
When a member template of a class template is partially specialized, the partial specializations should apply to all instances generated from the enclosing class template.

When the primary template is specialized for a given instance of the enclosing class, none of the partial specializations of the original primary template should be carried over.

Resolution:
Requestor: John Spicer
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 762

Title: How can function templates be overloaded?
Section: 14.5.5.1[temp.arg]
Status: resolved

Description:

14.5.5.1 para 4 says:

"The signature of a function template consists of its function signature, its return type and its template parameter list. The names of the template parameters are significant only for establishing the relationship between the template parameters and the rest of the signature."

I think an example showing that two function templates that have the same function parameter list are valid overloads would make it clear that such thing is allowed. For example:

```
template<class T> void f();  
template<int I> void f(); // valid overload
```

Resolution:

An example and/or text should be added to make it clear that two distinct function templates may have identical function parameter lists and that they overload, even if overload resolution alone cannot distinguish them.

Requestor:

Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group:

Core
Issue Number: 763
Title: Partial Specialization: the transformation also affects the function return type
Section: 14.5.5.2[temp.func.order]
Status: active

Description:

14.5.5.2 [temp.func.order] paragraph 2 says:

"The transformation used is:

- For each type template parameter, synthesize a unique type and substitute that for each occurrence of that parameter in the function parameter list.
- For each non-type template parameter, synthesize a unique value of the appropriate type and substitute that for each occurrence of that parameter in the function parameter list."

These bullets should say:

"... in the function parameter list and return type".

because 14.5.2 para 5 says:

"If more than one conversion template can produce the required type the partial ordering rules (14.5.5.2) are used to select the "most specialized" version that can produce the required type."

But conversion functions don't have parameters, only return types.

Resolution:

Requestor:

Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
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Work Group:

Core
Issue Number: 736

Title: How can/must typename be used?
Section: 14.6 [temp.res]
Status: active

Description:

Is typename required in situations where we know only type names can be used?

What if typename is used preceding a template dependent name that is not qualified? Is typename ignored, or is this ill-formed?

```
template <class T> class C {  
    typename C<T> ...  
};
```

What if typename is used preceding an non-dependant name? Is typename ignored, or is this ill-formed?

```
class A { };  
template <class T> class C {  
    typename A ...  
};
```

Resolution:

Requestor:

Owner: Bill Gibbons/John Spicer (Templates)

Emails:

Papers:

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Work Group: Core

Issue Number: 764

Title: undeclared name in template definition should be an error

Section: 14.6[temp.names]

Status: resolved

Description:

The example in 14.6 paragraph 1 has the following lines:

```
T::A* a7; // T::A is not a type name:  
// multiply T::A by a7  
B* a8; // B is not a type name:  
// multiply B by a8; ill-formed,  
// no visible declaration of B
```

The first line is also ill-formed because a7 is not declared.

Resolution:

In the example, the line "T::A* a7;" is ill-formed because "a7" is not dependent and has not been declared. The example should make this clear.

Requestor:

Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)

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Work Group: Core

Issue Number: 765

Title: The syntax does not allow the keyword 'template' in 'expr.template C<parm>::member'

Section: 14.6[temp.names]

Status: active

Description:

In 14.2[temp.names], paragraph 4 says:

"When the name of a member template specialization appears after . or -> in a postfix-expression, or after :: in a

qualified-id that explicitly depends on a template-argument (_temp.dep_), the member template name must be prefixed by the keyword template. Otherwise the name is assumed to name a non-template."

The grammar in 14.6 paragraph 2 does not seem to take this into account:

```
elaborated-type-specifier:
    . . .
    typename ::(opt) nested-name-specifier identifier
    typename ::(opt) nested-name-specifier identifier
                < template-argument-list >
```

shouldn't this say?

```
elaborated-type-specifier:
    . . .
    typename ::(opt) nested-name-specifier template(opt) identifier
    typename ::(opt) nested-name-specifier template(opt) identifier
                < template-argument-list >
```

Or is the template keyword supposed to be allowed in the middle of a nested-name-specifier? In which case, something like this is needed:

```
qualified-id:
    nested-name-specifier template(opt) unqualified-id

nested-name-specifier:
    class-or-namespace-name :: template-nested-name-specifier(opt)

template-nested-name-specifier:
    template(opt) nested-name-specifier
```

Resolution:

Requestor:

Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)

Emails:

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Work Group: Core

Issue Number: 826

Title: Does the "template" keyword apply to function and static data

member templates?

Section: 14.6[temp.names]

Status: active

Description:

[N1065 issue 1.18]

Does the "template" keyword (as applied to a dependent qualified name) apply to function and static data member templates, or just

to

class templates?

Resolution:

Requestor: Bill Gibbons

Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)

Emails:

Papers:

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Work Group: Core

Issue Number: 766

Title: How do template parameter names interfere with names in nested namespace definitions?
Section: 14.6.1[temp.local]
Status: resolved
Description:

14.6.1[temp.local] paragraph 6 says:
"In the definition of a member of a class template that appears outside of the class template definition, the name of a member of this template hides the name of a template-parameter.

[Example:

```
template<class T> struct A {
    struct B { /* ... */ };
    void f();
};

template<class B> void A<B>::f()
{
    B b; // A's B, not the template parameter
}
-- end example]
```

This does not cover namespaces very well. For example, what happens when a template parameter names conflicts with the name of a namespace member.

```
namespace N {
    struct B { /* ... */ };
    template<class T> void f(T);
}
template<class B> void N::f(B)
{
    B b; // A's B or the template parameter?
}
```

John Spicer's proposed resolution:

You should get the same result whether the function is defined in the class (or namespace) or outside of it. The "B" in N::f gets the template parameter B, not the namespace member B.

Resolution:

The working paper should make it clear that although class template members may hide template-parameter names, there is no such hiding with namespace members since the namespace scope is entirely outside the template declaration.

Requestor:

Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)

Emails:

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Work Group:

Core

Issue Number:

827

Title:

C is not equivalent to C<T> when C is qualified

Section:

14.6.1 [temp.local]

Status:

resolved

Description:

Editorial Box 8:

Resolution:

The equivalence within the scope of a class template between the name

of a template and the corresponding template-id should not apply when

the name of the template is qualified.

Resolution:

Requestor: Editorial Box 8
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 784
Title: The examples in 14.6.2 on dependent names need work
Section: 14.6.2 [temp.dep]
Status: resolved

Description:

The examples in paragraphs 2 and 3 of 14.6.2 are still there and are still nonsense. They need to be deleted. Also, ANSI CD2 Public Comment 7 & 23.

Resolution:

Some of the examples in this section are in disagreement with the textual description of dependent names and lookup rules. The examples should be corrected or removed.

Also:

[N1065 issue 3.30]
The sentence "X<T>::a has type double." should be moved to a

comment

in the example, as in:

```
template<class T> struct X : B<T> {  
    A a; // "a" has type "double"  
};
```

Requestor: John Wilkinson
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 828
Title: In what contexts is the use of a qualifier to look in the current template a special case not subject to the usual dependent type restrictions?
Section: 14.6.2 [temp.dep]
Status: active

Description:

[N1065 issue 1.14]
In the following example:

```
template<class T> struct A {  
    typedef int B;  
    A<T>::B b;  
};
```

is the lookup of B considered dependent?
If so, is the example ill-formed?
In what contexts is the use of a qualifier to look in the current template a special case not subject to the usual dependent type restrictions?
Under what circumstances is a base class member found using a

derived

class qualifier of this form?

Resolution:

Requestor: Bill Gibbons

Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 829
Title: 14.6.2 para 5 should not only apply when a base class is a template parameter but also when it is a dependent type
Section: 14.6.2 [temp.dep]
Status: resolved
Description:
Resolution:

Para 5:
The phrase "If a template-argument is a used as a base class..." should be changed to match the intent in para 4, e.g. "If a base class is a dependent type..."

Requestor: ANSI CD2 Public Comment 8
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 737
Title: How can dependant names be used in member declarations that appear outside of the class template definition?
Section: 14.6.4 [temp.dep.res]
Status: resolved
Description:

```
template <class T> class Foo {
public:
    typedef int Bar;
    Bar f();
};
template <class T> typename Foo<T>::Bar Foo<T>::f() { return 1; }
-----
```

In the class template definition, the declaration of the member function is interpreted as:

```
int Foo<T>::f();
```

In the definition of the member function that appears outside of the class template, the return type is not known until the member function is instantiated. Must the return type of the member function be known when this out-of-line definition is seen (in which case the definition above is ill-formed)? Or is it OK to wait until the member function is instantiated to see if the type of the return type matches the return type in the class template definition (in which case the definition above is well-formed)?

From John Spicer:

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> My opinion (which I think matches several posted on the
> reflector recently) is that the out-of-class definition must
> match the declaration in the template. In your example they
> do match, so it is well formed.
>
> I've added some additional cases that illustrate cases that
> I think either are allowed or should be allowed, and some
> cases that I don't think are allowed.
>
> template <class T> class A { typedef int X; };
```

```

>
> template <class T> class Foo {
> public:
>     typedef int Bar;
>     typedef typename A<T>::X X;
>     Bar f();
>     int g1();
>     Bar g2();
>     X h();
>     X i();
>     int j();
> };
>
> // Declarations that are okay
> template <class T> typename Foo<T>::Bar Foo<T>::f()
>                                     { return 1;}
> template <class T> typename Foo<T>::Bar Foo<T>::g1()
>                                     { return 1;}
> template <class T> int Foo<T>::g2() { return 1;}
> template <class T> typename Foo<T>::X Foo<T>::h() { return 1;}
>
> // Declarations that are not okay
> template <class T> int Foo<T>::i() { return 1;}
> template <class T> typename Foo<T>::X Foo<T>::j() { return 1;}
>
> In general, if you can match the declarations up using only
> information from the template, then the declaration is valid.
>
> Declarations like Foo::i and Foo::j are invalid because for
> a given instance of A<T>, A<T>::X may not actually be int if
> the class is specialized.
>
> This is not a problem for Foo::g1 and Foo::g2 because for
> any instance of Foo<T> that is generated from the template
> you know that Bar will always be int. If an instance of Foo
> is specialized, the template member definitions are not used
> so it doesn't matter whether a specialization defines Bar as
> int or not.

```

Resolution:

When a member function of a class template is defined outside the class, and the return type is specified by a member of a dependent class, the typename keyword is needed to specify that the member name is a type. So the typename keyword should be allowed in this context.

Core 3 agreed that this is largely editorial.
Some work is needed to figure out exactly what needs to be said.

Owner: Bill Gibbons/John Spicer (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 767
Title: Where should the point of instantiation of class templates be discussed?
Section: 14.6.4.1[temp.point]
Status: resolved
Description: 14.6.4.1[temp.point]:
Shouldn't this subclause also discuss the point of instantiation of class templates?

14.7.1 covers some aspect of the point of instantiation of class templates.

Having a subclause called "point of instantiation" and only discuss function templates within it is somewhat confusing.

Resolution:

There should be cross-references between the various paragraphs discussing points of instantiation, with respect to class,

function

and static data member templates.

Requestor:

Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)

Emails:

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Work Group:

Core

Issue Number:

830

Title:

Are the rules describing the point of instantiation of a function templates too complex?

Section:

14.6.4.1[temp.point]

Status:

active

Description:

Editorial Box 11:

The rules describing the point of instantiation for function templates may be overly complex.

Consideration should be given to simplifying them.

Resolution:

Requestor: Editorial Box 11

Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)

Emails:

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Work Group:

Core

Issue Number:

831

Title:

Should candidate functions without external linkage in other

translation units render a call ill-formed?

Section:

14.6.4.2[temp.dep.candidate]

Status:

active

Description:

Editorial Box 12:

This section says that if visibility of candidate functions with external linkage in additional translations units affects the

meaning

of the program, the behavior is undefined. The possibility of extending the rule to include candidate functions without external linkage should be considered.

Resolution:

Requestor: Editorial Box 12

Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)

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Work Group:

Core

Issue Number:

832

Title:

Difference between the rules in 14.6.5 and 3.4.2 regarding friend function name look up

Section:

14.6.5 [temp.inject]

Status:

active

Description:

14.6.5 para 2:

The example does not match the argument-dependent name lookup rules for friends stated in 3.4.2 [basic.lookup.koenig].

The rules in 3.4.2 do not match those presented to the committee when the extended argument-dependent name lookup rules were added.

Resolution:

Requestor: ANSI CD2 Public Comment 23
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 833
Title: The definition of "specialization" for member templates is missing
Section: 14.7 [temp.spec]
Status: active

Description:

Editorial Box 13:
Paragraph 1:
This paragraph does not really describe the handling of member templates and of members of classes nested within class templates. The missing cases should be added.

Resolution:

Requestor: Editorial Box 13
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 834
Title: Does "delete ap;", where ap's type is a template specialization, cause the template to be instantiated?
Section: 14.7.1 [temp.inst]
Status: resolved

Description:

Resolution:

It should be made clear that a class template is instantiated in any context where the completeness of the type might have an

effect on the semantics of the program.

Requestor: ANSI CD2 Public Comment 6
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 835
Title: Does the instantiation of a class template cause the instantiation of the class static data members?
Section: 14.7.1 [temp.inst]
Status: resolved

Description:

Resolution:

The working paper should explicitly state that the implicit instantiation of a class template does not cause the implicit instantiation of the definition of a static data member, and therefore does not (by itself) cause the initialization (and associated side-effects) of static data members to occur.

Requestor: Bill Gibbons
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 786
Title: The description of explicit instantiation does not allow the explicit instantiation of members of class templates (including member functions and static data members)
Section: 14.7.2 [temp.explicit]
Status: resolved

Description:
template<typename T>
struct Outer {
 struct Inner { T* t_; };
};

template struct Outer<int>::Inner; // Or what?

[temp.explicit]/2 seems to disallow this:
"The syntax for explicit instantiation is:
explicit-instantiation:
template declaration
where the unqualified-id in the declaration shall be either a template-id or, where all template arguments can be deduced, a template-name. [Note: the declaration may declare a qualified-id, in which case the unqualified-id of the qualified-id must be a template-id.]"

This wording in [temp.explicit] is not correct. It disallows the instantiation of members of class templates (including member functions and static data members).

Resolution:
The description should be extended to include all the members, and members of members, for which explicit instantiation is appropriate.

Requestor: Daveed Vandevoorde
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 836
Title: What is the point of instantiation for a specialization to which an explicit instantiation directive applies?
Section: 14.7.2 [temp.explicit]
Status: active

Description:
Editorial Box 14:
An explicit instantiation directive should be a point of instantiation for each function and static data member to which the directive applies. At other points of instantiation (except end-of-translation-unit) for functions and static data members, the point of instantiation does not apply to the definition of the template unless the definition is needed at that point (e.g. inline functions, and static data members for which the the value might be required at compile time).

Resolution:
Requestor: Editorial Box 14
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 837
Title: When can an empty template argument list "<>" be omitted?
Section: 14.7.2 [temp.explicit] and 14.7.3 [temp.expl.spec]
Status: active
Description:

The situations in which an empty template argument list "<>" may be omitted should be more clearly explained, particularly in the examples in these sections.

Also:
14.7.3 para 6, para 16
The examples in these two paragraphs contradict each other. It appears that the last line of the example in paragraph 16 should

not contain "<>" because the definition should not be an explicit specialization.

Resolution:
Requestor: ANSI CD2 Public Comment 23 and 28
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 787
Title: Make it clear that a user must provide a definition for an explicitly specialized template; if not, the program is ill-formed
Section: 14.7.3 [temp.expl.spec]
Status: resolved
Description:

14.7 [temp.spec] says:
"A template that has been used in a way that requires a specialization of its definition causes the specialization to be implicitly instantiated unless it has been either explicitly instantiated or explicitly specialized."

14.7.3 [temp.expl.spec] paragraph 5 says:
"If a template is explicitly specialized then that specialization shall be declared before the first use of that specialization that would cause an implicit instantiation to take place, in every translation unit in which such a use occurs."

14.7.3 should be made clearer that the implementation expects to find a user-supplied definition for an explicit specialized template somewhere (and give an error if the implementation doesn't find one).

Resolution:
It should be clear that when a template is explicitly specialized, the unspecialized template is not used and so there is no implicit generation for the specialization. Therefore if the specialization is used it must be defined, following the rules for requiring definitions for non-template declarations. (In particular, there

are

some cases where a diagnostic is required and some where no diagnostic is required.)

Requestor: Bjarne Stroustrup
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 838
Title: Does an explicit instantiation directive affect the compilation model for the specified instance?
Section: 14.7.3 [temp.expl.spec]
Status: active

Description:
[N1065 issue 1.17]
Does an explicit instantiation directive affect the compilation model for the specified instance? For example, does it imply the "inclusion" model instead of the "separation" model, even when the export keyword is used?

Resolution:
Requestor: Bill Gibbons
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 839
Title: The template compilation model rules render some explicit specialization declarations not visible during instantiation
Section: 14.7.3 [temp.expl.spec]
Status: active

Description:
[N1065 issue 1.19]
An explicit specialization declaration may not be visible during instantiation under the template compilation model rules, even though its existence must be known to perform the instantiation correctly.

For example:

```
translation unit #1
template<class T> struct A { };
export template<class T> void f(T) { A<T> a; }

translation unit #2
template<class T> struct A { };
template<> struct A<int> { }; // not visible during
instantiation
template<class T> void f(T);
void g() { f(1); }
```

Resolution:
Requestor: Bill Gibbons
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 840
Title: Does the prohibition on default arguments in the

definition

of a specialization prohibits them in the declarations of member functions of a class specialization?

Section: 14.7.3 [temp.expl.spec]

Status: resolved

Description:

[N1065 issue 3.34]

14.7.3 para 3:

"Default function arguments shall not be specified in a

declaration

or a definition of an explicit specialization."

Resolution:

It should be made clear that the restriction on default arguments "in" explicit specializations applies only to function template explicit specializations (including member functions and member function templates where the enclosing class is not specialized),

and

not to member functions of class template specializations (which

are

not themselves specializations).

Requestor: Bill Gibbons

Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)

Emails:

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Work Group: Core

Issue Number: 841

Title: Are explicit template arguments only allowed in function calls?

Section: 14.8.1 [temp.arg.explicit]

Status: active

Description:

[N1065 issue 1.20]

According to 14.8.1, explicit template arguments may be appended

to

a function template name used in a call. Surely such template arguments should be allowed in other contexts in which a function name may be used, such as when taking the address of a function.

Resolution:

Requestor: Bill Gibbons

Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)

Emails:

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Work Group: Core

Issue Number: 677

Title: Should the text on argument deduction be moved to a subclause

discussing both function templates and class template

partial

specializations?

Section: 14.8.2 [temp.deduct]

Status: resolved

Description:

Template argument deduction is now used both for function templates and for class template partial specializations. The text for temp.deduct should be moved out of the function template specializations subclause.

Here is the reorganization Bill Gibbons suggested in private email:

- > 14.2 Names of template specializations (including functions)
- > 14.3 Template arguments (including functions; cross-ref arg deduction)
- > ...
- > 14.8 Template argument deduction
 - > 14.8.1 Deducing a template argument from an expression
 - > 14.8.2 Argument deduction for function calls
 - > 14.8.3 Argument deduction for partial specialization ordering
- > 14.9 Function calls
 - > 14.9.1 Mixing explicit and deduced template arguments
 - > 14.9.2 Overload resolution
 - > 14.9.3 Overloading and template specializations

Resolution:

There should be cross-references between the various places where template argument deduction is done.

Requestor: Sean Corfield
 Owner: Bill Gibbons/John Spicer (Templates)
 Emails:
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Work Group: Core
 Issue Number: 768
 Title: typename keyword missing in some examples
 Section: 14.8.2[temp.deduct]
 Status: resolved

Description:

14.8.2 paragraph 10 is an error

```

template<int i, typename T>
  T deduce(A<T>::X x,      // T is not deduced here
          T      t,      // but T is deduced here
          B<i>::Y y);    // i is not deduced here
A<int> a;
B<77> b;
int    x = deduce<77>(a.xm, 62, y.y);
// T is deduced to be int, a.xm must be convertible to
// A<int>::X
// i is explicitly specified to be 77, y.y must be
convertible
// to B<77>::Y

```

According to 14.6 paragraph 2
 "A qualified-name that refers to a type and that depends on a
 template-parameter shall be prefixed by the keyword typename"

A<T>::X x above should be: typename A<T>::X x
 B<i>::Y y above should be: typename B<i>::Y y

Resolution:

Add the keyword typename in the two places suggested.

Requestor:
 Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
 Emails:
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Work Group: Core
 Issue Number: 842
 Title: Template argument deduction rules for template conversion
 functions are missing
 Section: 14.8.2[temp.deduct]
 Status: active
 Description:

[N1065 issue 1.16]

The working paper allows member template conversion functions, and implies that their template parameters may be deduced, but does

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specify the deduction rules. These rules must be stated

explicitly.

Resolution:
Requestor: Bill Gibbons
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)
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Chapter 15 - Exception Handling

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 843
Title: Are "recursive" exceptions allowed?
Section: 15[except]
Status: resolved

Description:

Resolution:

Clause 15 should explicitly state that multiple exceptions may be active at the same time ("recursive" exceptions). The current wording implies this but never explicitly says that this is

allowed.

Requestor: ANSI CD2 Public Comment 20
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Exception Handling)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 844
Title: Does a rethrow creates a new exception?
Section: 15.1[except.throw]
Status: active

Description:

It is not clear whether a rethrow creates a new exception which shares the exception object with the old exception, or whether the result of the rethrow is the old exception itself. If it is the latter, then the state of the exception should probably change

from

"caught" to "uncaught" as a result of the rethrow. This issue is

not

discussed in the working paper.

Resolution:

Requestor: ANSI CD2 Public Comment 26
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Exception Handling)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 845
Title: If a string literal is thrown, what handler can catch it?
Section: 15.1[except.throw]
Status: resolved

Description:

Resolution:

The example in 15.1 para 1 needs to be updated to account for the

new

that type of string literals. Also it might be useful to point out the special implicit cv-qualification conversion for string literals

does not apply to throw-expressions.

Requestor: ANSI CD2 Public Comment 26
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Exception Handling)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 846
Title: Where does the search for a handler starts if a handler throws an exception?
Section: 15.1[except.throw]
Status: resolved

Description:
Resolution:
15.1 para 2:
The wording in this paragraph about exiting a try block should actually refer to exiting just the "try" portion of the try construct. That is, a throw from within a handler should never be caught by that handler or by a handler associated with the same

try.

Requestor: ANSI CD2 Public Comment 24
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Exception Handling)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 769
Title: Are the base class dtors called if the derived dtor throws an exception?
Section: 15.2[except.dtor]
Status: resolved

Description:
[Mike Ball, core-7288:]

```
#include <iostream.h>

struct base{
    ~base() { cerr << "base\\n"; }
};

struct derived : public base{
    ~derived() { throw("error"); }
};

void doit() {
    derived x;
}

int main() {
    try {
        doit();
    } catch(...) {
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Should the destructor for "base" be executed? The answer is not in the DWP, though it does state that it will be executed

if the destructor for "derived" has a function catch block.

I would consider this an obvious editorial matter were it not that I can think of reasons that the programmer might want the base class destructors not to be executed. For example, there is otherwise no way to abort a destructor in the middle. The current specification provides a way to achieve that. The programmer could have the base destructors executed by providing a function catch block and have them skipped by not providing one.

This is pretty thin reasoning, but it implies that this is not so obvious.

[Jerry Schwarz, core-7289:]

I assume that the destructor for the base class wouldn't be called.

To clarify my reasoning: the calling of the base subobject's destructor is part of the execution of the derived class constructor, and it wouldn't be executed any more than would statements following the throw. And I'll note that the same question might be asked about the member subobjects. For which I assume the answer would be the same. (Whatever that is.)

[Bjarne, core-7290:]

It has been a principle throughout that constructed sub-objects are destroyed if a constructor throws an exception. Consider a base an unnamed member and it all works out.

[John Skaller, core-7294:]

I assume the base destructor IS called.

There are TWO reasons to destroy the object, the first is that the user code invoked the destructor, and the second is that the exception requires object/stack unwinding.

Even if the exception is somehow caught, that still leaves the program to continue destroying the object normally.

The only way the destruction can be stopped is by calling a special handler, terminate() or perhaps unexpected().

[Erwin Unruh, core-7297:]

My opinion is that a compound statement can be seen as a corner case of a try statement which just has no handler. In this light I would argue to have the same semantics with a compound statement than with a handler whose catch clauses don't match.

This would argue in calling the base destructors. This would not allow base destructors to be avoided. But if a programmer wants this, he can put a flag into the base object and have the destructor check this flag. So the restriction is not too hard.

Current practice:

[Anthony Scian, core-7299:]

I tried the program under Watcom C++, MS VC++, and Borland C++ with the result that all three C++ implementations destructed the base class.

Resolution:

base
When an exception is thrown from a derived class destructor, the
class destructor(s) should be executed. That is, stack unwinding
due to the throw resumes the complete destruction of the object. This
should be made more clear in the working paper.

Requestor: Mike Ball
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Exception Handling)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 788
Title: Is it implementation defined whether the stack is unwound
before calling terminate in all of the 8 situations

described in 15.5.1?
Section: 15.3[except.handle]
Status: resolved

Description:
15.3 /9 [except.handle] states that
"If no matching handler is found in a program, the function
terminate() is called. Whether or not the stack is unwound
before calling terminate() is implementation-defined."

It should be made clear that this implementation choice applies
only to the "no matching handler" situation (of the eight
situations described in 15.5.1 [except.terminate]).

Resolution:
It should be made clear that in all other cases where terminate is
called (other than due to failure to find a matching handler), the
stack is not unwound. Also, there are other cases where an
implementation might determine, before finishing a stack unwind,

that terminate will be called during the unwind. The working paper
should specify whether that portion of the unwind must actually be done.

Requestor: Jonathan Schilling
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Exceptions)
Emails:
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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 847
Title: The description of "unexpected" in 18.6.2.2 differs from
15.5.2
Section: 15.5.2[except.unexpected]
Status: resolved

Description:
Resolution:
The description of "unexpected" in 18.6.2.2 para 2 differs from
the description in 15.5.2. The description in 15.5.2 is correct; the
one in 18.6.2.2 should either be changed to match or be replaced with
a cross-reference to 15.5.2.

Requestor:
Owner: Bill Gibbons (Exceptions)
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Chapter 16 - Preprocessing Directives

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Annex C - Compatibility

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 680
Title: Annex C subclause C.1 is out of date
Section: C.1 [diff.c]
Status: resolved
Description:

Jonathan Schilling wrote the following:

The introduction to Annex C (Compatibility) and subclause C.1 (Extensions) both look like they were quickly edited from the base document for use in the standard, but the edit missed some spots and left others making no sense ("... from the dialects of Classic C used up till now", "... since the 1985 version of this manual"). More attention is given to Classic C than is now necessary, and the new features list is very incomplete.

The proposed rewrite of the introduction and subclause C.1 is below.

An alternative course of action would be to drop C.1 altogether, but I think that once made accurate it serves a useful purpose.

Proposed Resolution:

At the Nashua meeting, the core WG agreed that C.1 should be dropped.

Resolution:

Requestor: Jonathan Schilling
Owner: Tom Plum (C compatibility)
Emails:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 743
Title: Some anachronisms are missing from annex C
Section: C.3 [diff.anac]
Status: resolved
Description:

Annex C (Compatibility), subclause C.3 (Anachronisms), seems very odd as it stands. It covers only the oldest and probably least-used anachronisms supported by compilers. Only some of them relate to use of C programs as C++.

A more current list would include lots of other things, such as anachronisms due to Cfront 3.0 peculiarities, anachronisms due to differences between the ARM and the WP, and so on (see the anachronism list for any commercial compiler for how long these can get, e.g. EDG).

Jonathan proposes to reduce subclause C.3 to a single paragraph providing for anachronism support in general, without any specific items. The proposed wording:

C.3 Anachronisms [diff.anac]

Extensions to the C++ language may be provided by an implementation to ease the use of C programs as C++ programs or to provide continuity from earlier C++ implementations. Note that use of such extensions is likely to have undesirable aspects. An implementation providing them should also provide a way for the user to ensure that they do not occur in a source file. A C++ implementation is not obliged to provide these features.

Resolution:

At the Hawaii meeting, the C compatibility WG decided that annex C.3 should either be removed.

Requestor: Jonathan Schilling
Owner: Tom Plum (C compatibility)
Emails:
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Annex E - Universal-character-names

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 770
Title: The title of Annex E needs to be made shorter
Section: Annex E[extendid]
Status: resolved

Description:

The top of page E-2 (Annex E) has the section title overlapping the date.

Andrew Koenig responded the following:

> The reason is that (major) clause titles aren't checked for
> overlap with the date. The easiest fix is therefore to
> rename clause E to something shorter.

Resolution:

The title of the annex should be changed.
Possible candidate: "Universal-character-names".

Requestor:
Owner: Tom Plum (Annex E)
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| Closed Issues |
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The following core issues were closed at the Nashua meeting with the Core WG deciding to take no action.

- 1.3 [intro.compliance]:
619: Is the definition of "resource limits" needed?
- 1.8 [intro.execution]:
603: Do the WP constraints prevent multi-threading implementations?
- 3.4.5 [basic.lookup.classref]:
688: Rules for name lookup after :: . -> need to be clarified for conversion-function-id, template argument names and destructor names
- 3.9 [basic.types]:
621: The terms "same type" need to be defined

- 4.1 [conv.lval]:
 - 711: Is an lvalue-to-rvalue conversion on an incomplete type allowed within a sizeof operand?
- 5.2.2 [expr.call]:
 - 713: What argument type can be passed to va_arg?
 - 714: Is the term "default argument promotions" needed?
- 5.4 [expr.cast]:
 - 718: Conversion to and from pointers to incomplete class types using old style casts - is this really implementation-defined?
- 5.7 [expr.add]:
 - 720: Can you do &*p if p does not point to a valid object?
- 9.2 [class.mem]:
 - 692: ";opt" after member "function-definition" should be omitted
- 12.5 [class.free]:
 - 754: for new T, allocation functions in base classes of T are not considered
- 12.8 [class.copy]:
 - 687: The WP prohibits the copy assignment of virtual base classes to behave like the copy constructor
 - 755: Assignment of POD class objects: is the class copied as a block?
- 14.6.2.2 [temp.dep.expr]:
 - 785: When is 'this' dependent?

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Chapter 1 - Introduction

Work Group: Core
 Issue Number: 619
 Title: Is the definition of "resource limits" needed?
 Section: 1.3 [intro.compliance]
 Status: closed
 Description:
 1.3 para 2 says:
 "Every conforming C++ implementation shall, within its resource limits, accept and correctly execute well-formed C++ programs..."
 The term resource limits is not defined anywhere.
 Is this definition really needed?

Resolution:
 At the Nashua meeting the Core WG decided that the definition of resource limits was not necessary.
 The Core WG also noted at the Nashua meeting that the C standard uses the term "resource limits" without defining it.

Requestor: ANSI Public comment 7.12
 Owner: Josee Lajoie (Conformance Model)
 Emails:
 Papers:

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Work Group: Core
 Issue Number: 603
 Title: Do the WP constraints prevent multi-threading implementations?
 Section: 1.8 [intro.execution]
 Status: closed
 Description:
 UK issue 11:
 "No constraints should be put into the WP that preclude an implementation using multi-threading, where available and appropriate."

Bill Gibbons notes:

For example, do the requirements on order of destruction between sequence points preclude C++ implementations on multi-threading architectures?

Resolution:

At the Nashua meeting, it was judged that "multi-threading" is an implementation specific issue that is not to be addressed by the C++ Standard.

Requestor: UK issue 11
Owner: Steve Adamczyk (sequence points)
Emails:
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Chapter 3 - Basic Concepts

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 688
Title: Rules for name lookup after :: . -> need to be clarified for

conversion-function-id, template argument names and destructor names

Section: 3.4.5 [basic.lookup.classref]
Status: closed

Description:

- How is
o a destructor name
o an id-expression of a conversion-function-id
o a template-id
o the name of a template-argument
looked up when used following a nested-name-specifier or a class member access operator . or -> .

Bill Gibbons provided the following table, which I [Josee] filled up:

Table with 6 columns: expression, name to look up, look in surrounding context, must be visible there?, look in what class, must be there. Rows include examples like A::b, A::~~T, A::Z::~~T, etc.

A::X::operator Z::T	T	no	---	A::X::Z	yes
A::X::C<D>	C	no	---	A::X	yes
A::X::C<D>	D	yes	yes	no	---
a.b	b	no	---	A	yes
a.~T	T	yes	yes	A	yes
s.~T	T	yes	yes	---	---
a.operator T	T	yes	yes	A	yes
a.operator Z::T	Z	yes	yes	A	yes
a.operator Z::T	T	no	---	Z	yes
a.C<D>	C	no	---	A	yes
a.C<D>	D	yes	yes	no	---
a.X::b	X	yes	no	A	no
a.X::b	b	no	---	X	yes
a.X::~~T	T	yes	yes	---	---
s.X::~~T	T	yes	yes	---	---
a.X::operator T	T	no	---	A::X	yes
a.X::operator Z::T	Z	no	---	A::X	yes
a.X::operator Z::T	T	no	---	A::X::Z	yes
a.X::C<D>	C	no	---	A::X	yes
a.X::C<D>	D	yes	yes	---	---

where a is an object of class type A
 where s is an object of scalar type

We have to clarify the WP to ensure that the above resolutions are clear.

Bill also raises the following issues:

* The current rules for lookup of "T" in "a.operator T" break template because "T" must be visible in the class, which is impractical if "T" is a template type parameter. I propose changing the rule so the lookup is in the surrounding context only, as with template-id arguments.

* The current rules for lookup of "X" in "a.X::b" break templates because when "T" is a template type argument, the instantiation will fail if some base class of "A" (which might itself be a template type argument) happens to have a typedef or class member "T". This might be fixed as a special case in template name lookup, but I propose the simpler fix of changing the rule so the lookup is in the surrounding context only.

Resolution:

At the Nashua meeting, the Core WG decided that the rules covering the examples in Bill Gibbons' table were already described in the WP. These rules may not be as clear as Bill would like, but the Core WG decided that it is too late in the standardization process to modify large amount of text to describe name look up differently.

Requestor: Bill Gibbons
 Owner: Josee Lajoie (Name Lookup)
 Emails: core-6969
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 Work Group: Core
 Issue Number: 621

Title: The terms "same type" need to be defined
Section: 3.9 [basic.types]
Status: closed
Description: The WP needs to define what it means for two objects/expressions to have the same type. The phrase is used a lot throughout the WP.
Resolution: At the Nashua meeting, the core WG decided that a definition for this term is not needed.
Requestor:
Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Types)
Emails:
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Chapter 4 - Standard Conversions

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 711
Title: Is an lvalue-to-rvalue conversion on an incomplete type allowed within a sizeof operand?
Section: 4.1 [conv.lval]
Status: closed

Description:
4.1 Paragraph 1 says:
"An lvalue ... can be converted to an rvalue. If T is an incomplete type, a program that necessitates this conversion is ill-formed."
Paragraph 2 says:
"When an lvalue-to-rvalue conversion occurs within the operand of sizeof (5.3.3) the value contained in the referenced object is not accessed, since that operator does not evaluate its operand."

It isn't entirely clear from this whether it is OK to have an lvalue-to-rvalue conversion on an incomplete type within a sizeof operand. And if we can, what does it mean.

In general, the WP is somewhat vague on which restrictions are relaxed in a sizeof operand.

Resolution:
At the Nashua meeting, the core WG decided that the description of the lvalue-to-rvalue conversion within subclause 4.1 was clear enough.

Requestor: Bill Gibbons
Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Type Conversions)
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Chapter 5 - Expressions

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 713
Title: What argument type can be passed to va_arg?
Section: 5.2.2 [expr.call]
Status: closed

Description:
5.2.2/7 says:
"The lvalue-to-rvalue (4.1), array-to-pointer (4.2), and

function-to-pointer (4.3) standard conversions are performed on the argument expression. After these conversions, if the argument does not have arithmetic, enumeration, pointer, pointer to member, or class type, the program is ill-formed."

What else can it be? Is this really meaningful?
Wouldn't be more explicit to say which argument is `_disallowed_`.

Resolution:

At the Nashua meeting, the core WG decided that the list above was exhaustive and that the draft was clear enough.

Requestor: Bill Gibbons
Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Type Conversions)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 714
Title: Is the term "default argument promotions" needed?
Section: 5.2.2 [expr.call]
Status: closed

Description:

5.2.2/7 says:
"These promotions are referred to as the default argument promotions."

This may be the ISO C name, but it is very confusing in C++. It makes one ask, why are only default arguments promoted? Can we use a different name?

Steve Adamczyk:
> It was added so it could be referenced in the 18.7
> description of `va_start`, instead of repeating the words, but
> that didn't happen.

Resolution:

At the Nashua meeting, the core WG decided that the draft was not broken and that the specification could stay as is.

Requestor: Bill Gibbons
Owner: Steve Adamczyk (Type Conversions)
Emails:
Papers:

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 718
Title: Conversion to and from pointers to incomplete class types using old style casts - is this really unspecified?
Section: 5.4 [expr.cast]
Status: closed

Description:

p6 describes conversions to and from pointer to incomplete class type and it says:
"whether the `static_cast` or `reinterpret_cast` interpretation is used is unspecified."

Since `static_cast` does not allow incomplete types, does this mean that it's unspecified whether old-style casts allow conversion between pointers to incomplete types? Mike believes this should not be left unspecified but should be clearly specified by the standard as being ill-formed; i.e. the `static_cast` interpretation is chosen.

Resolution:

At the Nashua meeting, the core WG decided that the old style cast between pointers to incomplete class types should remain

unspecified

with regard to the choice of static_cast vs reinterpret_cast interpretation.

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 720
Title: Can you do &*p if p does not point to a valid object?
Section: 5.7 [expr.add]
Status: closed
Description:

5.7p5:
"If the result is used as an operand of the unary * operator, the behavior is undefined unless both the pointer operand and the result point to elements of the same array object, or the pointer operand points one past the last element of an array object and the result points to an element of the same array object, or the pointer operand points to the element of an array and the result points one past the last element of the same array."

Mike Miller proposes to remove this wording.
He says:

> All the cases described as giving undefined behavior if the
> result is used as the operand of unary * are already undefined
> behavior according the preceding sentence, regardless of how
> the result is used.

Bill Gibbons:

> Yes, but there still needs to be some editorial work here.
> There should be a description of how a "one past the end"
> pointer can be used.

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> For example:

```
> void f() {  
>     int x[3];  
>     int *p = x + 3;  
>     int &rx = *p;    // defined behavior?  
>     int y = rx[-1];  
> }
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> There have been some changes in the last year which allow the
> limited use of an lvalue for an incomplete object type. There
> are at least three related situations for valid pointers which
> do not refer to objects of the pointed-to type:

- > * "(*p)", where "p" points just past the end of an array
- > * "(*p)", where "p" points to zero-length array as in "p =
new int[n]" when "n" is zero. This is a variation
of the above, since the start of the array and the
"just past the end" point are the same.
- > * "(*p)", where p is zero.

> Consider each of these in the context of "q = &*p".

> I think the first two should have the expected defined
> behavior. The last case is questionable, but there may be

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> good reason to allow it.
>
> The current WP already supports 99% of this proposal.
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> The following example is now well-formed, even if "q" is
> initialized before "x":
>
> // translation unit #1
> extern int p;
> int *q = &*p;
>
> // translation unit #2
> int f();
> int x = f();
> int *p = &x;
>
> So we have the concept of an lvalue which refers to raw
> memory, suitably aligned, where the lvalue can be manipulated
> as long as the uninitialized value is never used.
>
> (A similar example could be constructed using a direct call
> to operator new and a deferred call to placement new
> "new (p) int" where the raw memory does not have a type
> explicitly associated with it.)
>
> Since a pointer to the end of an array is suitable aligned,
> the memory and object models almost support the proposal
> today.
>
> The only difference is whether it is required that a block of
> raw memory to which an lvalue refers (but does not access),
> and the address of which is a valid pointer, must actually
> exist.
>
> (Plus the smaller question of whether it is valid for two
> objects to overlap if one of them is never initialized or
> accessed, since the address range of the implicit extra array
> element may overlap another object.)
>
> The general rule that I would like is:
>
> Any pointer containing a valid value may be dereferenced.
> If the resulting lvalue is used in a way which requires a
> complete type, and the pointer does not actually refer to
> an object, the behavior is undefined. [footnote - a
> pointer may be valid and yet not refer to an object, e.g. a
> pointer to just past the end of an array.]
>
> Since this would allow "&*(char*)0", it would require
> additional wording to prohibit using null pointers this way.

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Resolution:

At the Nashua meeting, the core WG decided that this was a difficult issue that would require wording changes in sensitive areas of the WP. The core WG preferred to leave things the way they are for the first release of the C++ standard.

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Chapter 9 - Classes

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 692
Title: ";opt" after member "function-definition" should be omitted
Section: 9.2 [class.mem]
Status: closed
Description: The syntax says: member-declaration: ... function-definition ;opt

";opt" should be omitted. Otherwise, the syntax is ambiguous.

Resolution: At the Nashua meeting, the core WG decided that this modification is not necessary.

Requestor:
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Chapter 12 - Special Member functions

Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 754
Title: for new T, allocation functions in base classes of T are not considered
Section: 12.5[class.free]
Status: closed
Description:

12.5 para 2 says:
"When a new-expression is used to create an object of class T (or array thereof), the allocation function is looked up in the scope of class T; if no allocation function is found, the global allocation function is used."

It should be made clearer that allocation functions in base classes are not considered.

Resolution: The WP is already clear saying that allocation functions that are members of class T or of base classes of T are considered. See 12.5 para 2 and the example in para 5.

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 687
Title: The WP prohobits the copy assignment of virtual base classes to behave like the copy constructor
Section: 12.8 [class.copy]
Status: closed
Description:

The ARM specified:
"Objects representing virtual base classes will be assigned only

once

by a generated assignment operator."

This restriction has been removed.

The current WP says in 12.8 para 13:

"The direct base classes of X are assigned first, in the order of their declaration in the base-specifier-list, and then the

immediate

nonstatic data members of X are assigned, in the order in which they were declared in the class definition.

[...]

It is unspecified whether subobjects representing virtual base classes are assigned more than once by the implicitly-defined

copy

assignment operator."

The new specification does not allow the copy constructor

ordering.

Resolution:

The core WG decided that the current rule works, i.e. that the WP

is

not broken, and that this change is too important to consider at this late stage in the standardization process.

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Work Group: Core
Issue Number: 755
Title: Assignment of POD class objects: is the class copied as a block?
Section: 12.8[class.copy]
Status: closed

Description:

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[ Tom MacDonald compat-353:]  
> Recently I became aware of an incompatibility between C and C++  
>  
> Consider the following example:  
>  
> struct S_Pair;  
>  
> typedef struct Object {  
>     struct S_Pair *addr;  
>     int tag;  
> } Object;  
>  
> struct S_Pair {  
>     Object car;  
>     Object cdr;  
> };  
>  
> Object x;  
>  
> void copy_it(void) {  
>  
>     x = x.addr->cdr;  
>  
> }  
>  
> The C++ rules permit the following implementation of the  
> structure assignment inside the function copy_it.  
>  
> x.addr = x.addr -> cdr.addr;
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> x.tag = x.addr -> cdr.tag;
>
> The C rules are more strict as indicated in 6.3.16.1, the
> first paragraph under Semantics says:
>
> In simple assignment(=), the value of the right operand is
> converted to the type of the assignment expression and
> replaces the value stored in the object designated by the left
> operand.
>
> Note that the value is spoken of as a whole. There appears
> to be nothing that allows the identity of the right operand to
> change in the middle of the assignment, which is the effect
> what the C++ rules permit.
>
> The second paragraph under Semantics forbids partial overlap.
> This allows a more efficient implementation of a structure
> assignment (between lvalues) as
>
> memcpy(&left_operand, &right_operand)
>
> or an inline equivalent, rather than as
>
> memmove(&left_operand, &right_operand)
>
> which would include the extra work needed to accommodate the
> possibility of partial overlap (such as copying through a
> temporary object, or deciding whether to copy bytes from the
> beginning or from the end). Note that in either case, the
> addresses of the two operands are computed before the copying
> begins.
>
> The following implementation produces the expected C behavior.
>
> {
>   Object * tmp = &(x.addr->cdr);
>   x.addr = tmp->data;
>   x.tag = tmp->tag;
> }

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It was not the intention of the C++ standards committee to make C++ different from C in this case. How could the WP be clarified to make this intent clearer?

Resolution:

At the Nashua meeting, the core WG decided that the WP was clear enough.

Requestor: Tom MacDonald (C compatibility)
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Chapter 14 - Templates

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Work Group:   Core
Issue Number: 785
Title:        When is 'this' dependent?
Section:      14.6.2.2 [temp.dep.expr]
Status:       closed

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Description:
 para 2 says:
 "'this' is type-dependent if the class type of the enclosing

member function is dependent."

```
template<class T> struct A {
    // ...
    virtual void something();
};
template<class T> struct C : public A<T> {
    virtual void something();
    void f() {
        this->something();
    }
};
```

According to 16.6.2.1, C is not a dependent class. So it implies that 'this' cannot be used to refer to dependent base class members. How should one call the virtual function something from the dependent base class A<T>?

Resolution:

The claim in the issue is invalid. The type of "this" is based on "C<T>", not "C", and so it is dependent.

Requestor:

Owner: Bill Gibbons (Templates)

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