

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)


Project Goals


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In [1]: struct S { double val = 1.; }; 
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In [2]: from libInterop import std  
python_vec = std.vector(S)(1) 
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In [3]: print(python_vec[0].val) 
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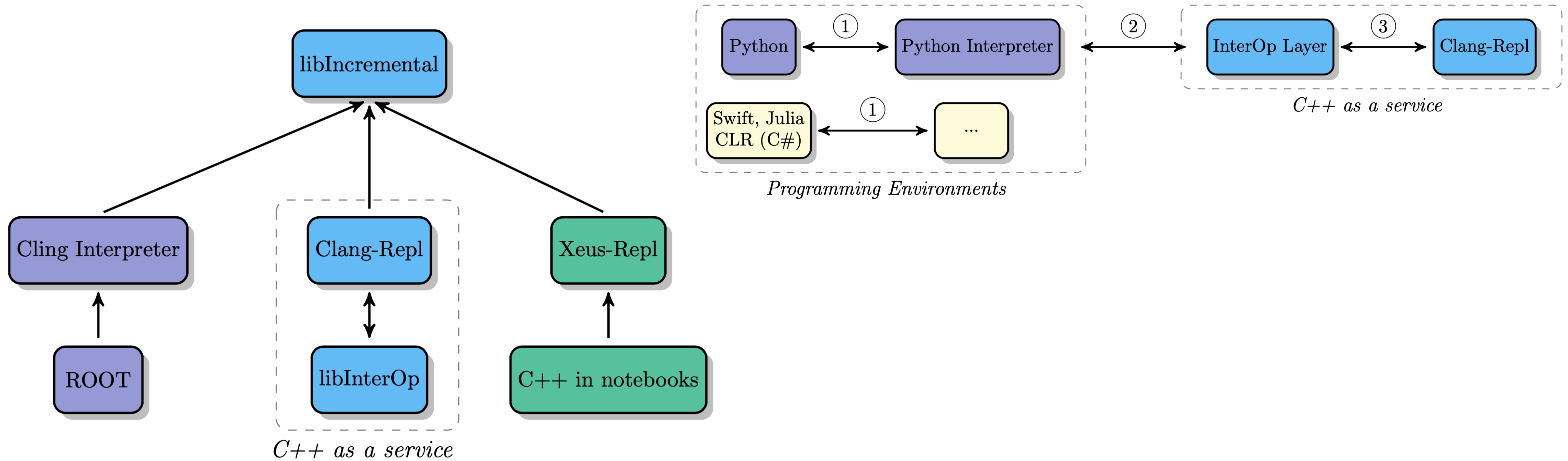
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In [4]: class Derived(S)   
    def __init__(self):  
        self.val = 0  
res = Derived()
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In [5]: __global__ void sum_array(int n, double *x, double *sum) {   
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) *sum += x[i];  
}  
// Init N=1M and x[i] = 1.f. Run kernel on 1M elements on the GPU.  
sum_array<<<1, 1>>>(N, x, &res.val);
```

Enable bi-directional language communication capable of controlling accelerator hardware

Project Goals



Reroute the cling-based ecosystem more to llvm upstream

Q1 Progress

1. [Q1/WV] Upgrade to LLVM 13 — 90% complete
2. [Q1/WV] 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/WV, 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 be 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)

Annex A (informative) Grammar summary

A.7 Declarations

declaration-seq:

declaration
declaration-seq declaration

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block-declaration
nodeclspec-function-declaration
function-definition
template-declaration
deduction-guide
explicit-instantiation
explicit-specialization
export-declaration
linkage-specification
namespace-definition
empty-declaration
attribute-declaration
module-import-declaration

block-declaration:

simple-declaration
asm-declaration
namespace-alias-definition
using-declaration
using-enum-declaration
using-directive
static_assert-declaration
alias-declaration
opaque-enum-declaration

nodeclspec-function-declaration:

attribute-specifier-seq_{opt} declarator ;

alias-declaration:

using identifier attribute-specifier-seq_{opt} = defining-type-id ;