C++ - Current language status

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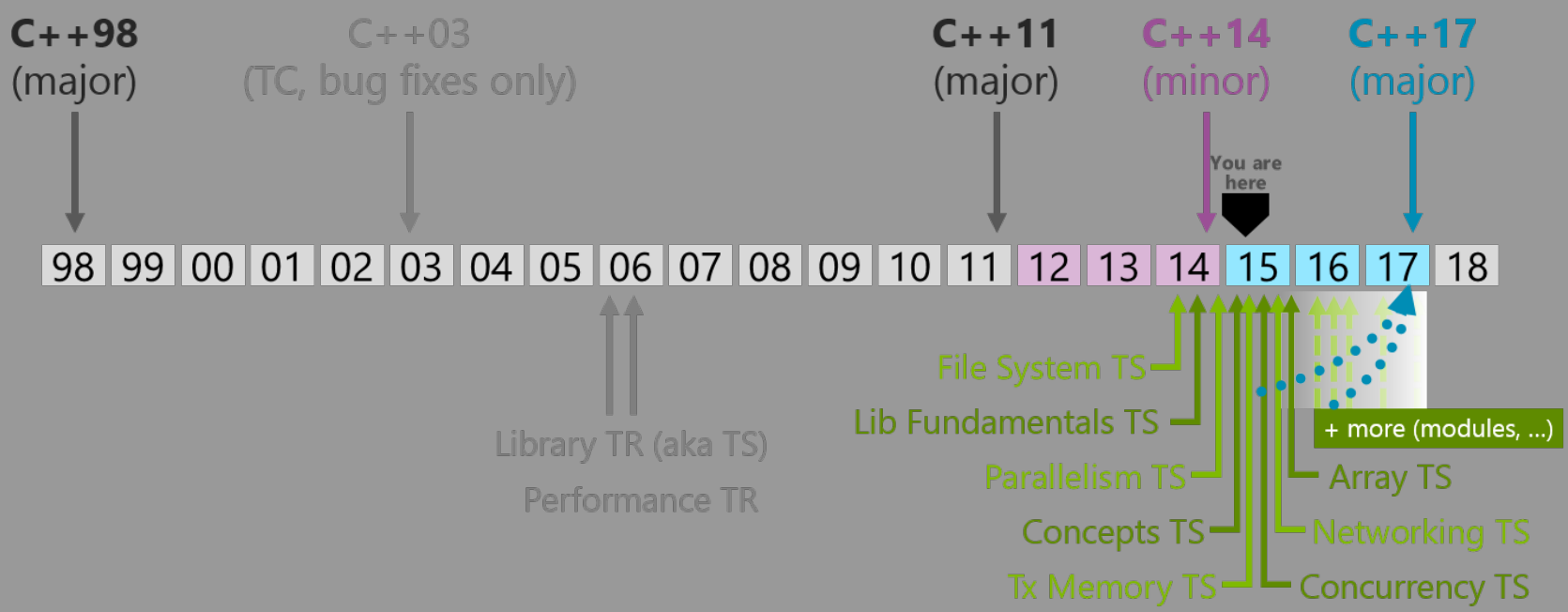
C++ timeline



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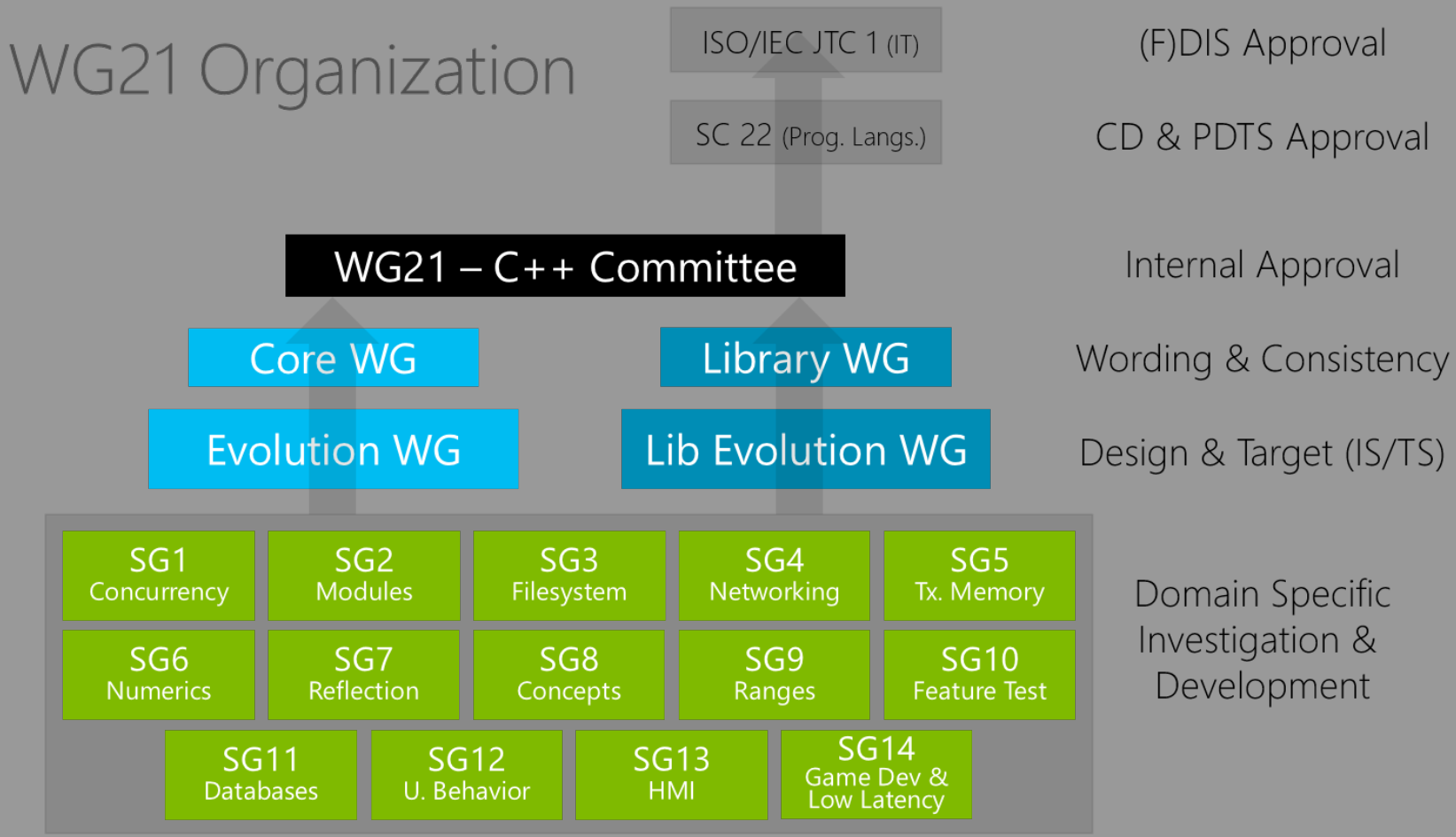

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2     if (start < end) {
3
4           int pivot = partition(v, start, end);
5
6
7              quicksort(v, start, pivot - 1);
8
9
10
11             quicksort(v, pivot + 1, end);
12
13
14    }
15 }
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2     if (start < end) {
3        task_region([&] (auto &r) {
4           int pivot = partition(v, start, end);
5
6           r.run([&] {
7              quicksort(v, start, pivot - 1);
8           });
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10          r.run([&] {
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6        return ret;
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10   // ... use value
11 });
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2    char buf[64 * 1024];
3    auto conn =        Tcp::Connect("127.0.0.1", 1337);
4    do {
5      auto bytesRead =        conn.read(buf, sizeof(buf));
6      total -= bytesRead;
7    } while (total > 0);
8  }
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```
1  int sequence() {
2      static int i = 0;
3      synchronized { // begin transaction
4          printf("before %d\n", i);
5          ++i;
6          printf("after %d\n", i);
7          return i; // commit transaction
8      }
9  }
```

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```
1 // each call to f() retrieves a unique value of i, even
      when done in parallel
2 int f() {
3   static int i = 0;
4   atomic_noexcept { // begin transaction
5 //  printf("before %d\n", i); // error: cannot call a
      non transaction-safe function
6     ++i;
7     return i; // commit transaction
8   }
9 }
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4  f("string-literal"s); /* calls (1) - no ambiguity */
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3   template<EqualityComparable T, Incrementable U>
4   void g1(const T*, U&);
5
6   template<typename T, typename U>
7   void g1(const T*, U&) requires EqualityComparable<T>
        && Incrementable<U>;
```

```
1   // variable concept from the standard library
2   template <class T, class U>
3   concept bool Derived = std::is_base_of<U, T>::value;
4
5   // function concept from the standard library
6   template <class T>
7   concept bool EqualityComparable() {
8      return requires(T a, T b) { {a == b} -> Boolean;
           {a != b} -> Boolean; };
9   }
```

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```
1  template <class T, class U> concept bool Same =
       std::is_same<T,U>::value;
2
3  template <class B> concept bool Boolean =
4  requires(B b1, B b2) {
5     { bool(b1) }; // direct initialization constraint
6     { !b1 } nothrow -> bool; // compound constraint
7     requires Same<decltype(b1 && b2), bool>;
8     requires Same<decltype(b1 || b2), bool>;
9  };
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9
10 v |= action::sort | action::unique;
```

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SG10 - Feature test

Investigation into whether and how to standardize a way for portable code to check whether a particular C++ product implements a feature yet, as standard is going to be extended.

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SG11 - Databases

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- database vendor provided implementation of standard DB interface

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SG12 - Unspecified and undefined behavior

A systematic review to catalog cases of undefined and unspecified behavior in the standard and recommend a coherent set of changes to define and/or specify the behavior.

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Thank you

Questions?

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