

# A more constexpr bitset

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## 1 Changelog

Changes between r1 and r0:

- Keep `bitset::reference::~~reference()` and mark it as `constexpr` to avoid ABI breakage as per LEWG feedback
- Remove the `basic_string_view` constructor as discussed on the Reflector
- Add reference to P0980[2] as a potential future dependency

## 2 Motivation

As of N4762 only the default constructor, the constructor accepting an `unsigned long long` and `operator[]` of `bitset` are marked as `constexpr`. With the adoption of [1], there is no reason the rest of the class cannot be made `constexpr`.

The lack of `constexpr` for most member functions was probably due to the non-trivial destructor of `bitset::reference`. Now it is possible to mark the destructor and therefore the rest of `bitset` as `constexpr` instead of requiring trivial destructability of `bitset::reference` and risking potential ABI breaks in certain implementations.

## 3 Proposed Changes

Mark every member function except for the `basic_string` constructor and `to_string` as `constexpr`. Make all of `bitset::reference` `constexpr`.

Should [2] be adopted, the `basic_string` constructor and `to_string` could be made `constexpr` as well. This is *not* part of this proposal, however.

## 4 Impact on the Standard

This proposal is a pure library addition, but depends on [1].

## 5 Proposed Wording

Change 19.9.1 of N4762 to the following:

```
#include <string>
#include <iosfwd> // for istream (27.7.1), ostream (27.7.2), see 27.3.1

namespace std {
    template<size_t N> class bitset;

    // 19.9.4, bitset operators
    template<size_t N>
        constexpr bitset<N> operator&(const bitset<N>&, const bitset<N>&) noexcept;
    template<size_t N>
        constexpr bitset<N> operator|(const bitset<N>&, const bitset<N>&) noexcept;
    template<size_t N>
        constexpr bitset<N> operator^(const bitset<N>&, const bitset<N>&) noexcept;
    template<class charT, class traits, size_t N>
        basic_istream<charT, traits>&
            operator>>(basic_istream<charT, traits>& is, bitset<N>& x);
    template<class charT, class traits, size_t N>
        basic_ostream<charT, traits>&
            operator<<(basic_ostream<charT, traits>& os, const bitset<N>& x);
}
```

Change 19.9.2 of N4762 to the following:

```
namespace std {
    template<size_t N> class bitset {
    public:
        // bit reference
        class reference {
            friend class bitset;
            constexpr reference() noexcept;

        public:
            constexpr reference(const reference&) = default;
            constexpr ~reference();
            constexpr reference& operator=(bool x) noexcept; // for b[i] = x;
            constexpr reference& operator=(const reference&) noexcept; // for b[i] = b[j];
            constexpr bool operator~() const noexcept; // flips the bit
            constexpr operator bool() const noexcept; // for x = b[i];
            constexpr reference& flip() noexcept; // for b[i].flip();
        };

    // 19.9.2.1, constructors
    constexpr bitset() noexcept;
    constexpr bitset(unsigned long long val) noexcept;
    template<class charT, class traits, class Allocator>
        explicit bitset(
            const basic_string<charT, traits, Allocator>& str,
            typename basic_string<charT, traits, Allocator>::size_type pos = 0,
            typename basic_string<charT, traits, Allocator>::size_type n
                = basic_string<charT, traits, Allocator>::npos,
            charT zero = charT('0'),

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    charT one = charT('1'));
    template<class charT>
    constexpr explicit bitset(
        const charT* str,
        typename basic_string<charT>::size_type n = basic_string<charT>::npos,
        charT zero = charT('0'),
        charT one = charT('1'));

    // 19.9.2.2, bitset operations
    constexpr bitset<N>& operator&=(const bitset<N>& rhs) noexcept;
    constexpr bitset<N>& operator|=(const bitset<N>& rhs) noexcept;
    constexpr bitset<N>& operator^=(const bitset<N>& rhs) noexcept;
    constexpr bitset<N>& operator<<=(size_t pos) noexcept;
    constexpr bitset<N>& operator>>=(size_t pos) noexcept;
    constexpr bitset<N>& set() noexcept;
    constexpr bitset<N>& set(size_t pos, bool val = true);
    constexpr bitset<N>& reset() noexcept;
    constexpr bitset<N>& reset(size_t pos);
    constexpr bitset<N> operator~() const noexcept;
    constexpr bitset<N>& flip() noexcept;
    constexpr bitset<N>& flip(size_t pos);

    // element access
    constexpr bool operator[](size_t pos) const; // for b[i];
    constexpr reference operator[](size_t pos); // for b[i];

    constexpr unsigned long to_ulong() const;
    constexpr unsigned long long to_ullong() const;
    template<class charT = char,
            class traits = char_traits<charT>,
            class Allocator = allocator<charT>>
    basic_string<charT, traits, Allocator>
    to_string(charT zero = charT('0'), charT one = charT('1')) const;

    constexpr size_t count() const noexcept;
    constexpr constexpr size_t size() const noexcept;
    constexpr bool operator==(const bitset<N>& rhs) const noexcept;
    constexpr bool operator!=(const bitset<N>& rhs) const noexcept;
    constexpr bool test(size_t pos) const;
    constexpr bool all() const noexcept;
    constexpr bool any() const noexcept;
    constexpr bool none() const noexcept;
    constexpr bitset<N> operator<<(size_t pos) const noexcept;
    constexpr bitset<N> operator>>(size_t pos) const noexcept;
};

// 19.9.3, hash support
template<class T> struct hash;
template<size_t N> struct hash<bitset<N>>;
}

```

## Bibliography

- [1] L. Dionne, R. Smith, N. Ramms, D.Vandevoorde: More constexpr containers (P0784r4)
- [2] L. Dionne: Making std::string constexpr (P0980r0)