

# 2023 year-end link clearance

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- [The mystery of the Bloomfield Bridge](#) starts out with a simple question: Why is there a maintained-but-unused footbridge from a Taco Bell to an industrial supplier? The investigation proves to be anything but simple. I enjoyed the twists and turns along the way, but the real payoff was when, after he exhausted all his leads, his colleague provided a simple tip that broke the case wide open.
- [How do random credentials mysteriously appear?](#)
- I was going to write a Microspeak entry on “flighting” then found that [Aidan Finn](#) already did the research, so [here is Aidan’s post on the etymology of flighting](#).
- I am still deciding what processor to write about next, seeing as I think I have exhausted the processors that Windows had ever supported. I had thought about doing SPARC because of its register windows, but then I found that [Daniel Magnum](#) wrote it so I don’t have to: [A Brief Retrospective on SPARC Register Windows](#).
- [What is going on with `\_vector base common`?](#)
- [Sorting Indirectly](#) by [Tom Hulton-Harrop](#) builds on my previous series on [applying a permutation to a vector](#)
- My colleague Keith Mahoney [investigated why their project’s DLLs increased in size by 50%](#). (Another colleague Stephan T. Lavavej created [a PR into the STL project](#) to let you revert to the old behavior.)

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