

noexcept Operator

Chapter 2 Conditionally Safe Features

obviously implied by the **normative** text. Given the extra costs associated with C++03 **exception specifications**, there are no known implementations that took advantage of this freedom.

For C++11, the footnote was revised to refer only to permitting the use of the new **noexcept exception specification**, without further clarification of the **normative** text. There is, however, also general permission to add a nonthrowing **exception specification** to any nonvirtual C++ Standard Library function, and it might be inferred that this provision gives implementations freedom to add such specifications to their C library wrappers too. Also note that functions taking callbacks, such as `bsearch` and `qsort`, will propagate exceptions thrown by the callback.

Again, there are no known implementations taking advantage of this freedom to add a nonthrowing **exception specification** to C library functions, although all of the functions in the `<atomic>` header intended for C interoperability are declared as **noexcept**, exploiting an arguable interpretation of the intent of this footnote.

Constraints on the noexcept specification imposed for virtual functions

When using C++03-style **dynamic exception specifications**, the **exception specification** of any function override cannot be wider than that of the function being overridden:

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struct BB03
{
    void n() throw();
    virtual void f();
    virtual void g1() throw();
    virtual void g2() throw();
    virtual void g3() throw();
    virtual void h() throw(int, double);
};

struct DD03 : public BB03
{
    void n() throw(int);           // OK, hiding nonvirtual function
    void n(char) throw(int);     // OK, additional overload
    virtual void f();             // OK, base lacks exception spec.
    virtual void g1() throw();    // OK, same exception spec
    virtual void g2() throw(int); // Error, wider exception spec (int)
    virtual void g3();           // Error, wider exception spec (all)
    virtual void h() throw(int); // OK, tighter exception spec
};

```

Interestingly, the rules relating to **virtual** functions and **noexcept** are still defined by the C++11 and C++14 Standards in terms of **dynamic exception specifications**, despite that **dynamic exception specifications** are deprecated. The C++14 Standard states⁹:

⁹iso11a, section 15.4, “Exception specifications,” paragraph 5, p. 406