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US 001				General	The TS travels in terms of <i>function objects</i> rather than Callable. The C++ 17 standard is moving towards a more general specification. Rather than a function object, anything that can be processed by <i>INVOKE</i> with the appropriate signature should be allowed.	Use <i>invokable</i> terminology throughout the TS instead of <i>function object</i> .	
GB 1 002				Ge	The BSI would like to ensure that outstanding issues on the issues lists are all considered before the final TS is produced		
CA1 003				GE	We do not have technical comments on the document, however, we note that the format of the document is inconsistent with the ISO IEC Directives part 2, and with the ISO Online Browsing Platform, which makes the following clauses available publically, clauses 1, 2 and three.	Restructure the document such that Clause 1 is scope Clause 2 is Normative References Clause 3 is Terms and Definitions Place other material in clauses 4, 5, 6, etc.	
FR1 004			13.2.2 13.2.7	te	Implementing asynchronous operations or executors as described in paragraphs 13.2.2 and 13.2.7 could be performed with the use of coroutines. It would be necessary to clarify or assess the complexity of this code if it was to use one or other of the different proposals now faced (PDTS 22277 and P009R1)		
US 005		03	2	te	The normative reference to the POSIX standard should not be a non-normative note.	Either add another paragraph with a normative reference to the POSIX standard, or remove the [Note – end note] mark-up on this paragraph.	

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US 006		13.02		ge	The 'CompletionToken' mechanism used to determine the return types of initiating functions has teachability drawbacks due to its complexity. Also, there would be a high cost if users were to replicate this kind of interface in medium and higher-level libraries built upon the Networking TS. A simpler interface whereby initiating functions have invocable parameters is sufficiently extendable, as they are, to work with futures.	Make initiating functions use invocable callbacks instead of completion tokens as in Boost.ASIO.	
GB 2 007		13.02.1		Te	"No constructor ... shall exit via an exception" over-specification. This is probably a copy/paste error introduced when this text was copied from the standard (I believe from [allocator.requirements]). The intent is only that copy and move constructors shall not throw, and I think that is already covered by "copy operation, move operation". Other constructors not covered by the ProtoAllocator? requirements should be allowed to throw.	Delete "constructor," so that the sentence reads "No comparison operator, copy operation, move operation, or swap operation on these types shall exit via an exception."	
GB 3 008		13.02.2		Te	Reentrancy and run/dispatch. In 17.6.5.8 [reentrancy] the C++14 standard says: "Except where explicitly specified in this standard, it is implementation-defined which functions in the Standard C++ library may be recursively reentered." In the executor requirements, the intention is that the dispatch() function may be recursively reentered. A statement to this effect may need to be added to the requirements. (All dispatch() member functions provided by executors in the TS itself should then by implication allow reentrancy.)	Explicitly specify that dispatch functions can be recursively re-entered.	
GB 4 009		13.02.2		Te	"No constructor ... shall exit via an exception" over-specification. This is probably a copy/paste error introduced when this text was copied from the standard (I believe from [allocator.requirements]).	Delete "constructor," so that the sentence reads "No comparison operator, copy operation, move operation, swap operation, or member functions context, on_work_started, and on_work_finished on these types shall exit via an exception."	

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					The intent is only that copy and move constructors shall not throw, and I think that is already covered by "copy operation, move operation". Other constructors not covered by the Executor requirements should be allowed to throw.		
GB 5 010		13.02.2		Te	Executor requirements table refers to undefined name 'Func'. The Executor requirements table entries for 'dispatch', 'post' and 'defer' refer to an undefined name 'Func', in 'DECAY_COPY(forward<Func>(f))'. This name is not listed in the paragraph preceding the table.	Fix the requirements table so that either the name 'Func' is defined, or so that the requirements for 'dispatch', 'post' and 'defer' are specified without referring to this type.	
US 011		13.02.2 async.reqmts.e xecutor	Table 4	ge	Without knowing more about what kind of executor is being used, a user will have difficulty deciding which of the three functions to use to add a task to an executor. It is preferable to limit the options for adding tasks to a generic executor. Concrete executors can add additional functions if required.	Remove the defer function from executors, as that is the least well-defined. This would match the existing Boost ASIO implementation.	
US 012		13.02.3 async.reqmts.e xecutionconte xt	Table 5	te	Missing ~ in row 2	x. X() should be x.~X()	
US 013		13.02.4 async.reqmts.s ervice	paragraph 5	te	"user-defined function objects" - user defined is possibly over-specification. In other parts of the TS it refers to types not specified by this TS. If there are function objects defined in the standard, they should also be destroyed.	remove "user-defined"	
US 014		13.02.7.12 async.reqmts.a sync.completio	Para 2	te	This seems to be respecifying <i>INVOKE</i>	Reword using <i>INVOKE</i>	

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GB 6 015		13.07		Te	<p>Reentrancy and use_service/make_service.</p> <p>The intention is that both use_service and make_service may make nested calls (from the Service constructor) to use_service or make_service. Obviously these nested calls will require a different Service template argument. I am uncertain if calling these function templates with different template arguments counts as recursive reentrance, but if it does then we may need to add a sentence explicitly specifying that this is permitted.</p>	Decide if it's needed and add a suitable sentence.	
GB 7 016		14.02.1		Te	<p>run()/run_one() specification overly restrictive on users.</p> <p>Both the run() and run_one() functions include the following statement:</p> <p>"Must not be called from a thread that is currently calling a run function."</p> <p>This restriction was originally added as a way to prevent users from entering a kind of "deadlock". This is because run() and run_one() can block until the io_context runs out of work. Since outstanding work includes currently executing function objects, if a function object makes a nested call to run()/run_one() that nested call could block forever as the work count can never reach zero.</p> <p>However, it has been brought to Chris Kohlhoff's attention by users that there are valid use cases for making these nested calls. Deadlock can be avoided if some other condition will cause</p>	Strike those sentences from both those places. Make it the responsibility of the user to avoid the conditions for deadlock.	

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					run()/run_one() to exit (e.g. an exception, explicit call to stop, run_one finished running a single function, etc). This condition can be known ahead of time by the user. The existing implementation in asio does not make any beneficial use of this restriction.		
GB 8 017		14.02.1		Te	Reentrancy and run functions. The intention is that the run functions may be recursively reentered. We may want add a sentence explicitly specifying this.	Explicitly specify that run functions can be recursively re-entered.	
GB 9 018		16		Te	user-provided overloads of buffer_size intended? Is it intended that users can provide overloads of buffer_size for user-defined buffer sequence types? Is it something we should consider? I'm thinking about basic_streambuf and user defined alternatives, it can compute buffer_size for its input and output sequences in constant time.	Consider making buffer_size a customization point.	
GB 10 019		16.02		Te	Relax strict aliasing requirement for user-defined buffer sequence iterators. See LWG issue 2779.	See LWG issue 2779.	
GB 11 020		16.02, 16.7		Te	Consider adding noexcept to buffer sequence requirements [buffer.reqmts.mutablebuffersequence], [buffer.reqmts.constbuffersequence], [buffer.seq.access]	Adding "Shall not exit via an exception." to the the requirements for net::buffer_sequence_begin(x) and 'net::buffer_sequence_end(x). Requiring that the conversion of the iterator value type to const_buffer or mutable_buffer should not exit via exception. (And perhaps place the same requirement on the iterator traversal and dereference too, although I'm not sure if this is already implied elsewhere in the standard?) Adding noexcept to the buffer sequence access functions. The current implementation in asio assumes that these never throw, and in general I think low level	

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						buffer operations should not throw.	
US 021		16.02.1 16.2.2		te	buffer.requirements.mutablebuffersequence buffer.requirements.constbuffersequence	Please address LEWG 2779 .	
GB 12 022		16.05		Te	const_buffer is a view const_buffer [buffer.const] is a non-owning type that consists of a pointer and a size. In the same vein, it would make sense to rename mutable_buffer [buffer.mutable] to something like buffer_span. While there is no naming precedence for this in C++17, there are various span proposals (e.g. P0122R1 and P0123R1.)	Consider renaming const_buffer to buffer_view partly to indicate that users must keep the underlying, owning buffer alive during operations that involve const_buffer, and partly for naming consistency with string_view.	
US 023		16.05 [buffers.const]		ed	const_buffer operator+= is missing from the index of library names	Add const_buffer operator+= to the index of library names.	
GB 13 024		18		Te	The derived socket types basic_datagram_socket and basic_stream_socket should specify that their native_handle_type is the same as basic_socket::native_handle_type.	Add such specification	
GB 14 025		18.05		Te	Add integer_option helper. When using socket options that are not defined by [socket.opt], users have to create their own class that follows the GettableSocketOption? [socket.reqmts.gettablesocketoption] or SettableSocketOption? [socket.reqmts.settablesocketoption] concepts. As the majority of socket options are integral, it would ease the burden of using such socket options if an integer_option helper class was available (basically the same as asio::detail::socket_option::integer.) Its use would boil down to: using maximum_segment_size_type = net::integer_option<IPPROTO_TCP,		

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					TCP_MAXSEG>; maximum_segment_size_type mtu; socket.get_option(mtu); A similar helper class for boolean socket options could also be added.		
GB 15 026		18.06, 18.9		Te	Consider adding release() member functions to basic_socket and basic_socket_acceptor Historically, Asio has not provided this facility as it could not be portably implemented using the preferred OS-specific mechanisms. Specifically, on Windows, once a socket was associated to an I/O completion port it could not be disassociated. This means that the socket could not be truly released for arbitrary use by the user. However, as of Windows 8.1, the ability to disassociate a socket is available (via the kernel API NtSetInformationFile?). This means that release() can be portably implemented.	Add the following member functions to both basic_socket and basic_socket_acceptor: native_handle_type release(); native_handle_type release(error_code& ec); with effects that any pending asynchronous operations are cancelled and ownership of the native handle is transferred to the caller.	
GB 16 027		18.06, 18.9		Te	Consider adding constructors to basic_socket and basic_socket_acceptor to move a socket to another io_context Historically, Asio has not provided this facility as it could not be portably implemented using the preferred OS-specific mechanisms. Specifically, on Windows, once a socket was associated to an I/O completion port it could not be disassociated. This means that the socket could not be moved from one io_context to another. However, as of Windows 8.1, the ability to disassociate a socket is available (via the kernel API NtSetInformationFile?). This means that the ability to move sockets between io_contexts can be portably implemented.	Add constructors to basic_socket (and to derived classes basic_stream_socket, basic_datagram_socket), and to basic_socket_acceptor, e.g.: basic_socket(io_context& ctx, basic_socket&& rhs); with effect that pending asynchronous operations are cancelled on rhs, and then ownership of the underlying socket is transferred to the newly created socket object with the associated io_context.	
GB 17 028		18.09.1		Te	[socket.acceptor.cons] move ctor missing postcondition. The postconditions for the basic_socket_acceptor move ctor don't have any postconditions on	Add "native_handle() returns the prior value of rhs.native_handle()."	

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					native_handle().		
GB 18 029		19.01.1		Te	[socket.streambuf.cons] Add missing error() postconditions. The basic_socketstreambuf constructors do not give any postconditions for the ec_member.	Add "and !error()" to paragraphs 2 and 4. Add "error() == rhs_p.error()" and "!rhs_a.error()" to paragraph 6.	
GB 19 030		19.01.1		Te	[socket.streambuf.cons] Cover changes to rhs in operator= effects. The assignment operator for basic_socketstreambuf doesn't state the effects on the RHS.	Change <code>**this</code> has the observable state it would have had if it had been move constructed from rhs" to <code>**this</code> and rhs have the observable state they would have had if <code>*this</code> had been move constructed from rhs"	
US 031		20.01 socket.algo.connect	para 1 and 2	te	template parameter InputIterator not used in declaration, but EndpointSequence is.	change class InputIterator to class EndpointSequence in error code versions.	
US 032		20.02 socket.algo.async.connect	Para 1	te	The second version of async_connect also uses InputIterator as the template parameter, where it should be EndpointSequence.	change class InputIterator to class EndpointSequence	
GB 20 033		21.01		Te	Shorten ip::resolver_errc enumerator names. These enumerator names predate enum classes as a language feature and were so named to eliminate likely name clashes with other entities in the same namespace. The enumerator "host_not_found_try_again" is particularly long and could be shortened.	Rename the enumerator "host_not_found_try_again" to "try_again".	
GB 21 034		21.04.3, 21.6.3		Te	Consider ip::address::is_loopback() and ip::address_v6::is_loopback() behaviour for IPv4-mapped IPv6 addresses Currently the ip::address_v6::is_loopback() and ip::address::is_loopback() functions return false for an IPv4-mapped IPv6 address that maps IPv4 loopback. This behaviour follows the	Consider whether to alter the specification of ip::address::is_loopback() and ip::address_v6::is_loopback() such that they additionally return true if passed an IPv4 loopback address as an IPv4-mapped IPV6 address.	

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					implementation of the IN6_IS_ADDR_LOOPBACK macro and RFC 4291. An Asio user has proposed that these functions should return true for IPv4 loopback addresses that are mapped to IPv4-mapped IPv6 address.		
US 035		21.11 [internet.netw ork.v4]		ed	The argument name in operator<< is not consistent with the argument name in operator<< in [internet.network.v4.io]	Change the argument name from “addr” to “net”	
US 036		21.12 [internet.netw ork.v6]		ed	The argument name in operator<< is not consistent with the argument name in operator<< in [internet.network.v6.io]	Change the argument name from “addr” to “net”	
US 037		21.12, 21.12.04 [internet.netw ork.v6]		ed	There is a cut-and-paste error in in the declaration of make_network_v6. “string_v6” has been used instead of “string_view”.	Change the occurrences of “const string_v6&” to “string_view”	
US 038		21.21.01 [internet.multi cast.outbound]		ed	There is a cut-and-paste error in the description of the name() member function. The document says “*_MULTICAST_HOPS” where “*_MULTICAST_IF” is intended.	Change “IPV6_MULTICAST_HOPS” to “IPV6_MULTICAST_IF”, and “IP_MULTICAST_HOPS” to “IP_MULTICAST_IF”	

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