

# Witnessed Relationships

- A *witnessed* relationship is a relationship represented by an object
  - As an object, a witnessed relationship is copyable and equality comparable
- When an object is copied or moved, any witnessed relationship that object was involved in is either maintained, severed, or *invalidated* with respect to the destination object
  - This includes copying or moving the object witnessing the relationship
- When an object is destructed, any witnessed relationship that object was involved in is either severed, or *invalidated*.
- We may choose not to implement copy or move for witnessed relationships
  - This is how we get iterator invalidation “at a distance”