

`std::execution` from the metal up

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Agenda

```
class Presentation
{
    public:
        Presentation ();
        Insight  whatIsSenderReceivers ();
        Insight  connecting ();
        Program  writingAnImplementation ();
        ~Presentation ();
    private:
        Insight  whatIsAnISR (Microcontroller type);
        Insight  whatIsFreestanding ();
};
```

Introduction

```
/**  
 * @author EE by training , member of SG14, father of two ,  
 *         Firmware pilot at Trifork , He/him  
 *  
 * @brief  An exploratory talk on senders and receivers  
 *         aka P2300 execution  
 *  
 * @warn   Most of this is not production ready code  
 */
```

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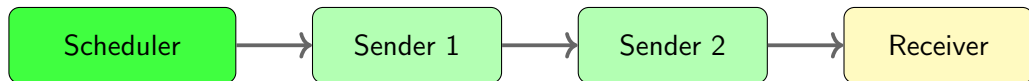
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If only there was a way to not have to use exceptions...

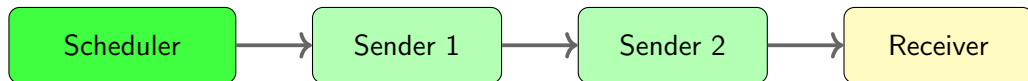
Enter P2532: Removing `exception_ptr` from the Receiver Concepts

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We can now reason about our asynchronous code

A Sender is lazy work

```
template<class S, class E = no_env>
concept sender =
    move_constructible<remove_cvref_t<S>> &&
    requires (S&& s, E&& e) {
        { get_completion_signatures( std::forward<S>(s),
                                     std::forward<E>(e)) }
        -> valid_completion_signatures<E>;
    };

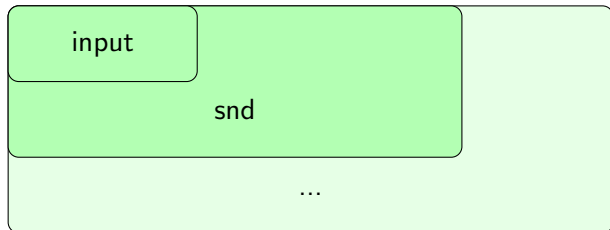
completion_signatures< set_value(), set_error(), set_done()>
```


A Receiver is a callback

```
template<class T>
concept receiver =
    move_constructible<remove_cvref_t<T>> &&
    constructible_from<remove_cvref_t<T>, T> &&
    requires(const remove_cvref_t<T>& t) {
        execution::get_env(t);
    };
```

Chaining senders part II

```
sender auto input = get_input();  
sender auto snd = then(input, [](auto... args) {  
    std::print(args...);  
});
```



Connecting Senders and Receivers

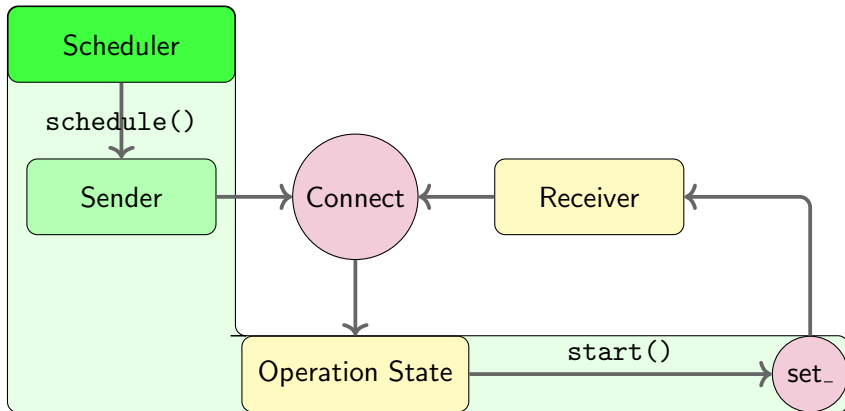
```
template<class O>
concept operation_state =
    destructible<O> &&
    is_object_v<O> &&
    requires (O& o) {
        { execution::start(o) } noexcept;
    };
```

```
template<sender S, receiver R>
auto tag_invoke(connect_t, S&& s, R&& r) ->
    operation_state
```

Scheduling to get work done

```
template<class S>
concept scheduler =
    requires(S&& s)
    {
        { execution::schedule(std::forward<S>(s)) }
        -> sender;
    } &&
equality_comparable<remove_cvref_t<S>> &&
copy_constructible<remove_cvref_t<S>>;
```

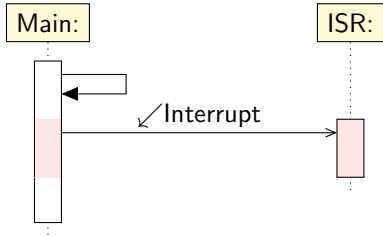
An overview



An interrupt

Interrupts

Interrupts are like threads, except when they are not.



An asynchronous pipeline

What we need is:

- ▶ A scheduler - something to call schedule on
- ▶ A sender - something to use as a tag to get the correct operation state
- ▶ (algorithms) - Possibly, something to do something with the input
- ▶ A receiver - to get the value out

The implementaion

- ▶ Reference implementation by Bryce Adelsteing Lelbach, Eric Niebler et. al
<https://github.com/NVIDIA/stdexec>
- ▶ Implementaion of the "Freestanding C++" library for AVR
<https://gitlab.com/avr-libstdcxx>

Building an ISR Sender

Building a sender starts at the scheduler, it needs to return the sender

```
struct UART
{
    ...
    UARTSender void friend tag_invoke( stdexec::schedule_t ,
        const UART& self ) noexcept
    {
        return {};
    }
};
```

The UART sender

```
struct UARTSender
{
    using completion_signatures =
        stdex::completion_signatures< stdex::set_value(char)>;

    friend UART tag_invoke(
        stdex::get_completion_scheduler_t< stdex::set_value>,
        const UART& ) noexcept
    {
        return {};
    }
}
```

Creating the Operation State

```
template<stdexec::receiver Rec>
struct OperationState
{
    ReceiverCaller f;
    explicit OperationState(Rec& rec)
        : f(rec)
    {}
    friend void tag_invoke(stdexec::start_t,
                          const OperationState& self) noexcept
    {
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    }
};
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static std::optional<OperationState<??>* > op;
```

Type Erasure

```
class ReceiverCaller
{
private:
    void *receiverObject = nullptr;
    void (*setValue)(void* receiver, char value);
public:
    void operator()(char value) {
        (*setValue)(receiverObject, value);
    }

    template<stdexec::receiver Rec>
    explicit ReceiverCaller(Rec& rec) {
        receiverObject = static_cast<void*>(&rec);
        setValue = [](void* receiver, char value) {
            if (receiver) {
                stdexec::set_value(
                    *static_cast<Rec *>(receiver),
                    (char &&) value);
            }
        };
    }
};
```

Type Erased Sender

```
struct OperationState
{
    Rec localReceiver;
    friend void tag_invoke(stdexec::start_t, const OperationState& self) noexcept
    {
        if (UartReceiverCallback) {
            stdexec::set_error(self.localReceiver, EBUSY);
        } else {
            UartReceiverCallback = ReceiverCaller(self.localReceiver);
            enableInterrupt();
        }
    }
};
```

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    }
};

ISR(USART_RXC_vect) {
    if ( UartReceiverCallback ) {
        (*UartReceiverCallback)( UDR );
    }
    UartSenderReceiver::UART::disableInterrupt();
}
```

sleep_wait

```
template<stdexec::sender Sender>
struct async_sleep {
    stdexec::connect_result_t<Sender, sleepReceiver> op;
    std::optional<char> value;
    volatile bool hasResult = false;
    struct sleepReceiver;
    template< stdexec::sender Snd>
        requires std::is_same_v<Snd, Sender>
    async_sleep(Snd&& snd)
        : op(stdexec::connect(std::forward<Sender>(snd),
            sleepReceiver{*this})) {
        stdexec::start(op);
        while (!hasResult) { // Go to sleep
        }
    }
};

template<typename S>
async_sleep(S) -> async_sleep<S>;
```


Creating the Receiver

```
struct sleepReceiver
{
    async_sleep& parent;
    struct sleepEnvironment {};
    sleepEnvironment friend tag_invoke(stdexec::get_env_t,
        const sleepReceiver& self) noexcept
        { return {}; }
    void friend tag_invoke(stdexec::set_value_t,
        sleepReceiver&& self, char&& val) noexcept {
        self.parent.value = val;
        self.parent.hasResult = true;
    }
    void friend tag_invoke(stdexec::set_error_t,
        sleepReceiver&& self, int&& error) noexcept {
        self.parent.hasResult = true;
    }
};
```

Running the code

```
int main()  
{  
    UartSenderReceiver::UART serial;  
    for (;;)   
    {  
        auto result = async_sleep(stdexec::schedule(serial));  
        if (result.value)  
        {  
            // SUCCESS  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Testing as you go

```
using debugReceiver = stdexec::__debug::__debug_receiver<
    stdexec::__empty_env ,
    stdexec::completion_signatures<stdexec::set_value_t(char),
    stdexec::set_error_t(int)>>;
static_assert(stdexec::operation_state<OperationState<debugReceiver>>);

static_assert(stdexec::sender<UartSender>);
static_assert(stdexec::sender_of<UartSender, stdexec::set_value_t(char)>);
static_assert(stdexec::scheduler<UartSenderReceiver::UART>);

static_assert(stdexec::receiver<sleepReceiver>);
static_assert(stdexec::receiver_of<sleepReceiver,
    stdexec::completion_signatures<stdexec::set_value_t(char)>>);
static_assert(stdexec::receiver_of<sleepReceiver,
    stdexec::completion_signatures<stdexec::set_error_t(int)>>);
```

Freestanding

Freestanding extensions are needed for optional, tuple and variant
Freestanding also gives embedded a lot of other niceties

Future work

Going forward in your journey take a look at:

- ▶ Using the available algorithms
- ▶ Creating algorithms with the `sender_adaptor` and `receiver_adaptor`
- ▶ Use the Environment and stop tokens to support cancellation

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- ▶ We need your expertise to figure out where the cracks are