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Section : Building iterators for custom containers

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Building iterators for custom containers

Iterators for BoxContainer

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Iterators for BoxContainer

```
BoxContainer<int> box1;
box1.add(8);
box1.add(1);
box1.add(4);
box1.add(2);

std::cout << "box1 : " << box1 << std::endl;

//Regular loop
std::cout << "Regular loop : " ;
for(size_t i{} ; i < box1.size() ; ++i){
    std::cout << box1.get_item(i) << " " ;
}
std::cout << std::endl;

//Range based for loop
std::cout << "Range based for loop : " ;
for(auto i : box1){
    std::cout << i << " " ;
}
std::cout << std::endl;
```

Iterators for BoxContainer

```
std::fill(box1.begin(), box1.end(), 5);
std::cout << "box1 : " << box1 << std::endl;

std::sort(box1.begin(), box1.end());
std::cout << "box1 : " << box1 << std::endl;

int n{9};
auto result1 = std::find(std::begin(box1), std::end(box1), n);

if (result1 != std::end(box1)) {
    std::cout << "box1 contains: " << n << std::endl;
} else {
    std::cout << "box1 does not contain: " << n << std::endl;
}

std::ranges::fill(box1, 6);

for(auto i : std::views::take(box1, 3)){
    std::cout << i << " ";
}
std::cout << std::endl;
```

Iterators for BoxContainer

```
***. Input iterators  
***. Output iterator  
***. forward iterator  
***. bidirectional iterator  
***. random access iterator  
***. contiguous iterator ( C++ 20)
```

Iterators for BoxContainer

- Iterator types are hierarchical : a forward iterators is also an input iterator, a bidirectional iterator is also a forward iterator, a random access iterator is also a bidirectional iterator.
- An algorithm that works for forward iterators, should also work with bidirectional iterators. Similarly, an algorithm that works with bidirectional iterators, should also work with random access iterators .

Iterators for BoxContainer

Algorithm	Iterator type
<code>std::find()</code>	Input iterator
<code>std::fill()</code>	Forward Iterator
<code>std::reverse()</code>	Bidirectional Iterator
<code>Std::sort()</code>	Random Access Iterator

Iterator Powers

Input iterators

Output iterators

Forward iterators

Bidirectional iterators

Random access iterators

Contiguous iterators

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std::ranges::find algorithm [Input Iterators]

```
1 //Input iterator
2 std::cout << "-----<find>-----" << std::endl;
3 std::vector<int> numbers {1,9,3,7,2,5,4,6,8};
4 std::cout << "numbers : " << numbers << std::endl;
5
6 //Iterators returned by begin() are input iterators. The requirement is that we are
7 //able to read through them. That's all std::ranges::find needs.
8 //Show possible implementations at cppreference.
9 if (std::ranges::find(numbers.cbegin(), numbers.cend(), 8) != numbers.cend()) {
10     std::cout << "numbers contains: " << 8 << '\n';
11 } else {
12     std::cout << "numbers does not contain: " << 8 << '\n';
13 }
```

Operator<< for std::vector<T>

```
//operator<< for std::vector<T>
template <typename T>
std::ostream& operator<<( std::ostream& out, const std::vector<T>& vec){
    out << "[";
    for(auto i : vec){
        out << i << " ";
    }
    out << "];";
    return out;
}
```

std::ranges::copy algorithm [Output Iterators]

```
//Output iterator : std::ranges::copy
//Iterator through which we can write
std::cout << "-----<copy>-----" << std::endl;
std::vector<int> dest(numbers.size());
//std::vector<int> dest; // BAD! Probably a crash
std::cout << "numbers : " << numbers << std::endl;
std::cout << "dest : " << dest << std::endl;

//dest.begin() has to be an output iterator, have to be able to write though it
std::ranges::copy(numbers.begin(), numbers.end(), dest.cbegin()); // Compiler Error dest.cbegin()
                                                                    // is not an output iterator

std::cout << "numbers : " << numbers << std::endl;
std::cout << "dest : " << dest << std::endl;
```


std::ranges::replace algorithm [Forward Iterators]

```
1 //Forward iterator : std::ranges::replace, std::ranges::fill
2 std::cout << "-----<replace>-----" << std::endl;
3 std::cout << "numbers : " << numbers << std::endl;
4
5 //replacing every instance of 7 with 345. The iterator needs an
6 //operator++ to move forward. See possible implementation
7 std::ranges::replace(numbers.begin(), numbers.end(), 7, 345);
8 std::cout << "numbers : " << numbers << std::endl;
```

std::ranges::reverse algorithm [Bidirectional Iterators]

```
1 //Bidirectional iterator : // Print the list's contents out in reverse order.
2 // std::ranges::reverse
3 std::cout << "------(bi-directional)-----" << std::endl;
4
5 std::cout << "numbers : " << numbers << std::endl;
6 auto it_first = numbers.begin();
7 auto it_last  = numbers.end();
8 while (it_last-- != it_first) {
9     std::cout << *it_last << " ";
10 }
11
12 std::cout << std::endl;
13 std::ranges::reverse(numbers);
14 std::cout << "numbers : " << numbers << std::endl;
```

std::ranges::sort algorithm [RandomAccess Iterators]

```
1 //Random access iterator : std::ranges::sort
2
3 std::cout << "------(sort)-----" << std::endl;
4 std::cout << "numbers : " << numbers << std::endl;
5
6 //Sorting the collection
7 std::ranges::sort(numbers);
8 std::cout << "numbers : " << numbers << std::endl;
```

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Building Custom Iterators

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Custom Iterator Requirements

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Iterator Type

- Needs to provide the type aliases expected by the standard template library
- These type aliases help algorithms work better

BoxContainer Initial changes

```
template <typename T> requires std::is_default_constructible_v<T>
class BoxContainer
{
    class Iterator
    {
    public :
        using iterator_category = std::input_iterator_tag;
        using difference_type   = std::ptrdiff_t;
        using value_type        = T;
        using pointer_type      = T*;
        using reference_type    = T&;

    private:
        pointer_type m_ptr;
    };
    Iterator begin() { return Iterator(&m_items[0]); }
    Iterator end()   { return Iterator(&m_items[m_size]); }
private :
    T * m_items;
    size_t m_capacity;
    size_t m_size;
};
```

Input iterator operator methods

```
class Iterator
{
public:
    //Type aliases here
    Iterator() = default;
    Iterator(pointer_type ptr) : m_ptr(ptr) {}
    reference_type operator*() const {return *m_ptr;}
    pointer_type operator->() { return m_ptr;}
    Iterator& operator++() {
        m_ptr++;
        return *this;
    }
    Iterator operator++(int) {
        Iterator tmp = *this;
        ++(*this);
        return tmp;
    }
    friend bool operator==(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) { ... }
    friend bool operator!=(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) { ... }
private:
    pointer_type m_ptr;
};
```

std::ranges::find algorithm [Input Iterators]

```
1 //BoxContainer
2
3 BoxContainer<int> box1;
4 box1.add(5);
5 box1.add(1);
6 box1.add(4);
7 box1.add(2);
8 box1.add(5);
9 box1.add(3);
10 box1.add(7);
11 box1.add(9);
12 box1.add(6);
13
14 //find algorithm
15 if (std::ranges::find(box1, 8) != box1.end()) {
16     std::cout << "numbers contains: " << 8 << std::endl;
17 } else {
18     std::cout << "numbers does not contain: " << 8 << std::endl;
19 }
```

Range based for loop

```
BoxContainer<int> box1;  
box1.add(5);  
box1.add(1);  
box1.add(4);  
box1.add(2);  
box1.add(5);  
box1.add(3);  
box1.add(7);  
box1.add(9);  
box1.add(6);  
  
//Range based for loop  
for(auto n : box1){  
    std::cout << n << " ";  
}  
std::cout << std::endl;
```

BoxContainer should also work with `std::ranges`
algorithms as much as possible

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```
template <typename T> requires std::is_default_constructible_v<T>
class BoxContainer
{
    class Iterator
    {
    public :
        using iterator_category = std::input_iterator_tag;
        using difference_type   = std::ptrdiff_t;
        using value_type        = T;
        using pointer_type       = T*;
        using reference_type     = T&;

    private:
        pointer_type m_ptr;
    };
    Iterator begin() { return Iterator(&m_items[0]); }
    Iterator end()   { return Iterator(&m_items[m_size]); }
private :
    T * m_items;
    size_t m_capacity;
    size_t m_size;
};
```

Input iterator operator methods

```
class Iterator
{
public:
    //Type aliases here
    Iterator() = default;
    Iterator(pointer_type ptr) : m_ptr(ptr) {}
    reference_type operator*() const {return *m_ptr;}
    pointer_type operator->() { return m_ptr;}
    Iterator& operator++() {
        m_ptr++;
        return *this;
    }
    Iterator operator++(int) {
        Iterator tmp = *this;
        ++(*this);
        return tmp;
    }
    friend bool operator==(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) { ... }
    friend bool operator!=(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) { ... }
private:
    pointer_type m_ptr;
};
```

Input iterator methods

```
1 // Input iterator methods
2
3 Iterator() = default;
4
5 Iterator(pointer_type ptr) : m_ptr(ptr) {}
6
7 reference_type operator*() const {
8     return *m_ptr;
9 }
10
11 pointer_type operator->() {
12     return m_ptr;
13 }
```

Input iterator methods (contd)

```
147     Iterator& operator++() {
148         m_ptr++;
149         return *this;
150     }
151     Iterator operator++(int) {
152         Iterator tmp = *this;
153         ++(*this);
154         return tmp;
155     }
156     friend bool operator==(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) {
157         return a.m_ptr == b.m_ptr;
158     }
159     friend bool operator!=(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) {
160         //return a.m_ptr != b.m_ptr;
161         return !(a == b);
162     }
163 }
```

std::ranges::find algorithm [Input Iterators]

```
1 // BoxContainer
2
3 BoxContainer<int> box1;
4 box1.add(5);
5 box1.add(1);
6 box1.add(4);
7 box1.add(2);
8 box1.add(5);
9 box1.add(3);
10 box1.add(7);
11 box1.add(9);
12 box1.add(6);
13
14 //find algorithm
15 if (std::ranges::find(box1, 8) != box1.end()) {
16     std::cout << "numbers contains: " << 8 << std::endl;
17 } else {
18     std::cout << "numbers does not contain: " << 8 << std::endl;
19 }
```


Range based for loop

```
BoxContainer<int> box1;  
box1.add(5);  
box1.add(1);  
box1.add(4);  
box1.add(2);  
box1.add(5);  
box1.add(3);  
box1.add(7);  
box1.add(9);  
box1.add(6);  
  
//Range based for loop  
for(auto n : box1){  
    std::cout << n << " ";  
}  
std::cout << std::endl;
```

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Custom Output Iterator

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Type aliases

```
using iterator_category = std::forward_iterator_tag;
using difference_type    = std::ptrdiff_t;
using value_type         = T;
using pointer_type       = T*;
using reference_type     = T&;
```

Input iterator operator methods

```
class Iterator
{
public:
    //Type aliases here
    Iterator() = default;
    Iterator(pointer_type ptr) : m_ptr(ptr) {}
    reference_type operator*() const {return *m_ptr;}
    pointer_type operator->() { return m_ptr;}
    Iterator& operator++() {
        m_ptr++;
        return *this;
    }
    Iterator operator++(int) {
        Iterator tmp = *this;
        ++(*this);
        return tmp;
    }
    friend bool operator==(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) { ... }
    friend bool operator!=(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) { ... }
private:
    pointer_type m_ptr;
};
```


Input/output iterator methods

```
1 // ...
2
3 Iterator() = default;
4
5 Iterator(pointer_type ptr) : m_ptr(ptr) {}
6
7 reference_type operator*() const {
8     return *m_ptr;
9 }
10
11 pointer_type operator->() {
12     return m_ptr;
13 }
```

Input iterator methods (contd)

```
147     Iterator& operator++() {
148         m_ptr++;
149         return *this;
150     }
151     Iterator operator++(int) {
152         Iterator tmp = *this;
153         ++(*this);
154         return tmp;
155     }
156     friend bool operator==(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) {
157         return a.m_ptr == b.m_ptr;
158     }
159     friend bool operator!=(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) {
160         //return a.m_ptr != b.m_ptr;
161         return !(a == b);
162     }
163 }
```

std::ranges::copy algorithm [Output Iterators]

```
BoxContainer<int> box1;
box1.add(5);
box1.add(1);
box1.add(4);
box1.add(2);
box1.add(5);
box1.add(3);
box1.add(7);
box1.add(9);
box1.add(6);

std::cout << "box : " << box1 << std::endl;

BoxContainer<int> box2; // Needs to populate to have the correct size
for(size_t i{}; i < box1.size(); ++i){
    box2.add(0);
}

std::cout << "box2-1 : " << box2 << std::endl;
std::ranges::copy(box1.begin(), box1.end(), box2.begin());
std::cout << "box2-2 : " << box2 << std::endl;
```

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Custom Forward Iterator

Input iterators

Output iterators

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Bidirectional iterators

Random access iterators

Contiguous iterators

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Type aliases

```
using iterator_category = std::forward_iterator_tag;  
using difference_type    = std::ptrdiff_t;  
using value_type         = T;  
using pointer_type       = T*;  
using reference_type     = T&;
```

Input iterator operator methods

```
class Iterator
{
public:
    //Type aliases here
    Iterator() = default;
    Iterator(pointer_type ptr) : m_ptr(ptr) {}
    reference_type operator*() const {return *m_ptr;}
    pointer_type operator->() { return m_ptr;}
    Iterator& operator++() {
        m_ptr++;
        return *this;
    }
    Iterator operator++(int) {
        Iterator tmp = *this;
        ++(*this);
        return tmp;
    }
    friend bool operator==(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) { ... }
    friend bool operator!=(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) { ... }
private:
    pointer_type m_ptr;
};
```

Input/output iterator methods

```
1 // ...
2
3 Iterator() = default;
4
5 Iterator(pointer_type ptr) : m_ptr(ptr) {}
6
7 reference_type operator*() const {
8     return *m_ptr;
9 }
10
11 pointer_type operator->() {
12     return m_ptr;
13 }
```

Input iterator methods (contd)

```
1 // ...
2
3 Iterator& operator++() {
4     m_ptr++;
5     return *this;
6 }
7
8 Iterator operator++(int) {
9     Iterator tmp = *this;
10    ++(*this);
11    return tmp;
12 }
13
14 friend bool operator==(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) {
15     return a.m_ptr == b.m_ptr;
16 }
17
18 friend bool operator!=(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) {
19     //return a.m_ptr != b.m_ptr;
20     return !(a == b);
21 }
```

std::ranges::forward algorithm [Output Iterators]

```
1 // ...
2
3 BoxContainer<int> box1;
4 box1.add(5);
5 box1.add(1);
6 box1.add(7);
7 box1.add(2);
8 box1.add(5);
9 box1.add(3);
10 box1.add(7);
11 box1.add(9);
12 box1.add(6);
13
14
15 std::cout << "box1 : " << box1 << std::endl;
16 std::ranges::replace(box1.begin(), box1.end(), 7, 777);
17 std::cout << "box1 : " << box1 << std::endl;
```

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Custom Bidirectional Iterator

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Random access iterators

Contiguous iterators

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Type aliases

```
using iterator_category = std::bidirectional_iterator_tag;  
using difference_type    = std::ptrdiff_t;  
using value_type         = T;  
using pointer_type       = T*;  
using reference_type     = T&;
```

Forward iterator methods

```
class Iterator
{
public:
    //Type aliases here
    Iterator() = default;
    Iterator(pointer_type ptr) : m_ptr(ptr) {}
    reference_type operator*() const {return *m_ptr;}
    pointer_type operator->() { return m_ptr;}
    Iterator& operator++() {
        m_ptr++;
        return *this;
    }
    Iterator operator++(int) {
        Iterator tmp = *this;
        ++(*this);
        return tmp;
    }
    friend bool operator==(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) { ... }
    friend bool operator!=(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) { ... }
private:
    pointer_type m_ptr;
};
```

Forward iterator methods

```
1 // ...
2
3 Iterator() = default;
4
5 Iterator(pointer_type ptr) : m_ptr(ptr) {}
6
7 reference_type operator*() const {
8     return *m_ptr;
9 }
10
11 pointer_type operator->() {
12     return m_ptr;
13 }
```

Forward iterator methods (contd)

```
147     Iterator& operator++() {
148         m_ptr++;
149         return *this;
150     }
151     Iterator operator++(int) {
152         Iterator tmp = *this;
153         ++(*this);
154         return tmp;
155     }
156     friend bool operator==(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) {
157         return a.m_ptr == b.m_ptr;
158     }
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160         //return a.m_ptr != b.m_ptr;
161         return !(a == b);
162     }
163 }
```

Input iterator methods (contd)

```
1411     Iterator& operator++() {
1412         m_ptr++;
1413         return *this;
1414     }
1415     Iterator operator++(int) {
1416         Iterator tmp = *this;
1417         ++(*this);
1418         return tmp;
1419     }
1420     friend bool operator==(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) {
1421         return a.m_ptr == b.m_ptr;
1422     }
1423     friend bool operator!=(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) {
1424         //return a.m_ptr != b.m_ptr;
1425         return !(a == b);
1426     }
1427 }
```

Bidirectional iterator methods

```
        //Bidirectional
        Iterator& operator--() {
            m_ptr--; return *this;
        }
        Iterator operator--(int) {
            Iterator tmp = *this;
            --(*this);
            return tmp;
        }
```

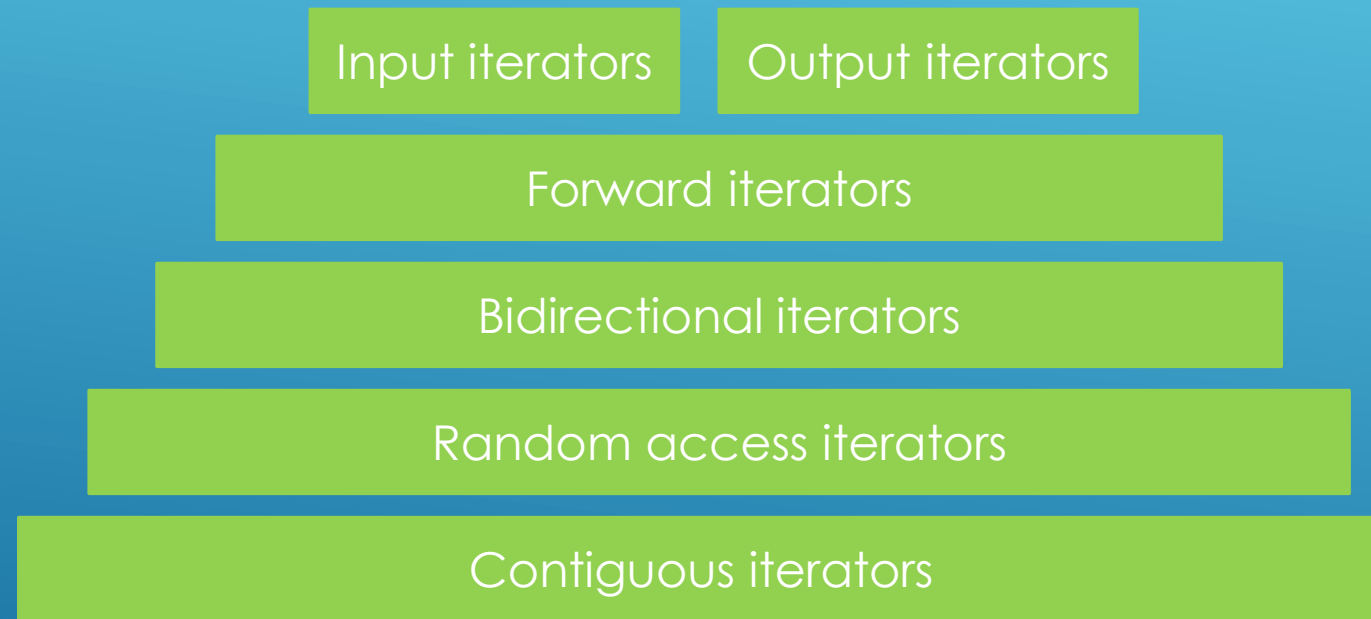

std::ranges::reverse algorithm [Bidirectional Iterators]

```
BoxContainer<int> box1;  
box1.add(5);  
box1.add(1);  
box1.add(7);  
box1.add(2);  
box1.add(5);  
box1.add(3);  
box1.add(7);  
box1.add(9);  
box1.add(6);  
  
std::cout << "box1 : " << box1 << std::endl;  
std::ranges::replace(box1.begin(), box1.end(), 7, 777);  
std::cout << "box1 : " << box1 << std::endl;
```

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Custom Random Access Iterator

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Type aliases

```
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using difference_type    = std::ptrdiff_t;
using value_type         = T;
using pointer_type       = T*;
using reference_type      = T&;
```

Forward iterator methods

```
class Iterator
{
public:
    //Type aliases here
    Iterator() = default;
    Iterator(pointer_type ptr) : m_ptr(ptr) {}
    reference_type operator*() const {return *m_ptr;}
    pointer_type operator->() { return m_ptr;}
    Iterator& operator++() {
        m_ptr++;
        return *this;
    }
    Iterator operator++(int) {
        Iterator tmp = *this;
        ++(*this);
        return tmp;
    }
    friend bool operator==(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) { ... }
    friend bool operator!=(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) { ... }
private:
    pointer_type m_ptr;
};
```


Forward iterator methods

```
1 // ...
2
3     Iterator() = default;
4
5     Iterator(pointer_type ptr) : m_ptr(ptr) {}
6
7     reference_type operator*() const {
8         return *m_ptr;
9     }
10
11     pointer_type operator->() {
12         return m_ptr;
13     }
14 // ...
```

Forward iterator methods (contd)

```
147     Iterator& operator++() {
148         m_ptr++;
149         return *this;
150     }
151     Iterator operator++(int) {
152         Iterator tmp = *this;
153         ++(*this);
154         return tmp;
155     }
156     friend bool operator==(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) {
157         return a.m_ptr == b.m_ptr;
158     }
159     friend bool operator!=(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) {
160         //return a.m_ptr != b.m_ptr;
161         return !(a == b);
162     }
163 }
```

Input iterator methods (contd)

```
147     Iterator& operator++() {
148         m_ptr++;
149         return *this;
150     }
151     Iterator operator++(int) {
152         Iterator tmp = *this;
153         ++(*this);
154         return tmp;
155     }
156     friend bool operator==(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) {
157         return a.m_ptr == b.m_ptr;
158     }
159     friend bool operator!=(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) {
160         //return a.m_ptr != b.m_ptr;
161         return !(a == b);
162     }
163 }
```

Bidirectional iterator methods

```
        //Bidirectional
        Iterator& operator--() {
            m_ptr--; return *this;
        }
        Iterator operator--(int) {
            Iterator tmp = *this;
            --(*this);
            return tmp;
        }
```

Random Access Methods

```
//Random access
Iterator& operator+=(const difference_type offset) {
    m_ptr += offset;
    return *this;
}

Iterator operator+(const difference_type offset) const {
    Iterator tmp = *this;
    return tmp += offset;
}

Iterator& operator-=(const difference_type offset) {
    return *this += -offset;
}

Iterator operator-(const difference_type offset) const {
    Iterator tmp = *this;
    return tmp -= offset;
}

difference_type operator-(const Iterator& right) const {
    return m_ptr - right.m_ptr;
}
```

Random Access Methods(contd)

```
reference_type operator[](const difference_type offset) const {
    return *(*this + offset);
}

bool operator<(const Iterator& right) const {
    return m_ptr < right.m_ptr;
}

bool operator>(const Iterator& right) const {
    return right < *this;
}

bool operator<=(const Iterator& right) const {
    return !(right < *this);
}

bool operator>=(const Iterator& right) const {
    return !(*this < right);
}

friend Iterator operator+(const difference_type offset, const Iterator& it){
    Iterator tmp = it;
    return tmp += offset;
}
```

std::ranges::sort algorithm [Random Access Iterators]

```
1 // ...
2
3 BoxContainer<int> box1;
4 box1.add(5);
5 box1.add(1);
6 box1.add(7);
7 box1.add(2);
8 box1.add(5);
9 box1.add(3);
10 box1.add(7);
11 box1.add(9);
12 box1.add(6);
13
14 std::cout << "box1 : " << box1 << std::endl;
15 std::ranges::sort(box1.begin(), box1.end());
16 std::cout << "box1 : " << box1 << std::endl;
```


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Std::vector with views and range adaptors

```
std::vector<int> vi {8,1,7,2,5,3,7,9};
/* ...
//std::ranges::filter_view
std::cout <<std::endl;
std::cout << "std::ranges::filter_view : " << std::endl;
auto evens = [](int i){
    return (i %2) == 0;
};
std::cout << "vi : " ;
print(vi);

std::ranges::filter_view v_evens = std::ranges::filter_view(vi,evens); //No computation
std::cout << "vi evens : ";
print(v_evens); //Computation happens in the print function

Print evens on the fly
std::cout << "vi evens : " ;
print(std::ranges::filter_view(vi,evens));
```

Std::vector with views and range adaptors

```
BoxContainer<int> vi {8,1,7,2,5,3,7,9};
```

```
//std::ranges::filter_view
std::cout <<std::endl;
std::cout << "std::ranges::filter_view : " << std::endl;
auto evens = [](int i){
    return (i %2) == 0;
};
std::cout << "vi : " ;
print(vi);

std::ranges::filter_view v_evens = std::ranges::filter_view(vi,evens); //No computation
std::cout << "vi evens : ";
print(v_evens); //Computation happens in the print function

Print evens on the fly
std::cout << "vi evens : " ;
print(std::ranges::filter_view(vi,evens));
```

The collection [Data owner]

```
//std::vector<int> vi {8,1,7,2,5,3,7,9};
BoxContainer<int> vi;
vi.add(5);
vi.add(1);
vi.add(7);
vi.add(2);
vi.add(5);
vi.add(3);
vi.add(7);
vi.add(9);
vi.add(6);
```

Filter views with a Custom Container

```
1 //std::ranges::filter_view
2 std::cout <<std::endl;
3 std::cout << "std::ranges::filter_view : " << std::endl;
4 auto evens = [](int i){
5     return (i %2) == 0;
6 };
7 std::cout << "vi : " ;
8 print(vi);
9
10 std::ranges::filter_view v_evens = std::ranges::filter_view(vi,evens); //No computation
11 std::cout << "vi evens : ";
12 print(v_evens); //Computation happens in the print function
13
14 Print evens on the fly
15 std::cout << "vi evens : " ;
16 print(std::ranges::filter_view(vi,evens));
```

Transform view with a Custom Container

```
//std::ranges::transform_view
std::cout << std::endl;
std::cout << "std::ranges::transform_view : " << std::endl;
std::ranges::transform_view v_transformed = std::ranges::transform_view(vi, [] (int i){
    return i * 10;
});
std::cout << "vi : " ;
print(vi);
std::cout << "vi transformed : " ;
print(v_transformed);
std::cout << "vi : ";
print(vi);
```

```

//std::ranges::take_view
std::cout <<std::endl;
std::cout << "std::ranges::take_view : " << std::endl;
std::ranges::take_view v_taken = std::ranges::take_view(vi,5);
std::cout << "vi : " ;
print(vi);
std::cout << "vi taken : ";
print(v_taken);

//std::ranges::take_while_view
std::cout <<std::endl;
std::cout << "std::views::take_while : " << std::endl;
std::ranges::take_while_view v_taken_while = std::ranges::take_while_view(vi,[](int i){
    return (i%2)!=0;
});
std::cout << "vi : ";
print(vi);
std::cout << "vi taken_while : ";
print(v_taken_while);

```



```

//std::ranges::drop_view : drop n first elements
std::cout <<std::endl;
std::cout << "std::ranges::drop_view : " << std::endl;
std::ranges::drop_view v_drop = std::ranges::drop_view(vi,5);
std::cout << "vi : ";
print(vi);
std::cout << "vi_drop : ";
print(v_drop);

//std::views::drop_while_view : drops elements as long as the predicate is met
std::cout <<std::endl;
std::cout << "std::ranges::drop_while_view : " << std::endl;
std::ranges::drop_while_view v_drop_while = std::ranges::drop_while_view(vi,[](int i){
    return (i%2)!=0;
});
std::cout << "vi : ";
print(vi);
std::cout << "v_drop_while : ";
print(v_drop_while);

```

Using range adaptors

```
1 //std::views::filter()
2 std::cout <<std::endl;
3 std::cout << "std::views::filter : " << std::endl;
4 auto evens1 = [](int i){
5     return (i %2) == 0;
6 };
7 std::cout << "vi : " ;
8 print(vi);
9 std::ranges::filter_view v_evens1 = std::views::filter(vi,evens1); //No computation
10 std::cout << "vi evens : ";
11 print(v_evens1); //Computation happens in the print function
12 //Print evens on the fly
13 std::cout << "vi evens : " ;
14 print(std::views::filter(vi,evens1));
15 //Print odds on the fly
16 std::cout << "vi odds : " ;
17 print(std::views::filter(vi,[](int i){
18     return (i%2)!=0;
19 }));
```

```

//Students example
BoxContainer<Student> class_room; // {{ "Mike",12},{ "John",17},{ "Drake",14},{ "Mary",16}};
class_room.add(Student("Mike",12));
class_room.add(Student("John",17));
class_room.add(Student("Drake",14));
class_room.add(Student("Mary",16));

std::cout << std::endl;
std::cout << "classroom : " << std::endl;
for( auto& s : class_room){
    std::cout << " " << s << std::endl;
}

```

```

std::ranges::sort(class_room, std::less<>{}, &Student::m_age);

std::cout << std::endl;
std::cout << "classroom (after sort) : " << std::endl;
for( auto& s : class_room){
    std::cout << " " << s << std::endl;
}

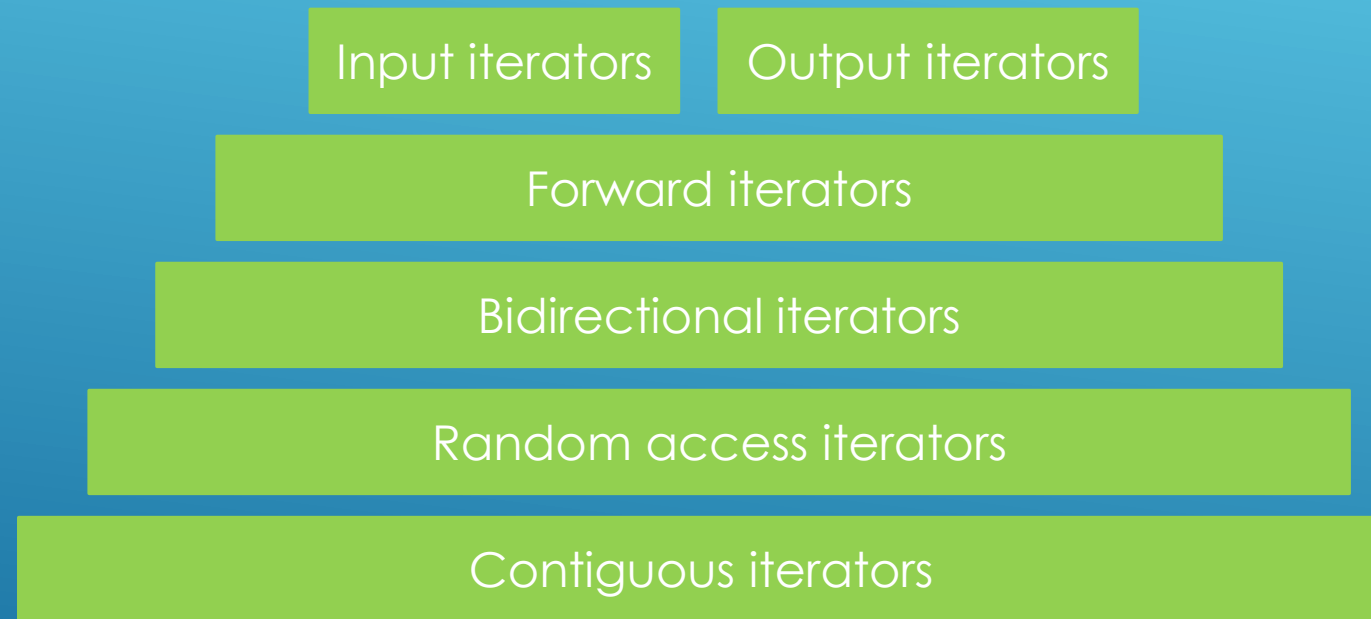
std::cout << "students under 15 : " ;
//print(std::views::take_while(class_room, [](const Student& s){return (s.m_age <15);}));
auto less_than_15_v = class_room | std::views::take_while([](const Student& s){return (s.m_age <15);});
print(less_than_15_v);
std::cout << "End!" << std::endl;

```

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Constant Iterators

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```
100  BoxContainer<int> vi;
101  vi.add(5);
102  vi.add(1);
103  vi.add(7);
104  vi.add(2);
105  vi.add(5);
106  vi.add(3);
107  vi.add(7);
108  vi.add(9);
109  vi.add(6);

110  const BoxContainer<int> copy(vi);

111  std::cout << "data : ";
112  for (auto it = copy.begin(); it!=copy.end(); ++it){
113      std::cout << (*it) << " ";
114  }
115  std::cout << std::endl;
```



```
template <typename T>
void print(const BoxContainer<T>& c){
    for(auto i : c){
        std::cout << i << " ";
    }
    std::cout << std::endl;
}
```

We need constant Iterators for BoxContainer

```

template <typename T> requires std::is_default_constructible_v<T>
class BoxContainer
{
    class ConstIterator
    {
    public :
        /* ...
        using pointer_type = const T*;
        using reference_type = const T&;
        //...
        private:
            pointer_type m_ptr;
    };
    Iterator begin() { return Iterator(&m_items[0]); }
    Iterator end() { return Iterator(&m_items[m_size]); }

    //Picked up for const containers
    ConstIterator begin() const { return ConstIterator(&m_items[0]); }
    ConstIterator end() const { return ConstIterator(&m_items[m_size]); }

    ConstIterator cbegin() { return ConstIterator(&m_items[0]); }
    ConstIterator cend() { return ConstIterator(&m_items[m_size]); }
};

```

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Raw pointers as iterators

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```

template <typename T>
class BoxContainer
{
public :
    T* begin() { return m_items; }
    T* end()   { return m_items + m_size; }

    const T* cbegin() { return m_items; }
    const T* cend()   { return m_items + m_size; }

public:
    BoxContainer<T>(size_t capacity = DEFAULT_CAPACITY);
    /* ... */
private :
    T * m_items;
    size_t m_capacity;
    size_t m_size;
};

```

```

BoxContainer<int> box1;
box1.add(8);
box1.add(1);
box1.add(4);
/* ... */
std::cout << "box1 : " << box1 << std::endl;

auto it = box1.begin();
std::cout << *it << std::endl;
*it = 6; // Compiler error

for (auto i : box1){
    std::cout << i << " ";
}
std::cout << std::endl;

std::sort(box1.begin(), box1.end());
std::cout << "box1 : " << box1 << std::endl;

std::cout << "view taking only 3 : " ;
for(auto i : std::views::take(box1,3)){
    std::cout << i << " ";
}
std::cout << std::endl;

```

```
111     BoxContainer<int> vi;
112     vi.add(5);
113     vi.add(1);
114     vi.add(7);
115     vi.add(2);
116     vi.add(5);
117     vi.add(3);
118     vi.add(7);
119     vi.add(9);
120     vi.add(6);
121
122     const BoxContainer<int> copy(vi);
123
124     std::cout << "data : ";
125     for (auto it = copy.begin(); it!=copy.end(); ++it){
126         std::cout << (*it) << " ";
127     }
128     std::cout << std::endl;
```



```
template <typename T>
void print(const BoxContainer<T>& c){
    for(auto i : c){
        std::cout << i << " ";
    }
    std::cout << std::endl;
}
```

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Wrapping iterators from other containers

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```

template <typename T>
class VectorWrapper{
public:
    //Iterator methods
    std::vector<T>::iterator begin() { return m_items.begin(); }
    std::vector<T>::iterator end()   { return m_items.end(); }
    std::vector<T>::const_iterator cbegin() { return m_items.cbegin(); }
    std::vector<T>::const_iterator cend()   { return m_items.cend(); }

    friend std::ostream& operator<< (std::ostream& out, const VectorWrapper<T>& vec){
        out << "Items : " ;
        for (auto i : vec.m_items){
            out << i << " ";
        }
        return out;
    }

    void add( T item){
        m_items.push_back(item);
    }
private :
    std::vector<T> m_items;
};

```

```
VectorWrapper<std::string> greeting;
greeting.add("Hello");
greeting.add("World!");
greeting.add("How");
greeting.add("are");
greeting.add("you");
greeting.add("all");
greeting.add("doing?");

std::cout << "greeting : " << greeting << std::endl;

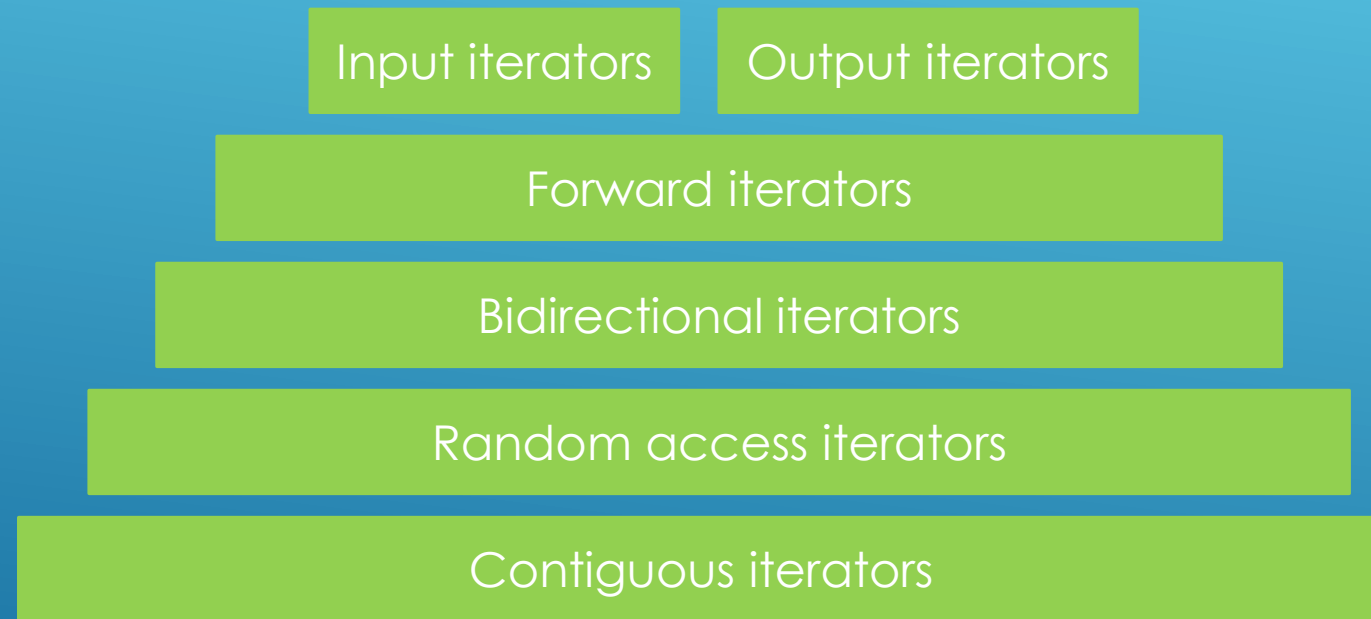
std::cout << "Range based for loop : " << std::endl;
for(auto i : greeting){
    std::cout << i << " ";
}
std::cout << std::endl;

std::cout << "taking only 2 : " << std::endl;
for(auto i : greeting | std::views::take(2)){
    std::cout << i << " ";
}
std::cout << std::endl;
```

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Custom Iterators : Summary

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Custom Iterator Requirements

- Your container class needs to be a class template
- The container class has to model iterator types
- Your container needs `begin()` and `end()` methods that return those iterators
- The iterators have to model the operators needed by your algorithms

Iterator Type

- Needs to provide the type aliases expected by the standard template library
- These type traits help algorithms work better

BoxContainer Initial changes

```
template <typename T> requires std::is_default_constructible_v<T>
class BoxContainer
{
    class Iterator
    {
    public :
        using iterator_category = std::input_iterator_tag;
        using difference_type    = std::ptrdiff_t;
        using value_type          = T;
        using pointer_type        = T*;
        using reference_type      = T&;

    private:
        pointer_type m_ptr;
    };
    Iterator begin() { return Iterator(&m_items[0]); }
    Iterator end()   { return Iterator(&m_items[m_size]); }
private :
    T * m_items;
    size_t m_capacity;
    size_t m_size;
};
```

Input iterator operator methods

```
class Iterator
{
public:
    //Type aliases here
    Iterator() = default;
    Iterator(pointer_type ptr) : m_ptr(ptr) {}
    reference_type operator*() const {return *m_ptr;}
    pointer_type operator->() { return m_ptr;}
    Iterator& operator++() {
        m_ptr++;
        return *this;
    }
    Iterator operator++(int) {
        Iterator tmp = *this;
        ++(*this);
        return tmp;
    }
    friend bool operator==(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) { ... }
    friend bool operator!=(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) { ... }
private:
    pointer_type m_ptr;
};
```

Input iterator methods

```
1 // ...
2
3 Iterator() = default;
4
5 Iterator(pointer_type ptr) : m_ptr(ptr) {}
6
7
8 reference_type operator*() const {
9     return *m_ptr;
10 }
11
12
13 pointer_type operator->() {
14     return m_ptr;
15 }
16
17 // ...
```

Input iterator methods (contd)

```
147     Iterator& operator++() {
148         m_ptr++;
149         return *this;
150     }
151     Iterator operator++(int) {
152         Iterator tmp = *this;
153         ++(*this);
154         return tmp;
155     }
156     friend bool operator==(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) {
157         return a.m_ptr == b.m_ptr;
158     }
159     friend bool operator!=(const Iterator& a, const Iterator& b) {
160         //return a.m_ptr != b.m_ptr;
161         return !(a == b);
162     }
163 }
```

std::ranges::find algorithm [Input Iterators]

```
1 // BoxContainer
2
3 BoxContainer<int> box1;
4 box1.add(5);
5 box1.add(1);
6 box1.add(4);
7 box1.add(2);
8 box1.add(5);
9 box1.add(3);
10 box1.add(7);
11 box1.add(9);
12 box1.add(6);
13
14 //find algorithm
15 if (std::ranges::find(box1, 8) != box1.end()) {
16     std::cout << "numbers contains: " << 8 << std::endl;
17 } else {
18     std::cout << "numbers does not contain: " << 8 << std::endl;
19 }
```

Range based for loop

```
1 //BoxContainer.h
2 #include <iostream>
3
4 using namespace std;
5
6 class BoxContainer {
7 public:
8     BoxContainer<int> box1;
9     box1.add(5);
10    box1.add(1);
11    box1.add(4);
12    box1.add(2);
13    box1.add(5);
14    box1.add(3);
15    box1.add(7);
16    box1.add(9);
17    box1.add(6);
18
19    //Range based for loop
20    for(auto n : box1){
21        std::cout << n << " ";
22    }
23    std::cout << std::endl;
```


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