

# Remove Elements and Ranges

Apart from insertion, copying, and replacement, we can also delete elements completely.

The four variations `std::remove`, `std::remove_if`, `std::remove_copy`, and `std::remove_copy_if` support two kinds of operations. On the one hand, these algorithms can be used to remove elements with and without a predicate from a range. On the other hand, they can be used to copy the result of the modification to a new range.

**`remove`**: Removes elements from the range which have the value `val`.

```
FwdIt remove(FwdIt first, FwdIt last, const T& val)
FwdIt remove(ExePol pol, FwdIt first, FwdIt last, const T& val)
```



**`remove_if`**: Removes elements from the range fulfilling the predicate `pred`:

```
FwdIt remove_if(FwdIt first, FwdIt last, UnPred pred)
FwdIt remove_if(ExePol pol, FwdIt first, FwdIt last, UnPred pred)
```



**`remove_copy`**: Removes elements from the range having the value `val`. Copies the result to `result`.

```
OutIt remove_copy(InpIt first, InpIt last, OutIt result, const T& val)
FwdIt2 remove_copy(ExePol pol, FwdIt first, FwdIt last, FwdIt2 result, const T& val)
```



**`remove_copy_if`**: Removes elements from the range which fulfill the predicate `pred`. Copies the result to `result`.

```
OutIt remove_copy_if(InpIt first, InpIt last, OutIt result, UnPre pred)
FwdIt2 remove_copy_if(ExePol pol, FwdIt first, FwdIt last, FwdIt2 result, UnPre pred)
```



The algorithms need input iterators for the source range and an output iterator for the destination range. They return an end iterator as a result for

the destination range.

### ⚠ Apply the erase-remove idiom

The remove variations don't remove an element from the range but instead return the new *logical* end of the range. To make the changes, we must adjust the size of the container with the erase-remove idiom.

```
#include <algorithm>
#include <cctype>
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
#include <vector>

int main(){

    std::cout << std::endl;

    std::vector<int> myVec{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9};

    for (auto v: myVec) std::cout << v << " ";
    std::cout << std::endl;
    auto newIt= std::remove_if(myVec.begin(), myVec.end(), [](int a){ return a % 2; } );
    for (auto v: myVec) std::cout << v << " ";
    std::cout << std::endl;

    myVec.erase(newIt, myVec.end());
    for (auto v: myVec) std::cout << v << " ";

    std::cout << "\n\n";

    std::string str{"Only for Testing Purpose."};
    std::cout << str << std::endl;
    str.erase(std::remove_if(str.begin(), str.end(), [](char c){ return std::isupper(c);} ), str.end());
    std::cout << str << std::endl;

    std::cout << std::endl;
}
```



In the next lesson, we'll discuss the `fill` and `generate` functions.