

What Is a Range?

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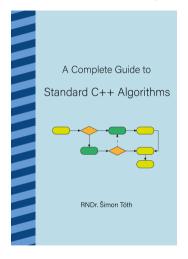
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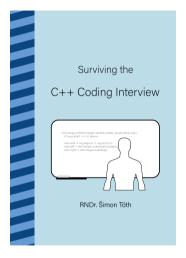
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What is a range? (pre-C++20)

```
auto first = container.begin();
auto last = container.end();
```

```
auto first = container.begin();
auto last = container.end();

using std::begin;
auto first = begin(container);
using std::end;
auto last = end(container);
```

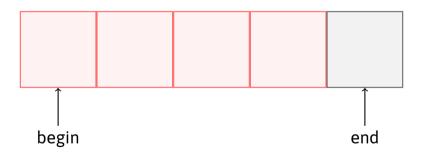
```
struct Member {
    struct Iterator {};
    Iterator begin() { return {}; }
};
using std::begin;
Member m;
auto it = begin(m);
// decltype(it) == Member::Iterator
```

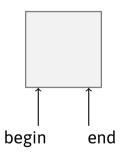
```
int arr[5];
using std::begin;
auto it = begin(arr);
// it == arr
// decltype(it) == int*
```

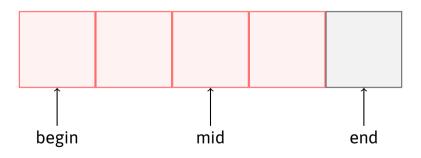
```
struct Friend {
    struct Iterator {};
    friend Iterator begin(const Friend&) { return {}; }
};
using std::begin;
Friend f;
auto it = begin(f);
// decltype(it) == Friend::Iterator
```

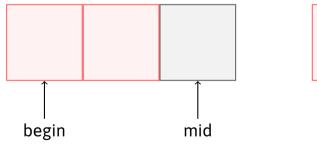
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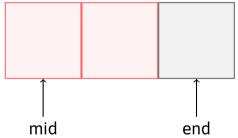
for (auto it = first; it != last; ++it)
    std::println("{}", *it);
```











[first, last)

{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}
[0, 10)

int data $[5] = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\};$

```
int data[5] = {1,2,3,4,5};
int* first = data;
int* last = first + 5; // one past
```

```
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int* first = data;
int* last = first + 5; // one past

for (int* it = first; it != last; ++it)
    std::println("{}", *it);
```

```
List list = {1,2,3,4,5};

Node* first = list.head();
Node* last = nullptr;

for (Node* it = first; it != last; it = it->next)
    std::println("{}", it->value);
```

```
for (int* it = first; it != last; ++it)
    std::println("{}", *it);

for (Node* it = first; it != last; it = it->next)
    std::println("{}", it->value);
```

```
std::forward_list<int> list{1,2,3,4,5};
auto first = list.begin();
auto last = list.end();
for (auto it = first; it != last; ++it)
    std::println("{}", *it);
```

input/output

std::istream_iterator, std::ostream_iterator

▶ base: *it, ++it, it++

forward

```
std::forward_list
```

```
▶ base: *it, ++it, it++
```

▶ multi-access: auto it2 = it1; ++it1; *it1; *it2;

bidirectional

```
> std::set, std::map
> base: *it, ++it, it++
> multi-access: auto it2 = it1; ++it1; *it1; *it2;
> bidirectional: --it, it--
```

random access

> std::deque
> base: *it, ++it, it++
> multi-access: auto it2 = it1; ++it1; *it1; *it2;
> bidirectional: --it, it-> random access: it + offset, it - offset
> distance: it1 - it2

contiguous

```
> std::array, std::vector
> base: *it, ++it, it++
> multi-access: auto it2 = it1; ++it1; *it1; *it2;
> bidirectional: --it, it--
> random access: it + offset, it - offset
> distance: it1 - it2
> contiguous memory
```

What is a range?

▶ for (auto e : rng) {}

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- ► [begin(rng), end(rng))

```
namespace std::ranges {
    template < class T >
    concept range = requires(T& t) {
        ranges::begin(t);
        ranges::end (t);
    };
}
```

```
int arr[5] = {1,2,3,4,5};
auto first = std::ranges::begin(arr);
auto last = std::ranges::end(arr);

for (auto it = first; it != last; ++it)
    std::println("{}", *it);
```

```
int arr[5] = {1,2,3,4,5};
auto first = std::ranges::begin(arr);
auto last = std::ranges::end(arr);

for (auto& e : std::ranges::subrange(first, last))
    std::println("{}", e);
```

Range concepts

ranges::input_range
 ranges::output_range
 ranges::forward_range
 ranges::bidirectional_range
 ranges::random_access_range
 ranges::contiguous_range

```
auto sum(std::ranges::input_range auto&& rng) {
    auto result = std::ranges::range_value_t<decltype(rng)>{};
    for (auto& e : rng)
        result += e;
    return result;
}
```

```
template <std::ranges::input_range Rng>
auto sum(Rng&& rng) {
    auto result = std::ranges::range_value_t<Rng>{};
    for (auto& e : rng)
        result += e;
    return result;
}
```

Universal reference

```
const char& find_second(const std::string& str, char c) {
    static char not found = '\0':
    size_t idx = str.find(c);
    if (idx == std::string::npos) return not_found;
    idx = str.find(c, idx+1);
    if (idx == std::string::npos) return not_found;
    return str[idx];
```

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    if (idx == std::string::npos) return not found:
    return str[idx];
const char &c = find_second("Hello World!", 'o');
  https://compiler-explorer.com/z/E6EaizTKr
```

```
const char& find_second(const std::string_view& str, char c) {
    static char not found = '\0':
    size_t idx = str.find(c);
    if (idx == std::string::npos) return not_found;
    idx = str.find(c, idx+1);
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```

Borrowed range

std::string_view

► std::span

Range algorithms

```
auto it1 = std::ranges::find(std::string_view("Hello World!"), 'o');
// decltype(it1) == std::string_view::iterator
// *it1 == 'o'
```

Range algorithms

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auto it1 = std::ranges::find(std::string_view("Hello World!"), 'o');
// decltype(it1) == std::string_view::iterator
// *it1 == 'o'

auto it2 = std::ranges::find(std::string("Hello World!"), 'o');
// decltype(it2) == std::ranges::dangling
```

Range algorithms

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// *it1 == 'o'
auto it2 = std::ranges::find(std::string("Hello World!"), 'o');
// decltype(it2) == std::ranges::dangling
std::string str1("Hello World!");
auto it3 = std::ranges::find(str1, 'o');
// decltype(it3) == std::string::iterator
std::string view str2("Hello World!");
auto it4 = std::ranges::find(str2, 'o');
// decltype(it4) == std::string_view::iterator
  https://compiler-explorer.com/z/E5cMG4aaT
```

```
void fun(const std::string& rng) {}
fun(std::string("")); // taking ownership
std::string str;
fun(str); // borrowing
```

```
void fun(auto&& rng) {
    if constexpr (std::ranges::borrowed_range<decltype(rng)>) {
       // borrowing
    } else {
       // taking ownership
fun(std::string("")); // taking ownership
fun(std::string_view("")); // borrowing
std::string str;
fun(str):
                    // borrowina
fun(std::as_const(str)); // borrowing
  https://compiler-explorer.com/z/h436jzTaq
```

```
template <std::ranges::forward_range Str>
requires std::ranges::borrowed_range<Str>
    && std::same_as<std::ranges::range_value_t<Str>, char>
const char& find_second(Str&& str, char c) {
    /* ... */
}
```

https://compiler-explorer.com/z/x68W8PGEq

```
template <std::ranges::input_range Rng>
auto sum(Rng&& rng) {
    auto result = std::ranges::range_value_t<Rng>{};
    for (auto& e : rng)
        result += e;
    return result;
}
```

Views





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View

- cheap to move
- cheap to destroy when moved-from
- cheap to copy if copyable

Not a borrowed range

```
std::vector<int> data{1,2,3,4,5};
auto rng1 = std::views::all(data);
// borrowed, decltype(rng1) == std::ranges::ref_view<...>
auto rng2 = std::views::all(std::vector<int>{1,2,3,4,5});
// not borrowed, decltype(rng2) == std::ranges::owning_view<...>
```

```
std::vector<int> data{1,2,3,4,5};

auto view = data |
    std::views::transform([](int v) { return v * 2; }) |
    std::views::transform([](int v) { return v + 1; });

// view == {3, 5, 7, 9, 11}
```

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// view == {3, 5, 7, 9, 11}
auto manifested = view |
    std::ranges::to<std::vector>();
// decltupe(manifested) == std::vector<int>
// manifested == {3, 5, 7, 9, 11}
```

https://compiler-explorer.com/z/6Ejjz8b7Y

```
std::vector<int> data{1,2,3,4,5};
auto view = data |
    std::views::filter([](int v) { return v % 2 == 0; });
// view == {2, 4}
```

```
std::vector<int> data{1,3,5,7,9};

auto view = data |
    std::views::filter([](int v) { return v % 2 == 0; });
// view == {}

bool empty = view.begin() == view.end();
// empty == true
```

```
std::list<int> data{1,3,5,7,9};
auto view = data |
    std::views::filter([](int v) { return v % 2 == 0; });
// view == {}
bool empty = view.begin() == view.end();
// empty == true
data.push_front(2);
empty = view.begin() == view.end();
// emptu == true
  https://compiler-explorer.com/z/WedM1eE8z
```

```
void fn(const auto& rng) {
    auto b = rng.begin();
}
fn(std::vector<int>{1,3,5,7,9} |
    std::views::filter([](int v) { return v % 2 == 0; }));
```

```
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    std::views::filter([](int v) { return v % 2 == 0; }));
```

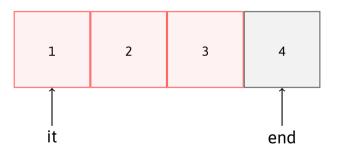
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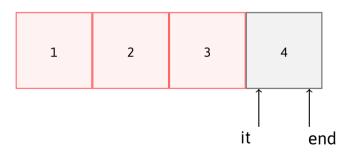
Input ranges

// standard input: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

```
// standard input: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
std::vector<int> out1;
std::ranges::copy(
    std::views::istream<int>(std::cin) | std::views::take(3),
    std::back_inserter(out1)
);
std::vector<int> out2;
std::ranges::copy(
    std::views::istream<int>(std::cin) | std::views::take(3),
    std::back_inserter(out2)
);
```

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    std::back_inserter(out2)
);
// out1 == {1, 2, 3}
// out2 == {5, 6, 7}
   https://compiler-explorer.com/z/YGvb57K6P
```





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std::views::istream

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// standard input: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

std::vector<int> out1;
auto [in, out] = std::ranges::copy(
    std::views::istream<int>(std::cin) | std::views::take(3),
    std::back_inserter(out1)
);
```

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std::vector<int> out1;
auto [in, out] = std::ranges::copy(
    std::views::istream<int>(std::cin) | std::views::take(3),
    std::back_inserter(out1)
);
// decltype(in) == std::ranges::dangling
```

std::views::istream

```
// standard input: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
auto view = std::views::istream<int>(std::cin) | std::views::take(3);
std::vector<int> out1;
auto [in, out] = std::ranges::copy(
    view,
    std::back_inserter(out1)
// out1 == {1,2,3}
// *in == 4
```

Sized range

```
auto count_to_five = std::views::iota(1) |
    std::views::take(5);
std::vector<int> store;
```

```
auto count_to_five = std::views::iota(1) |
    std::views::take(5);

std::vector<int> store;

store.reserve(count_to_five.size());
```

```
auto count_to_five = std::views::iota(1) |
    std::views::take(5);

std::vector<int> store;

store.reserve(count_to_five.size()); // Will not compile
std::ranges::copy(count_to_five, std::back_inserter(store));
// std::ranges::sized_range<decltype(count_to_five)> == false
```

```
auto count_to_five = std::views::iota(1) |
    std::views::take(5):
auto wrapped = std::ranges::subrange(count_to_five, 5);
std::vector<int> store;
store.reserve(wrapped.size());
std::ranges::copv(wrapped, std::back_inserter(store));
// std::ranges::sized range<decltupe(count to five)> == false
// std::ranges::sized_range<decltype(wrapped)> == true
```

Common range

```
namespace std::ranges {
    template < class T >
    concept range = requires(T& t) {
        ranges::begin(t);
        ranges::end (t);
    };
}
```

```
std::vector<int> data{1,2,3,4,5};
// std::ranges::common_range<decltype(data)> == true
```

https://compiler-explorer.com/z/86nocb3ra

```
std::vector<int> data{1,2,3,4,5};
// std::ranges::common_range<decltype(data)> == true

auto first = data.begin();
// decltype(first) == std::vector<int>::iterator
auto last = data.end();
// decltype(last) == std::vector<int>::iterator
```

```
std::vector<int> data{1,2,3,4,5};
// std::ranges::common_range<decltype(data)> == true
auto first = data.begin();
// decltype(first) == std::vector<int>::iterator
auto last = data.end();
// decltype(last) == std::vector<int>::iterator
int sum = std::accumulate(first, last, 0);
// OK, sum == 15
```

```
auto iota = std::views::iota(1) |
    std::views::take(5);
// std::ranges::common_range<decltype(iota)> == false
```

```
auto iota = std::views::iota(1) |
    std::views::take(5);
// std::ranges::common_range<decltype(iota)> == false
auto first = iota.begin();
auto last = iota.end();
// decltype(first) != decltupe(last)
// Will not compile
int sum = std::accumulate(first, last, 0);
```

```
auto iota = std::views::iota(1) |
    std::views::take(5) |
    std::views::common:
// std::ranges::common_range<decltype(iota)> == true
auto first = iota.begin();
auto last = iota.end();
// decltupe(first) == decltype(last)
int sum = std::accumulate(first, last, 0);
// OK, sum == 15
  https://compiler-explorer.com/z/7sqGdsPqP
```

```
auto iota = std::views::iota(1) |
    std::views::take(5);
// std::ranges::common_range<decltype(iota)> == false
int sum = std::ranges::fold_left(iota, 0, std::plus<>{});
// OK, sum == 15
```

```
struct count_to_five {
    struct iterator {
        int v{1}:
        iterator& operator++() { ++v; return *this; }
        int operator*() { return v: }
        bool operator==(const std::default_sentinel_t&) const {
            return v > 5:
    iterator begin() { return {}; }
    std::default_sentinel_t end() { return {}; }
};
for (auto v : count_to_five{}) {}
// {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
  https://compiler-explorer.com/z/fjzxg44cg
```

```
std::string text = "first line\nsecond line\n";
assert(text.back() == '\n');
auto delim = std::ranges::find(text, '\n');
auto line = std::ranges::subrange(text.begin(), delim);
```

```
std::string text = "first line\nsecond line\n";
assert(text.back() == '\n');
auto first = text.begin();
auto last = text.end();
auto delim = first;
for (; delim != last; ++delim)
    if (*delim == '\n')
        break;
auto line = std::ranges::subrange(text.begin(), delim);
```

```
std::string text = "first line\nsecond line\n";
assert(text.back() == '\n');
auto first = text.begin();
auto delim = first;
for (; *delim != '\n'; ++delim);
auto line = std::ranges::subrange(text.begin(), delim);
```

```
std::string text = "first line\nsecond line\n";
assert(text.back() == '\n');
auto unbounded = std::ranges::subrange(
    text.begin(), std::unreachable_sentinel);
auto delim = std::ranges::find(unbounded, '\n');
auto line = std::ranges::subrange(text.begin(), delim);
```

```
template <
    std::input iterator It,
    std::sentinel_for<It> Sentinel>
void fn(It first, Sentinel last) {
    for (auto it = first; it != last; ++it)
        std::println("{}", *it);
auto view = std::views::iota(1) |
    std::views::take(5);
fn(view.begin(), view.end());
```

ranges::input_range, ranges::output_range, ranges::forward_range, ranges::bidirectional_range, ranges::random_access_range, ranges::contiguous_range

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ranges::input_range

```
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    ranges::sized_range
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