# Advanced Containers and Iterators

#### Bad Dad Joke of the Day:

- Dad: Hey son, take some of this jerky 😏\*
- Son: Thanks dad 🙂
- Dad: It was nice meating you

\*emojis replicated as given

Creds: Adam

### Game Plan



- Map Iterators
- Further Iterator Usages
- Announcements
- Iterator Types

# Brief Recap

### **Associative Containers**

Useful abstraction for "associating" a key with a value.

```
std::map
  map<string, int> directory;  // name -> phone number

std::set
  set<string> dict;  // does it contain a word?
```

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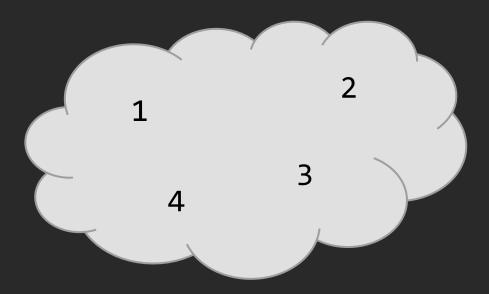
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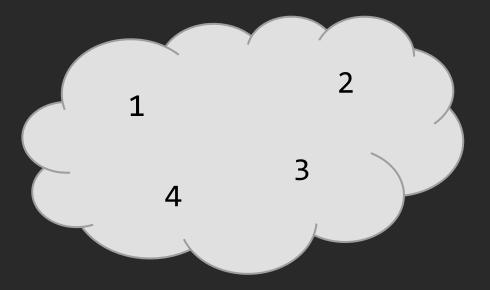
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    if (iter == mySet.end()) return;
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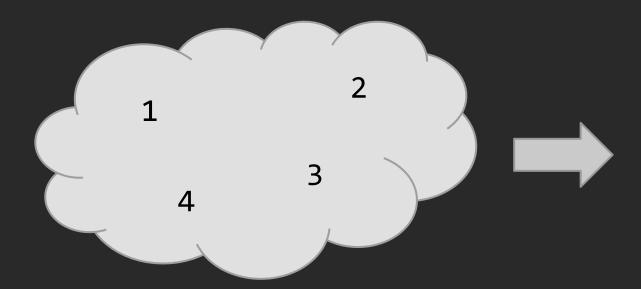
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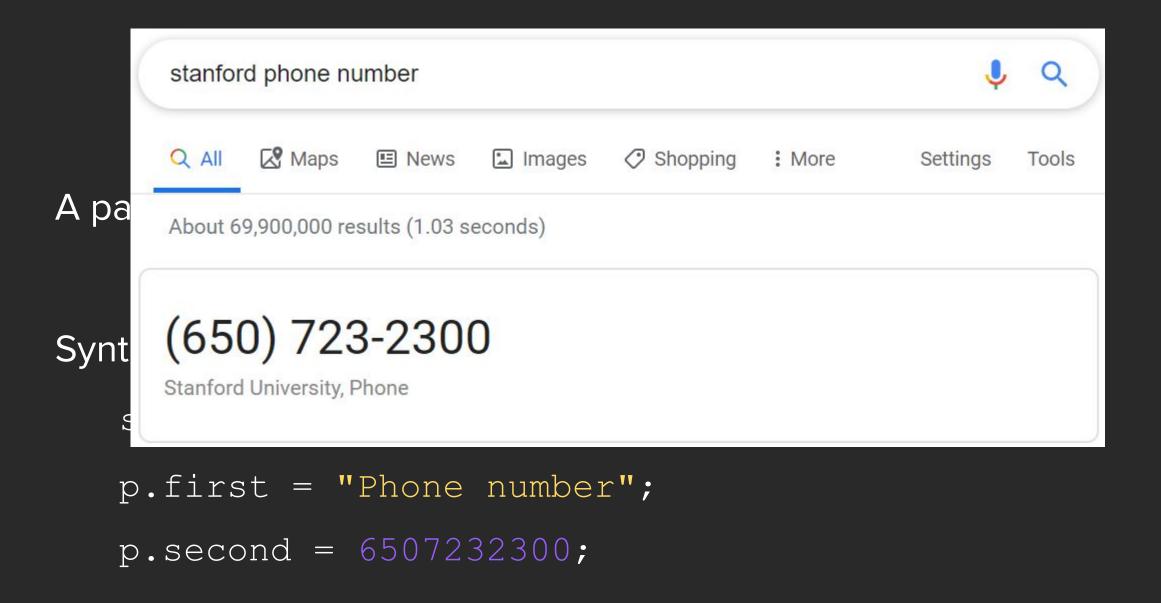
Iterators let us view a non-linear collection in a linear manner.

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std::make_pair("Phone number", 6507232300);
```

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make\_pair automatically deduces the type!

This is a great place to use auto!

```
auto time = std::make_pair(1, 45);
```

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Instead, add elements by calling .insert on a key value std::pair.

```
std::multimap<int, int> myMMap;
myMMap.insert(make_pair(3, 3));
myMMap.insert({3, 12}); // shorter syntax
cout << myMMap.count(3) << endl; // prints 2</pre>
```

Map iterators are slightly different because we have both keys and values.

Dereferencing a set<string> iterator gives you a string.

Dereferencing a map<string, int> iterator gives you an

```
std::pair<string, int>.
```

#### Example:

```
map<int, int> m;
map<int, int>::iterator i = m.begin();
map<int, int>::iterator end = m.end();
while(i != end) {
 cout << (*i).first << (*i).second << endl;
 ++i;
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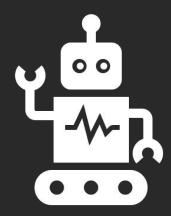
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# Further Iterator Usages

### Iterator Uses

Iterators are useful for more than just looping through an entire container!

Let's take a look...



# Example

**Iterator Uses** 

# Iterator Uses - Sorting

For example, we sorted a vector using

```
std::sort(vec.begin(), vec.end());
```

### Iterator Uses - Find

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 count is actually just a call to the find function! So find is marginally faster

Of course, C++20 will bring a new contains(key) method... but until then, use find.

## Iterator Uses - Ranges

#### Finding elements

```
set<int>::iterator iter = mySet.lower_bound(7);
set<int>::iterator end = mySet.lower_bound(26);
while (iter != end) {
  cout << *i << endl;
  ++i;
}</pre>
```

## Iterator Uses - Ranges

We can iterate through different ranges

	[a, b]	[a, b)	(a, b]	(a, b)
begin	lower_bound(a)	lower_bound(a)	upper_bound(a)	upper_bound(a)
end	upper_bound(b)	lower_bound(b)	upper_bound(b)	lower_bound(b)

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    doSomething(thing.first, thing.second);
}
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                                                                                         [stmt.ranged]
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        for (for-range-declaration: expression) statement
   let range-init be equivalent to the expression surrounded by parentheses<sup>86</sup>
         ( expression )
   and for a range-based for statement of the form
         for (for-range-declaration: braced-init-list) statement
   let range-init be equivalent to the braced-init-list. In each case, a range-based for statement is equivalent
to
    auto && __range = range-init;
    for ( auto __begin = begin-expr,
                __end = end-expr;
          _begin != _end;
          ++_begin ) {
      for-range-declaration = *__begin;
      statement
```

## Announcements

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Office hours for Assignment 1 on Piazza!

 Feedback form #1 released! Fill out by next Thursday (1/30) for an extra late day.

https://bit.ly/2vfV4As

# Quick Review of Structs

for Assignment 1!

```
// Declaring the struct definition
struct Object {
  type var1;
  type var2;
// Initializing a struct object using uniform initialization
struct Object objName{value1, value2};
     // "struct" keyword is optional in C++
// Operating on the struct object - in this case, assigning a
value
objName.var1 = newvalue1;
```

```
struct SimpleGraph {
    vector<Node> nodes;
    vector<Edge> edges;
}

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    double x;
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graph.nodes.push back( {someXValue, someYValue} );
     // automatically creates Node object + adds to vector
```

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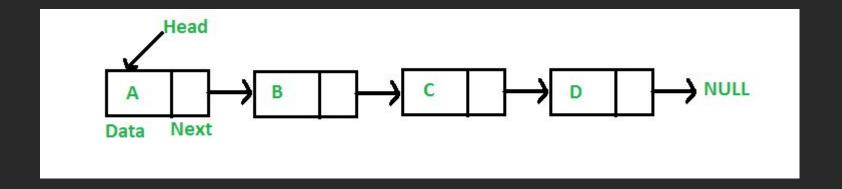
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But what about std::list (doubly linked list)?

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What's going on here?

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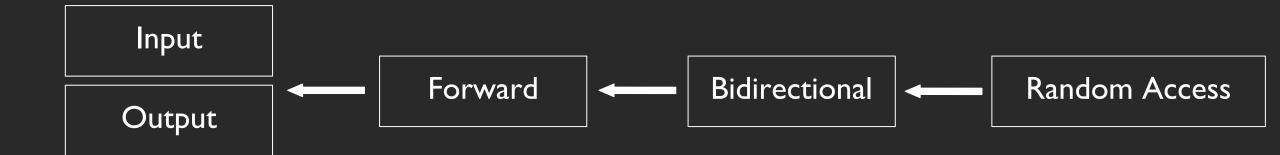
### Iterator Types - Similarities

All iterators share a few common traits:

Can be created from existing iterator

Can be advanced using ++

Can be compared with == and !=



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typename iterator_traits<InputIt>::difference_type
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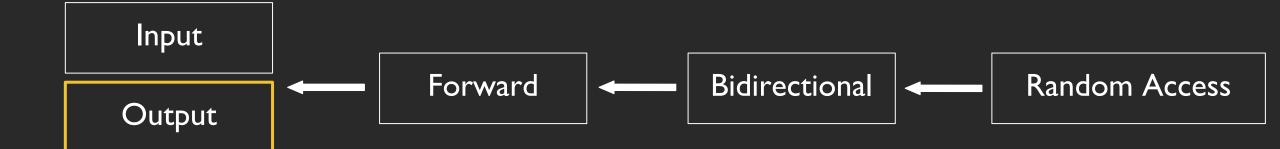


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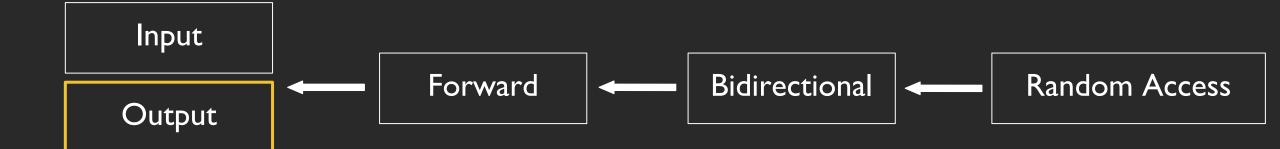
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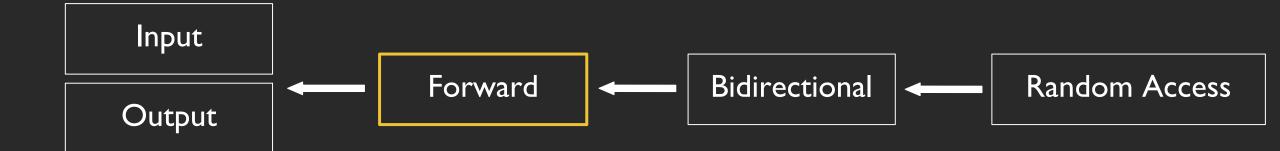


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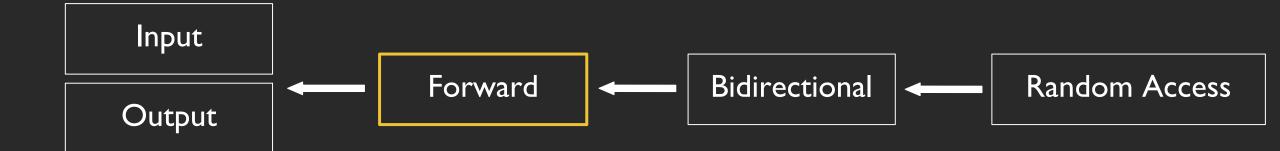
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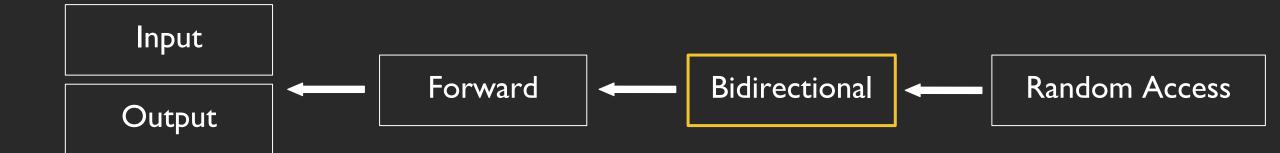
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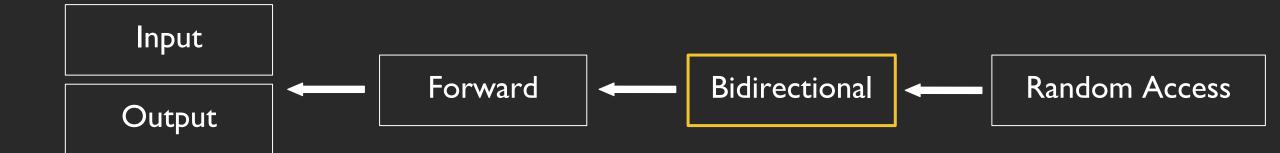
#### Use cases:

- template< class BidirIt >
   reverse( BidirIt first, BidirIt last );
- std::map, std::set
- std::list (sequence container, think of as doubly-linked list)

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meaning of the arrow: the right is a sub-type of the left



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#### Use cases:

- std::vector, std::deque, std::string
- Pointers!



#### Next time

Templates!