

oL10 - Embedded Modern C++ Programming

Objectives

- Discover the modern C++ features
- Learn the language changes in C++11, C++14, C++17 and C++20
- Discover the new functionalities added to the standard library
- Learn advanced modern C++ features like perfect forwarding
- Moving from traditional C++ to modern C++
- Emphasizing the essential modern C++ features used in embedded application

Labs are conducted QEMU ARM-based board

Prerequisite

- Basic C++ Language knowledge (see our [oL3 - Embedded C++ Programming](#) course)

Course Environment

- Theoretical course
 - PDF course material (in English).
 - Course dispensed using the Teams video-conferencing system.
 - The trainer answers trainees' questions during the training and provide technical and pedagogical assistance through the Teams video-conferencing system.
- Practical activities
 - Practical activities represent from 40% to 50% of course duration.
 - Code examples, exercises and solutions
 - One Online Linux PC per trainee for the practical activities.
 - The trainer has access to trainees' Online PCs for technical and pedagogical assistance.
 - Eclipse environment and GCC compiler.
 - QEMU Emulated board or physical board connected to the online PC (depending on the course).
 - Some Labs may be completed between sessions and are checked by the trainer on the next session.
- Downloadable preconfigured virtual machine for post-course practical activities
- At the start of each session the trainer will interact with the trainees to ensure the course fits their expectations and correct if needed

Duration

- Total: 12 hours
- 2 sessions, 6 hours each (excluding break time)
- From 40% to 50% of training time is devoted to practical activities
- Some Labs may be completed between sessions and are checked by the trainer on the next session

Target Audience

- Any embedded systems engineer or technician with the above prerequisites.

Evaluation modalities

- The prerequisites indicated above are assessed before the training by the technical supervision of the trainee in his company, or by the trainee himself in the exceptional case of an individual trainee.
- Trainee progress is assessed in two different ways, depending on the course:

- For courses lending themselves to practical exercises, the results of the exercises are checked by the trainer while, if necessary, helping trainees to carry them out by providing additional details.
- Quizzes are offered at the end of sections that do not include practical exercises to verify that the trainees have assimilated the points presented
- At the end of the training, each trainee receives a certificate attesting that they have successfully completed the course.
 - In the event of a problem, discovered during the course, due to a lack of prerequisites by the trainee a different or additional training is offered to them, generally to reinforce their prerequisites, in agreement with their company manager if applicable.

Plan

First Session

Introduction to modern C++

- Overview
- Storage class specifiers
- Uniform initialization
- C++ Named Requirements
- Automatic type deduction
 - The auto keyword
 - The auto keyword as a return type from a function
 - Using auto for declaring function signatures
 - Automatic constant references
 - Forwarding references
 - Advantages of using auto in embedded systems

Exercise: Using auto to declare variables

Keywords

- Enum class
- override and final
- Inline variables
- nullptr
- static_assert
- noexcept
- constexpr and if constexpr
- decltype
- Defaulted and deleted functions
 - Implementing a thread-safe singleton

Exercise: Using modern C++ keywords

Exercise: Create a singleton using modern C++

New functionalities

- Structured binding
- Range-based for loops
- Nested namespaces and namespace aliases
- Alignment
 - Alignas
 - Alignof
- Move semantics and r-value references
 - Copy-constructing and Move-constructing
 - r-value references
 - Perfect forwarding

Exercise: Using the new for loop syntax

Exercise: Using std::tuple

Exercise: Move semantics performance advantages on embedded systems

Modern C++ Standard Library

- Standard Library
 - `std::optional`
 - `std::variant`
 - `std::any`
 - `std::byte`
 - `std::hash`
 - Filesystem library
- Literals
 - Cooked literals
 - Standard literal operators
 - Raw literals
 - Raw string literals
- Random number generation
 - Random number generation engines
 - Random number generation distributors
- Containers
 - `std::array`
 - `std::forward_list`
 - Unordered associative containers

Exercise: Using the new elements added to the standard library

Exercise: Using `std::optional`

Second Session

String Manipulation

- New string Types
 - `std::u16string`
 - `std::u32string`
- Basic string view
- Converting between numeric and string types
- Elementary string conversions
- Input/output manipulators
 - `std::get_money`, `std::put_money`
 - `std::get_time`, `std::put_time`
 - `std::quoted`
- Regular expressions
 - Format of a string
 - Parsing the content of a string
 - Replacing the content of a string

Exercise: Using `String` class and `String` literals

Concurrency and Multithreading

- Introduction
- Thread
- Atomic operations
 - Atomic features
 - Non-class functions
 - Atomic flag
 - Memory order
- Mutex
 - Avoiding using recursive mutexes
- Sending notifications between threads
- Condition variables
- Future and Promise

- Task and Async
- Modern C++ and RTOS

Exercise: Blink synchronously 4 Leds

Lambda functions

- Syntax of lambdas
- Defining lambdas
- Using lambdas
 - Using lambdas with standard algorithms
 - Assigning lambdas to function pointers
 - Lambdas and std::function
 - Writing a function that accepts a lambda as parameter
- Polymorphic lambdas
- Recursive lambdas

Exercise: Understanding lambda

Exercise: Using lambda to modify and display a vector

Dynamic memory management

- Memory Management
- Memory Errors
- Smart Pointers
 - Raw Pointers
 - Automatic pointers
 - Unique Pointers
 - Shared Pointers
 - Weak Pointers

Exercise: Override new and delete

Exercise: Understanding unique and shared pointers

Renseignements pratiques

Inquiry : 12 hours