The CaaS Project. Progress & Plans Q1, Q2

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Project Goals

- Support for incremental compilation (clang::libInterpreter, Clang-Repl)
- Language interoperability layer (cppyy, libInterOp)
- Heterogeneous hardware support (offload execution, clad demonstrator)
- Use case development & community outreach (tutorial development, demonstrators)
Enable bi-directional language communication capable of controlling accelerator hardware
Reroute the cling-based ecosystem more to llvm upstream
Q1 Progress

1. [Q1/VV] Upgrade to LLVM 13 — 90% complete

2. [Q1/VV] Update Cling to use more of LLVM13 — 60% complete (depends on 1.)

3. [Q1/DL] Construct simple patches to upstream dashboard to track — 100% complete

4. [Q1-Q4/VV, GS, BK] Upstream Cling-specific patches — 0% complete

5. [Q1-Q4/DL] Keep track of Cling SLoC — Q1
   50 files changed, 695 insertions(+), 1167 deletions(-)

6. [Q1/II] ACAT proceedings — sent for review

7. [Q1/PA] Support Tensors and showcase differentiation of Eigen entities — 50% complete

8. [Q1/GS] Deliver error estimation talk at SIAM incl the req. development — complete
Carry-over for Q2

1. **Connect Clang-Repl to the Python Interpreter — Q1/BK → Q2/II**
   *The python interpreter provides C API which allows to expose itself and switch to writing python code on the prompt. In ROOT this happens via TPython::Prompt and we want the modern version of this for clang-repl.*

2. **Rebase cppyy to use cling-only interfaces (making cppyy ROOT-independent) — Q1/BK → Q2**
   *The task is about transforming the various ROOT Meta layer calls to their underlying clang/cling analogs*

3. **Define a set of new classes which handle what’s needed (eg TClingCallFunc, etc) — Q1/BK → Q2**
   *The task is about extracting the common cases where we need a lot of boilerplate code and provide abstractions for it. For example, the mechanism to call functions in a uniform way (currently done with TClingCallFunc) needs to modernized into its own ROOT-independent entity in libInterOp*
Carry-over for Q2

9. Connect libInterOp with clang-repl (see 6) — Q1/BK → Q2
   The python interpreter provides C API which allows to expose itself and switch to writing python code on the prompt. In ROOT this happens via TPython::Prompt and we want the modern version of this for clang-repl.

10. Improve test cases and demonstrators — Q1/II → Q2
    The task is about updating the existing demonstrators and developing new ones given the advances in Clad.

11. Differentiate CUDA kernels — Q1/II → Q2/PA?

12. Support Tensors and showcase differentiation of Eigen entities — Q1/PA → Q2
Plans for Q2

15. Implement in clang an extension to allow statements on the global scope — Q2/VV

16. Add extensible value printing facility — Q2/VV

17. Advance error recovery and code unloading — Q2/PC
   *The task is to make clang-repl more robust when it comes to surviving from errors.*

18. Design and Develop a CUDA engine working along with C++ mode — Q2/II, SSP
   *The task is to improve and generalize the implementation of the PTX support in cling and demonstrate it in clang-repl.*

19. Rebase cppyy to use clang-repl/libInterpreter interfaces — Q2/BK

20. Develop demonstrators (eg the one from the Jupiter mockup) — Q2/BK

21. Design and implement a backend capable of offloading computations to a GPGPU.
   *Assess technical performance of gradient produced by Clad on GPGPU — Q2/II,VV*
Plans for Q2

22. Add more clad benchmarks — Q2/DL

23. Add extensible value printing facility — Q2/VV → Q3

24. Write a paper on incremental C++ — Q2/VV

25. Write a paper on AD for the aggregate types — Q2/PA

26. Write an Error Estimation paper — Q2/GS
Extra Contributors

• Quite a bit of interest this year through IRIS-HEP, GSoC, GDOC and unfunded contributors

• More experienced people should help mentoring

• More clarity after May 20.
Implement in clang an extension to allow statements on the global scope
Extending C++

- Extend the clang parser when building incremental TU

- Figure out which is a good place in the grammar to extend. (Mind CUDA, attribute parsing vs non-attributes)

- Model the new statements in the PartialTranslationUnit (Mind static init and performance)