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## **National Body Comments**

### **ISO/IEC PDTS 19841**

#### **C++ Extensions for Transactional Memory**

This document contains the Result of Voting and National Body Comments for ISO/IEC PDTS 19841, C++ Extensions for Transactional Memory.

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# Template for comments and secretariat observations

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MB/ NC <sup>1</sup>	Line number	Clause/ Subclause	Paragraph/ Figure/Table	Type of comment <sup>2</sup>	Comments	Proposed change	Observations of the secretariat
JP 1				ge	We are concerned that there could be a performance degradation even in an environment lacking of transactional memory feature by adopting this technical specification, e.g. making some standard libraries like <math.h> transactional safe.  It is the reason for our disapproval. If we can reasonably confirm that there's no degradation, we will change our position to approval.	Please make us sure there's no degradation.	
US 1				te	Memory ordering requirements of transactions are problematically strict. Even empty or purely local transactions have observable synchronization effects and can usually not be removed by an optimizing compiler. This introduces a performance penalty when transactional library code is reused in a clearly thread-local context.	Consider weakening ordering requirements to allow such optimizations.	
CA 1	N/A	N/A	N/A	ge	Request to add a Feature Test Macro <code>__cpp_transactional_memory</code> based on <a href="http://isocpp.org/std/standing-documents/sd-6-sg10-feature-test-recommendations">http://isocpp.org/std/standing-documents/sd-6-sg10-feature-test-recommendations</a>	The value of the macro will be the year and month of the release of the TS. It does not need any experimental or TS tag.	
CA 3	N/A	4.3 [conv.func]	Para 1	ge	Make helper functions in 20.2 transaction-safe. Here is an example where <code>std::move</code> is not transaction-safe  <pre>template &lt;class T&gt; void safe_swap(T &amp;a, T &amp;b) transaction_safe {     atomic_commit     {         using std::move;         T temp = move(a); // Note that std::move is not transaction-safe according to draft, but it should be         a = move(b);         b = move(temp);     } }</pre>	Add <code>std::move</code> and other utilities in 20.2 to be <code>transaction_safe</code> .	

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					<pre> } }  template &lt;class T&gt; void apply(T &amp;a, T &amp;b, void f(T&amp;,&amp;T)) {     f(a,b); // Ok     assert(f == safe_swap&lt;int&gt;); // result     unspecified according to 5.10, paragraph 2, right? }  int main() {     int x = 2, y = 3;     apply(x, y, safe_swap&lt;int&gt;); // Ok even though     transaction_safe is lost } </pre>		
CA 2	N/A	5.2.2 [expr.call]	Para 1	te	<p>This addition states: A call to a virtual function that is evaluated within a synchronized (6.9 [stmt.sync]) or atomic block (6.10 [stmt.tx]) results in undefined behavior if the virtual function is declared transaction_safe_noinherit and the final overrider is not declared transaction_safe.</p> <p>It is Undefined Behavior if you call into a virtual function declared as tx_safe_noinherit but it is not tx_safe in the final overrider. This ensures that the dynamic call is safe, no matter what the dynamic object is since tx_safe_noinherit gives no such guarantee.</p> <p>Our concern is this is excessive for a synchronized block because these can call</p>	<p>Please fix for synchronized block so that it is not part of this requirement. Suggested wording: A call to a virtual function that is evaluated within a synchronized (6.9 [stmt.sync]) or an atomic block (6.10 [stmt.tx]) results in undefined behavior if the virtual function is declared transaction_safe_noinherit and the final overrider is not declared transaction_safe.</p>	

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					tx_unsafe functions.		
FI 1		8	4	te	It seems that the applicability of transaction_safe_noinherit is likely going to be wider in the future than just in virtual functions. If that wider applicability appears, new keywords need to be added. Generalizing the name transaction_safe_noinherit would possibly avoid that problem.	Rename transaction_safe_noinherit to transaction_safe_dynamic. Transaction safety of calls to such functions is ultimately a runtime property, hence _dynamic seems like a suitable suffix.	
JP 2		8.4.4	1	te	A function-local static variable initialization should be transactional-unsafe. The initialization in an atomic execution needs to be synchronized with non-atomic executions.	Add "a function-local static variable initialization" in the list of conditions for a transactional-unsafe statement .	
CA 4	n/a	8.4.4 [dcl.fct.def.tx]	After Para 1, bullet 5	ge	In the first sequence of dash bullets ( -- ) indicating transaction-unsafe expressions, the fifth one states «an implicit call of a non-virtual function that is not transaction_safe». I wonder why the «implicit» call is being explicitly (sorry for the pun! :) ) specified, as it seems to me that an explicit call to a non-virtual function would yield the same consequences. Unless I'm missing out on something, an implicit call could be something like:  <pre> struct B {     int f(); // not transaction_safe, not virtual     virtual ~B() = default; };  struct D : B {     int g()     { </pre>	This seems a possible confusion for other user, please clarify.	

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					<pre> return f() + // implicit call? this-&gt;f() + // explicit call? B::f(); // explicit call?     } };                     </pre>		

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## Result of voting

### Ballot Information

<b>Ballot reference</b>	ISO/IEC PDTS 19841
<b>Ballot type</b>	CD
<b>Ballot title</b>	C++ Extensions for Transactional Memory
<b>Opening date</b>	2014-12-10
<b>Closing date</b>	2015-03-10
<b>Note</b>	Please submit your vote by the due date indicated.

### Member responses:

<b>Votes cast (18)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Austria (ASI)</li> <li>Canada (SCC)</li> <li>China (SAC)</li> <li>Denmark (DS)</li> <li>Finland (SFS)</li> <li>Germany (DIN)</li> <li>Italy (UNI)</li> <li>Japan (JISC)</li> <li>Kazakhstan (KAZMEMST)</li> <li>Korea, Republic of (KATS)</li> <li>Netherlands (NEN)</li> <li>Portugal (IPQ)</li> <li>Russian Federation (GOST R)</li> <li>Spain (AENOR)</li> <li>Switzerland (SNV)</li> <li>Ukraine (DTR)</li> <li>United Kingdom (BSI)</li> <li>United States (ANSI)</li> </ul>
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**Comments submitted (0)**

**Votes not cast (0)**

### Questions:

<b>Q.1</b>	"Do you agree with approval of the CD text?"
<b>Q.2</b>	"If you approve the CD text with comments, would you please indicate which type ? (General, Technical or Editorial)"
<b>Q.3</b>	"If you disapprove the draft, would you please indicate if you accept to change your vote to Approval if the reasons and appropriate changes will be accepted?"

Votes by members	Q.1	Q.2	Q.3
<b>Austria (ASI)</b>	Abstention	Ignore	Ignore

<b>Canada (SCC)</b>	Approval with comments	All	Ignore
<b>China (SAC)</b>	Approval as presented	Ignore	Ignore
<b>Denmark (DS)</b>	Abstention	Ignore	Ignore
<b>Finland (SFS)</b>	Approval with comments	Technical	Ignore
<b>Germany (DIN)</b>	Approval as presented	Ignore	Ignore
<b>Italy (UNI)</b>	Approval as presented	Ignore	Ignore
<b>Japan (JISC)</b>	Disapproval of the draft	Ignore	Yes
<b>Kazakhstan (KAZMEMST)</b>	Abstention	Ignore	Ignore
<b>Korea, Republic of (KATS)</b>	Approval as presented	General	Ignore
<b>Netherlands (NEN)</b>	Approval as presented	Ignore	Ignore
<b>Portugal (IPQ)</b>	Abstention	Ignore	Ignore
<b>Russian Federation (GOST R)</b>	Approval as presented	Ignore	Ignore
<b>Spain (AENOR)</b>	Approval as presented	Ignore	Ignore
<b>Switzerland (SNV)</b>	Approval as presented	Ignore	Ignore
<b>Ukraine (DTR)</b>	Approval as presented	Ignore	Ignore
<b>United Kingdom (BSI)</b>	Approval as presented	Ignore	Ignore
<b>United States (ANSI)</b>	Approval with comments	Technical	Ignore

<b>Answers to Q.1: "Do you agree with approval of the CD text?"</b>		
<b>10 x</b>	<b>Approval as presented</b>	<b>China (SAC) Germany (DIN) Italy (UNI) Korea, Republic of (KATS) Netherlands (NEN) Russian Federation (GOST R) Spain (AENOR) Switzerland (SNV) Ukraine (DTR) United Kingdom (BSI)</b>
<b>3 x</b>	<b>Approval with comments</b>	<b>Canada (SCC) Finland (SFS) United States (ANSI)</b>

1 x	Disapproval of the draft	Japan (JISC)
4 x	Abstention	Austria (ASI) Denmark (DS) Kazakhstan (KAZMEMST) Portugal (IPQ)

Answers to Q.2: "If you approve the CD text with comments, would you please indicate which type ? (General, Technical or Editorial)"

1 x	General	Korea, Republic of (KATS)
2 x	Technical	Finland (SFS) United States (ANSI)
0 x	Editorial	
1 x	All	Canada (SCC)
14 x	Ignore	Austria (ASI) China (SAC) Denmark (DS) Germany (DIN) Italy (UNI) Japan (JISC) Kazakhstan (KAZMEMST) Netherlands (NEN) Portugal (IPQ) Russian Federation (GOST R) Spain (AENOR) Switzerland (SNV) Ukraine (DTR) United Kingdom (BSI)

Answers to Q.3: "If you disapprove the draft, would you please indicate if you accept to change your vote to Approval if the reasons and appropriate changes will be accepted?"

1 x	Yes	Japan (JISC)
0 x	No	
17 x	Ignore	Austria (ASI) Canada (SCC) China (SAC) Denmark (DS) Finland (SFS) Germany (DIN) Italy (UNI) Kazakhstan (KAZMEMST) Korea, Republic of (KATS) Netherlands (NEN) Portugal (IPQ) Russian Federation (GOST R) Spain (AENOR) Switzerland (SNV) Ukraine (DTR) United Kingdom (BSI)



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