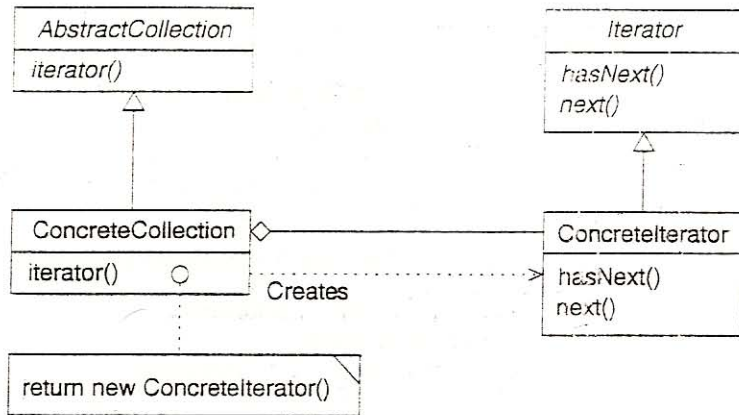


The structure of the Iterator pattern is illustrated in the following diagram:



The participants of the Iterator pattern are as follows:

- *Iterator* (e.g., *Iterator*), which defines an interface for accessing and traversing the elements.
- *ConcreteIterator* (e.g., *LinkedListIterator*), which implements the iterator interface and keeps track of the current position in the traversal of the collection.
- *AbstractCollection* (e.g., *List*), which defines an interface for creating a concrete iterator (e.g., the *iterator()* method).
- *ConcreteCollection* (e.g., *LinkedList*), which implements the *iterator()* method to return an instance of a proper concrete iterator.

The Iterator design pattern is used in the Java Collections Framework to provide