1 Requirements and Concepts

Throughout this clause, the names of template parameters are used to express type requirements, and the concepts are designed to support type checking at compile time. In order to make the concepts more concise, some constraints related to the **Ranges TS** are not listed, such as the concept template **CopyConstructible** and the concept template **MoveConstructible**.

1.1Binary Semaphores

1.1.1 Intention

This concept is an abstraction for the Ad-hoc synchronizations required in the "Sync Concurrent Invoke" model. Typical implementations may have one or more of the following mechanisms:

- simply use "std::promise<void>" to implement, as mentioned earlier, or
- use the "Spinlock" if executions are likely to be blocked for only short periods, or
- use the Mutexes together with the Condition Variables to implement, or
- use the primitives supported by specific platforms, such as the "Futex" in modern Linux, the "Semaphore" defined in the POSIX standard and the "Event" in Windows, or
- have "work-stealing" strategy that may execute other unrelated tasks while waiting.

1.1.2 BinarySemaphore requirements

A type **BS** meets the **BinarySemaphore** requirements if the following expressions are well-formed and have the specified semantics (**bs** denotes a value of type **BS**).

bs.wait()

Effects: Blocks the calling thread until the permit is released. *Return type:* **void** *Synchronization:* Prior **release()** operations shall synchronize with this operation.

bs.release()

Effects: Release the permit. *Return type:* **void** *Synchronization:* This operation synchronizes with subsequent **wait()** operations.

1.1.3 Concept template BinarySemaphore

```
namespace requirements {
```

```
template <class T>
concept bool BinarySemaphore() {
  return requires(T semaphore) {
    { semaphore.wait() };
    { semaphore.release() };
  };
}
```

1.2Atomic Counters

1.2.1 Intention

This concept is an abstraction for the "many-to-one" synchronizations required for the execution structures. Typical implementations may have one or more of the following mechanisms:

- use an integer to maintain the count and use a mutex to prevent concurrent reading or writing, or
- manage an atomic integer maintaining the count with lock-free operations, or
- adopt the "Tree Atomic Counter" strategy, as mentioned earlier.

In order to implement it with the C++ programming language, the requirements for the "Atomic Counter" is divided into 3 parts: the **LinearBuffer** requirements, the **AtomicCounterModifier** requirements and the **AtomicCounterInitializer** requirements, which illustrates the requirements for the return types, for the modifications and for the initializations, respectively.

1.2.2 Requirements

1.2.2.1 LinearBuffer requirements

A type **LB** meets the **LinearBuffer** requirements if the following expressions are well-formed and have the specified semantics (**1b** denotes a value of type **LB**).

lb.fetch()

Requires: The number of times that this function has been invoked shall be less than the predetermined. *Effects:* Acquires an entity. *Return type: undefined Returns:* The acquired entity

1.2.2.2 AtomicCounterModifier requirements

A type **ACM** meets the **AtomicCounterModifier** requirements if the following expressions are well-formed and have the specified semantics (**acm** denotes a value of type **ACM**).

acm.increase(s)

Requires: **s** shall be convertible to type **std::size_t**.

Effect: Increase the Atomic Counter entity corresponding to **acm** by **s**.

Return type: Any type that meets the LinearBuffer requirements

Returns: A value whose type meets the **LinearBuffer** requirements, each of the first (**s** + 1) times of **fetch()** operations to which shall acquire a value whose type meets the **AtomicCounterModifier** requirements, and that corresponds to the Atomic Counter entity as **acm** does.

Post condition: acm no longer corresponds to an Atomic Counter entity.

acm.decrement()

Effect: If the state of the Atomic Counter entity corresponding to **acm** is positive, decrease the state of the entity by one.

Return type: bool

Returns: **true** if the state of the entity is positive before the operation, **false** otherwise.

Post condition: acm no longer corresponds to an Atomic Counter entity.

Synchronization: If this operation returns true, it synchronizes with subsequent **decrement()** operations that return **false** on any entity meets the **AtomicCounterModifier** requirements and that corresponds to the same Atomic Counter entity as **acm** does; otherwise, prior **decrement()** operations that return **true** on any entity whose type meets the **AtomicCounterModifier** requirements, and that corresponds to the same Atomic Counter entity as **acm** does shall synchronize with this operation.

1.2.2.3 AtomicCounterInitializer requirements

A type **ACI** meets the **AtomicCounterInitializer** requirements if the following expressions are well-formed and have the specified semantics (**aci** denotes a value of type **ACI**).

aci(s)

Requires: **s** shall be convertible to type **std::size_t**.

Effect: Initialize an Atomic Counter entity whose initial count shall be equals to s.

Return type: Any type that meets the LinearBuffer requirements

Returns: A value whose type meets the **LinearBuffer** requirements, each of the first (**s** + 1) times of **fetch()** operations to which shall acquire a value whose type meets the **AtomicCounterModifier** requirements, and corresponds to the initialized Atomic Counter entity.

1.2.3 Concepts

1.2.3.1 Concept template LinearBuffer

```
namespace requirements {
template <class T, class U>
concept bool LinearBuffer() {
  return requires(T buffer) {
    { buffer.fetch() } -> U;
  };
}
```

1.2.3.2 Concept template AtomicCounterModifier

```
namespace requirements {
template <class T>
concept bool AtomicCounterModifier() {
  return requires(T modifier) {
    { modifier.decrement() } -> bool;
    } && (requires(T modifier) {
    { modifier.increase(Ou) } -> LinearBuffer<T>;
    } || requires(T modifier) {
    { modifier.increase(Ou).fetch() } -> AtomicCounterModifier;
    });
}
```

1.2.3.3 Concept template AtomicCounterInitializer

```
namespace requirements {
template <class T>
concept bool AtomicCounterInitializer() {
  return requires(T initializer) {
    { initializer(Ou).fetch() } -> AtomicCounterModifier;
  };
```

```
1.3 Runnable and Callable Types
```

}

}

The **Callable** types are defined in the C++ programming language with specified input types and return type. The **Runnable** types are those **Callable** types which have no input and unspecified return type. The **Callable** types are required to be **CopyConstructible**, but the **Runnable** types are only required to be **MoveConstructible**.

1.3.1 Concept template Runnable

```
template <class F>
concept bool Runnable() {
  return requires(F f) {
    { f() };
  };
}
```

1.3.2 Concept template Callable

```
template <class F, class R, class... Args>
concept bool Callable() {
  return requires(F f, Args&&... args) {
    { f(std::forward<Args>(args)...) } -> R;
  };
}
```

1.4Concurrent Procedures

1.4.1 Intention

```
template <class F, class... Args>
auto make_concurrent_procedure(F&& f, Args&&... args) requires
    requirements::Callable<F, void, Args...>() {
    return [fun = bind_simple(std::forward<F>(f), std::forward<Args>(args)...)](
        auto&& modifier, auto&&) mutable {
        fun();
        return std::move(modifier);
    };
}
```

```
auto proc = [](auto&& modifier, auto&& callback) {
      do_something();
      modifier = concurrent_fork(std::move(modifier),
                                     callback,
                                     /* Some Concurrent Callers */);
      do_something_else();
      modifier = concurrent_fork(std::move(modifier),
                                     callback,
                                     /* Some Concurrent Callers */);
      do_something_else();
      return std::move(modifier);
    };
                                   Figure 2
class ConcurrentProcedureTemplate {
public:
 template <class Modifier, class Callback>
 auto operator()(Modifier&& modifier, Callback&& callback) {
   modifier_ = std::forward<Modifier>(modifier);
   callback_ = std::forward<Callback>(callback);
   this->run();
   return std::move(modifier_);
 }
protected:
 template <class... ConcurrentInvokers>
 void fork(ConcurrentInvokers&&... invokers) {
   modifier_ = concurrent_fork(std::move(modifier_), callback_, invokers...);
 virtual void run() = 0;
private:
 abstraction::AtomicCounterModifier modifier_;
 abstraction::Callable<void()> callback_;
}:
```

Figure 3

The "Concurrent Callable" is a Callable type defined in the C++ programming language. This concept is an abstraction for the smallest concurrent task fragment required in the execution structures. Typical implementations may have one or more of the following mechanisms:

- be wrapped from a Callable type (in other words, gives up the chance to call the function template concurrent_fork), as is shown in Figure 1 (note that std::bind(std::forward<F>(f)), std::forward<Args>(args)...) () will perform F(Args&...); with the helper function template bind simple the implementation will perform F(Args&&...)), or
- be implemented manually, and may call the function template **concurrent_fork**, as is shown in Figure 2, or
- be implemented with a "Template" with runtime abstraction by inheriting from an abstract class, as is shown in Figure 3 (note that abstraction::AtomicCounterModifier and abstraction::Callable are wrappers for Atomic Counter Modifiers and Callables, respectively; their principles are the same as std::function).

1.4.2 ConcurrentProcedure requirements

A type **CP** meets the **ConcurrentProcedure** requirements if the following expressions are well-formed and have the specified semantics (**cp** denotes a value of type **CP**).

cp(acm, c)

Requires: The original types of **acm** and **c** shall meet the **AtomicCounterModifier** requirements and the **Callable<void>** requirements, respectively.

Effects: Execute the user-defined concurrent procedure synchronously.

Return type: Any type that meets the AtomicCounterModifier requirements

Note: It is allowed to invoke the function template **concurrent_fork** within this scope.

1.4.3 Concept template ConcurrentProcedure

```
namespace requirements {
template <class T, class U, class V>
concept bool ConcurrentProcedure() {
  return requires(T procedure, U&& modifier, V&& callback) {
    { procedure(std::forward<U>(modifier), std::forward<V>(callback)) }
    -> AtomicCounterModifier;
  };
}
```

1.5Execution Agent Portals

1.5.1 Intention

```
template <bool DAEMON>
class ThreadPortal;

template <>
class ThreadPortal<true> {
    public:
        template <class F, class... Args>
        void operator()(F&& f, Args&&... args) const requires
        requirements::SerialCallable<F, Args...>() {
        std::thread(std::forward<F>(f), std::forward<Args>(args)...).detach();
    }
};
```

```
template <>
class ThreadPortal<false> {
  public:
    template <class F, class... Args>
    void operator()(F&& f, Args&&... args) const requires
        requirements::SerialCallable<F, Args...>() {
        ThreadManager::instance().emplace(
            std::thread(std::forward<F>(f), std::forward<Args>(args)...));
    }
};
```

Figure 5

Large-scale concurrent programming usually requires load balancing for every part of the program. Although there are many libraries provide us with quite a few APIs for concurrent algorithms, they are usually harmful in load balancing, especially when there are other works to be done that attach to higher priorities.

Currently in C++, we have the term "Execution Agent", which is "*an entity such as a thread that may perform work in parallel with other execution agents*". An "Execution Agent Portal" is an abstraction for the method required for the execution structures, that to submit callable units to concrete Execution Agents. Typical implementations may have one or more of the following mechanisms:

- submit the input callable unit to the current Execution Agent and sequentially execute it, or
- submit the input callable unit to a new daemon thread (not able to join it at all; the exit of all non-daemon threads may kill all daemon threads), as is shown in Figure 4, or
- submit the input callable unit to a new non-daemon thread so that it can run even if the "main" function has exit, as is shown in Figure 5 (*note that the class ThreadManager is a singleton type that manages the thread objects*), or
- submit the input callable unit to some remote executor, or
- submit the input callable unit to a threadpool entity.

1.5.2 ExecutionAgentPortal requirements

A type **EAP** meets the **ExecutionAgentPortal** requirements if the following expressions are well-formed and have the specified semantics (**eap** denotes a value of type **EAP**).

eap(f, args...)

Requires: The original types of **f** and each parameter in **args** shall satisfy the **MoveConstructible** requirements. **INVOKE** (**std::move(f)**, **std::move(args)...**) shall be a valid expression. *Effects:* Submit the parameters to a concrete Execution Agent which executes **INVOKE** (**std::move(f)**, **std::move(args)...**) asynchronously. Any return value from this invocation is ignored.

1.6Concurrent Callables

1.6.1 Intention

```
template <class Portal = abstraction::ConcurrentCallablePortal,</pre>
          class ConcurrentProcedure = abstraction::ConcurrentProcedure>
class SinglePhaseConcurrentCallable {
 private:
  class Callable {
   public:
    explicit Callable(ConcurrentProcedure&& procedure)
        : procedure_(std::forward<ConcurrentProcedure>(procedure)) {}
    template <class AtomicCounterModifier, class SerialCallable>
    void operator()(AtomicCounterModifier&& modifier, SerialCallable&& callback) {
      concurrent_join(procedure_(std::move(modifier)
                                  copy_construct(callback)), callback);
    }
  private:
   ConcurrentProcedure procedure_;
  }:
 public:
  template <class T, class U>
  explicit SinglePhaseConcurrentCallable(T&& portal, U&& procedure)
       portal_(std::forward<T>(portal))
        callable_(std::forward<U>(procedure)) {}
  template <class AtomicCounterModifier, class SerialCallable>
  void operator()(AtomicCounterModifier&& modifier,
                  SerialCallable&& callback) requires
      requirements::ConcurrentProcedure<
          ConcurrentProcedure, AtomicCounterModifier, SerialCallable>() &&
      requirements::SerialCallable<
          Portal, Callable, AtomicCounterModifier, SerialCallable>() {
    portal_(std::move(callable_),
            std::forward<AtomicCounterModifier>(modifier),
            std::forward<SerialCallable>(callback));
 }
 private:
 Portal portal_;
  Callable callable_;
};
```

Figure 6

This concept is an abstraction for async tasks required for the execution structures. Typical implementations may have one or more of the following mechanisms:

- combine an Execution Agent Portal entity and a Concurrent Procedure entity, repack the Concurrent Procedure entity into another callable unit that will execute the function template concurrent_join as the Concurrent Procedure is executed, submit the callable unit with the Execution Agent Portal entity, as is shown in Figure 6.
- combine multiple Execution Agent Portal entities and their corresponding Concurrent Procedure entities, execute the Concurrent Procedure entities sequentially with different Execution Agent Portal entities.

1.6.2 ConcurrentCallable requirements

A type CC meets the ConcurrentCallable requirements if the following expressions are well-formed and have the

specified semantics (cc denotes a value of type CC).

cc(acm, c)

Requires: The original types of **acm** and **c** shall meet the **AtomicCounterModifier** requirements and the **Callable** requirements, respectively.

Effects: Execute the user-defined concurrent callable unit asynchronously.

Return type: void

Note: It is allowed to invoke the function template **concurrent_fork** within this scope.

1.7 Concurrent Callers

1.7.1 Intention

This concept is an abstraction for task launching strategies required for the execution structures. Typical implementations may have one or more of the following mechanisms:

- abstract the tasks into one or multiple entities that meet the ConcurrentCallable requirements, or
- sequentially launch the tasks, or
- concurrently launch the tasks when there is a large number of them, or
- recursively split the large launching work into several small ones (optimally, 3) and execute them concurrently when adequate execution resources are provided, as mentioned earlier.

1.7.2 ConcurrentCaller requirements

A type **CC** meets the **ConcurrentCaller** requirements if the following expressions are well-formed and have the specified semantics (**cc** denotes a value of type **CC**).

cc.size()

```
Return type: std::size_t
```

Returns: The number of times that cc.call(lb, ccb) shall perform the lb.fetch() operation.

cc.call(lb, c)

Requires: The original types of **lb** and **c** shall meet the **LinearBuffer** requirements and the **Callable<void>** requirements, respectively; each of the first **size()** times of the **lb.fetch()** operation shall acquire a value whose type meets the **AtomicCounterModifier** requirements, and that corresponds to a same Atomic Counter entity.

Effects: Perform **size()** times of the **lb.fetch()** operation synchronously, and invoke **size()** times of the function template **concurrent_join** asynchronously.

Return type: void

1.7.3 Concept template ConcurrentCaller

```
namespace requirements {
```

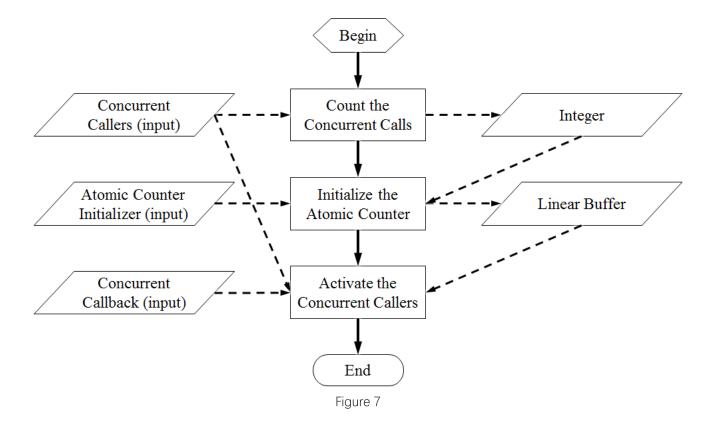
```
template <class T, class U, class V>
concept bool ConcurrentCaller() {
 return requires(const T c caller, T caller, U& buffer, const V& callback) {
   { c caller.size() } -> size t;
   { caller.call(buffer, callback) };
 };
}
template <class T, class U, class V>
constexpr bool concurrent caller all(T&, const U&, V&) {
 return ConcurrentCaller<V, T, U>();
}
template <class T, class U, class V, class... W>
constexpr bool concurrent caller all (T& buffer, const U& callback, V& caller, W&...
callers) {
 return concurrent caller all(buffer, callback, caller) &&
     concurrent caller all(buffer, callback, callers...);
}
// true if every Vi satisfies ConcurrentCaller<Vi, T, U>()
template <class T, class U, class... V>
concept bool ConcurrentCallerAll() {
 return requires(T& buffer, const U& callback, V&... callers) {
   requires concurrent caller all (buffer, callback, callers...);
 };
}
}
```

2 Function Templates

2.1 Function template async_concurrent_invoke

Function template **async_concurrent_invoke** is a wrapper for function template **async_concurrent_invoke_explicit** with default "many-to-one" synchronization strategy.

2.2Function template async_concurrent_invoke_explicit



Requires: The types **AtomicCounterInitializer**, **Callable** and each type in **ConcurrentCallers** pack shall meet the **AtomicCounterInitializer** requirements, the **Callable** requirements and the **ConcurrentCaller** requirements, respectively.

Effects: Execute the "Async Concurrent Invoke" model, whose flow chart is shown in Figure 7.

}

Return type: void

2.3Function template sync_concurrent_invoke

```
template <class Runnable, class... ConcurrentCallers>
auto sync concurrent invoke (Runnable&& runnable,
                       ConcurrentCallers&&... callers) {
 return sync_concurrent_invoke_explicit(DefaultAtomicCounterInitializer(),
                                   DefaultBinarySemaphore(),
                                   runnable,
                                   callers...);
```

}

Function template sync_concurrent_invoke for function template is wrapper а sync_concurrent_invoke_explicit with default "many-to-one" synchronization and default blocking strategy.

2.4 Function template sync_concurrent_invoke_explicit

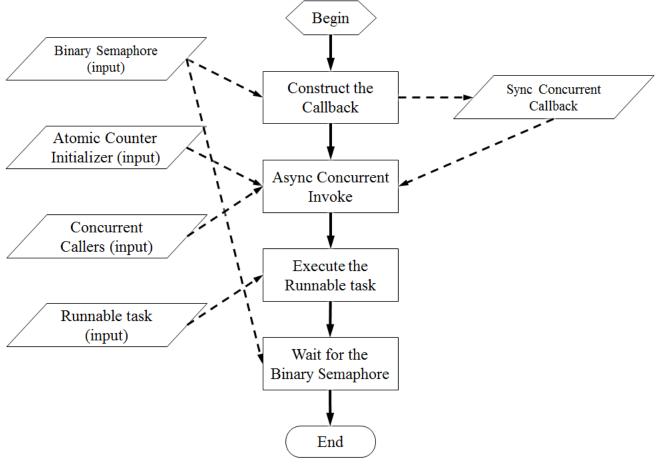


Figure 8

```
template <class BinarySemaphore>
class SyncInvokeHelper {
public:
 explicit SyncInvokeHelper(BinarySemaphore& semaphore) : semaphore (semaphore) {}
 ~SyncInvokeHelper() { semaphore .wait(); }
private:
 BinarySemaphore& semaphore ;
};
template <class AtomicCounterInitializer,</pre>
        class BinarySemaphore,
        class Runnable,
        class... ConcurrentCallers>
auto sync concurrent invoke explicit (AtomicCounterInitializer&& initializer,
                                BinarySemaphore&& semaphore,
                                Runnable&& runnable,
                                ConcurrentCallers&&... callers) requires
   requirements::AtomicCounterInitializer<AtomicCounterInitializer>() &&
   requirements::BinarySemaphore<BinarySemaphore>() &&
   requirements::Runnable<Runnable>() &&
   requirements::ConcurrentCallerAll<
      decltype(initializer(Ou)),
      SyncConcurrentCallback<std::remove reference t<BinarySemaphore>>,
      ConcurrentCallers...>();
   Requires: The types AtomicCounterInitializer, BinarySemaphore, SerialCallable and each
   type in ConcurrentCallers pack shall meet the AtomicCounterInitializer requirements, the
```

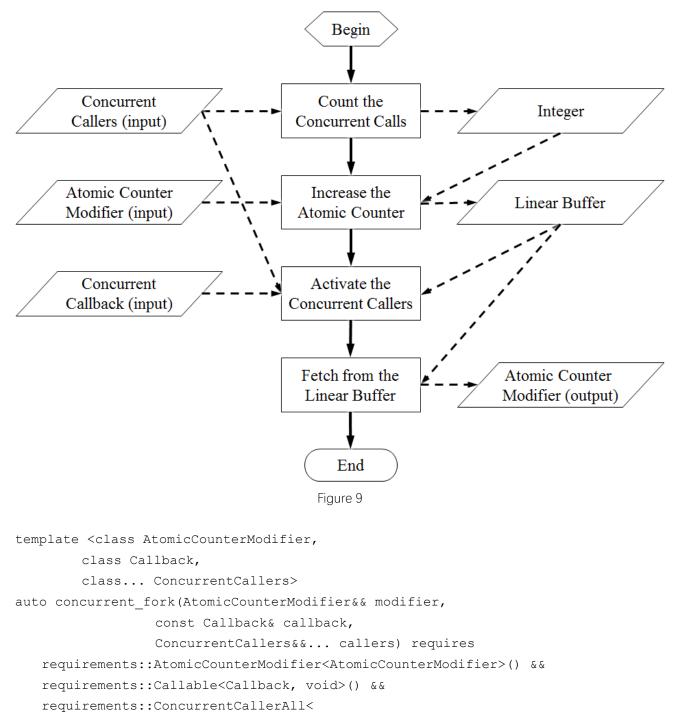
BinarySemaphore requirements, the SerialCallable requirements and the ConcurrentCaller requirements, respectively.

Effects: Execute the "Sync Concurrent Invoke" model, whose flow chart is shown in Figure 8.

Return type: std::result_of_t<SerialCallable()>

Returns: anything that **callable()** returns

2.5 Function template concurrent_fork



```
decltype(modifier.increase(0u)),
```

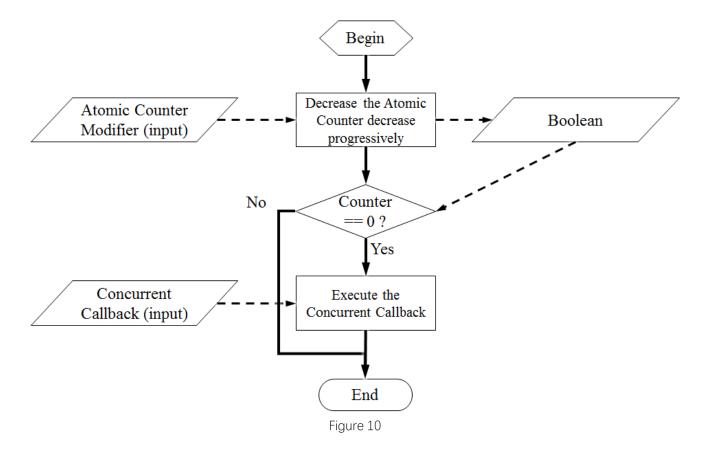
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Callback,
```

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ConcurrentCallers...>();
```

AtomicCounterModifier, Requires: The types SerialCallable type in and each ConcurrentCallers pack shall meet the AtomicCounterModifier requirements, the SerialCallable requirements and the ConcurrentCaller requirements, respectively. Effects: Execute the "Concurrent Fork" model, whose flow chart is shown in Figure 9.

Return type: decltype (modifier.increase(0u).fetch()) Returns: An Atomic Counter Modifier entity corresponds to an Atomic Counter entity.

2.6Function template concurrent_join



Requires: The types AtomicCounterModifier and Callable shall meet the AtomicCounterModifier requirements and the Callable requirements, respectively. Effects: Perform modifier.decrement(), if the returned value is false, execute callback(), whose flow chart is shown in Figure 10.

Return type: void

3 Implementation

| Category | Header file | Namespace | Functions (names only) | Classes (names only) |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Core | core.hpp | con | <pre>sync_concurrent_invoke_explicit, async_concurrent_invoke_explicit, sync_concurrent_invoke, async_concurrent_invoke, concurrent_fork, concurrent_join</pre> | SyneConcurrentCallback |
| Type Requirements | requirements.hpp | con::requirements | <pre>[concept] BinarySemaphore [concept] LinearBuffer [concept] AtomicCounterModifier [concept] AtomicCounterInitializer [concept] Runnable [concept] Callable [concept] ConcurrentProcedure [concept] ConcurrentCaller [concept] ConcurrentCaller</pre> | (None) |
| Runtime Abstraction | abstraction.hpp | con::abstraction | (None) | LinearBuffer AtomicCounterModifier Runnable Callable ConcurrentCallback (typedef) ConcurrentProcedure (typedef) ConcurrentCallable (typedef) ConcurrentCallablePortal (typedef) |
| Implementations for the Binary Semaphore | binary_semaphore.hpp | con | (None) | SpinBinarySemaphore BlockingBinarySemaphore WinEventBinarySemaphore PosixBinarySemaphore LinuxFutexBinarySemaphore DisposableBinarySemaphore |
| Implementations for the Atomic Counter | atomic_counter.hpp | con | (None) | BasicAtomicCounter TreeAtomicCounter |
| Implementations for the Concurrent Callable | concurrent_callable.hpp | con | make_concurrent_callable | SinglePhaseConcurrentCallable MultiPhaseConcurrentCallable |
| Implementations for the Concurrent Caller | concurrent_caller.hpp | con | make_concurrent_caller | ConcurrentCaller0D ConcurrentCaller1D ConcurrentCaller2D |
| Implementations for the Concurrent Procedure | concurrent_procedure.hpp | con | make_concurrent_procedure | ConcurrentProcedureTemplate |
| Implementations for the Execution Agent Portal | portal.hpp | con | (None) | SerialPortal ThreadPortal ThreadPoolPortal* |
| Implementations for the helper classes and functions | util.hpp | con | copy_construct bind_simple | (None) |
| | | | 1 | |

* The class template ThreadPoolPortal uses an original implementation for the threadpool, which has fixed number of threads.

Figure 11

Although some details are still to be considered to make this solution standardized, I've already implemented a prototype for the entire solution in C++ (with C++14 (minimum supported) and the Concept TS). The header file "concurrent.h" (which includes other 10 header files) enables users to use anything in the library. Every type and function in the solution is defined in the namespace **con**. The overview of the library is shown in Figure 11.

| File | Intention | |
|--|--|--|
| example_1_sync_concurrent_invoke.cc | This is the basic use for the function template sync_concurrent_invoke. | |
| example_2_async_concurrent_invoke.cc | This is the basic use for the function template async_concurrent_invoke. | |
| example_3_concurrent_fork.cc | It is convenient to change runtime concurrency by implementing a Concurrent Procedure which inherits from the abstract class ConcurrentProcedureTemplate. | |
| example_4_multi_phase_concurrent_callable.cc | Each concurrent task can be split into multiple phases, which may run on different Execution Agents (maybe because they attach to different priorities). This won't increase runtime contention on the Atomic Counters. | |
| example_5_application_concurrent_copy.cc | This is a simple application for the solution, which implements a prototype for the "concurrent copy" requirements among arrays. | |
| | Figure 12 | |

For a better understanding for the implementation, 5 examples is attached, as is shown Figure 12.