

A Pool of Blazingly Fast Stacks

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Chapter 1

Namespace Index

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Chapter 4

Namespace Documentation

4.1 internal Namespace Reference

Classes

- class [MessageHandler](#)
- struct [AssertHelper](#)
- class [NullStream](#)

4.1.1 Detailed Description

Validity of pre- and post-conditions and any other requirements must be properly checked. To this aim, in this file a collection of AP_ASSERTs and AP_ERRORS is provided. The assertions (and checks) are performed only when the code is compiled without the -DNDEBUG flag. Assertions are never enough. Put as many assertions as you can without any worry for loss of performance (in release).

Example of usage

```
AP_ASSERT(condition);
```

```
AP_ASSERT(condition) << "optional additional message" << std::endl;
```

```
AP_ASSERT_IN_RANGE(element,min,max); // check if element belongs to [min,max]
```

```
AP_ASSERT_EQ(a,b); // check if a == b, do not use with floating point numbers
```

```
AP_ASSERT_LT(a,b); // check if a < b
```

```
AP_ASSERT_LE(a,b); // check if a <= b
```

```
AP_ASSERT_GT(a,b); // check if a > b
```

```
AP_ASSERT_GE(a,b); // check if a >= b
```

All the above, by default, throw `std::runtime_error`.

If you want to throw your own exception type you can use the macro `AP_ASSERT` as follows

```
AP_ASSERT(condition, exception_type);
```

```
AP_ASSERT(condition, exception_type) << "optional" << " message" << std::endl;
```

The only constraint on the `exception_type` is that it must have a constructor that takes a `const std::string&` or a `const char *` (as the `std::exceptions`). For example

```
struct my_exception: public std::runtime_error{ using std::runtime_error::runtime_error; // using the same constructors // of the parent };
```

```
AP_ASSERT(1>2,my_exception); // it will throw my_exception
```

If you want/need to create a specific type of assert with all the parameters you want you can do as follows

```
#define AP_ASSERT_CUSTOM(a,b,c,d) \ AP_ASSERT( ( (a<b) && (c>d) ) || (b == c), std::runtime_error) \ << "all " << "what you want to write to debug " << a << " " << b << " " \ << c << " and " << d << std::endl;
```

of course you are free to replace `std::runtime_error` to any exception you like that can be constructed as explained before.

If a condition must be always checked (i.e., also when the code is compiled in release mode), use the `AP_ERROR` interface

```
AP_ERROR(condition); // throws an std::runtime_error
```

```
AP_ERROR(condition) << "optional" << " message" << std::endl;
```

If you need to throw a particular exception, the syntax and the requirements are the same for the assertions explained above.

```
AP_ERROR(condition, exception_type); AP_ERROR(condition, exception_type) << "optional" << " message" << std::endl;
```

The user should use only the above interface. All the rest of this file are technical details and for this reason they are put inside an internal namespace

Chapter 5

Class Documentation

5.1 `_stack_iterator< T, N, S_P >` Class Template Reference

```
#include <stack_iterator.hpp>
```

Public Types

- using **value_type** = T
- using **reference** = value_type &
- using **pointer** = value_type *
- using **difference_type** = std::ptrdiff_t
- using **iterator_category** = std::forward_iterator_tag

Public Member Functions

- `_stack_iterator` (stack_type x, pool_type *const my_pool)
- `~_stack_iterator` () noexcept=default
- reference `operator*` () const
- pointer `operator->` () const
- `_stack_iterator` & `operator++` ()
- `_stack_iterator` & `operator++` (int)

Friends

- bool `operator==` (const `_stack_iterator` &x, const `_stack_iterator` &y)
- bool `operator!=` (const `_stack_iterator` &x, const `_stack_iterator` &y)
- std::ostream & `operator<<` (std::ostream &os, const `_stack_iterator` &si)

5.1.1 Detailed Description

```
template<typename T, typename N, typename S_P>  
class _stack_iterator< T, N, S_P >
```

Class `_stack_iterator`: iterator allowing to navigate stacks in the `stack_pool` data structure. Notice: the class allows to iterate through a single stack at a time!

Template Parameters

<i>T</i>	type of the values carried by each node.
<i>N</i>	stack/index type
<i>S↔ _P</i>	stack_pool type, templating the function on the type it's supposed to work on

5.1.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

5.1.2.1 `_stack_iterator()`

```
template<typename T , typename N , typename S_P >
_stack_iterator< T, N, S_P >::_stack_iterator (
    stack_type x,
    pool_type *const my_pool ) [inline]
```

Custom constructor: initializes `pool_ptr` and `index` with the passed values. Throws if `my_pool` is of type `pool↔_type` but points to nothing. Don't do that!

Given the previous does not happen, throws if the index is not in the pool, hence larger than `pool_ptr->psize()` since up to `size()` all nodes belong to a stack or to `free_nodes`, hence could be successfully used to build an iterator

Parameters

<i>x</i>	index value
<i>my_pool</i>	pointer to the stack_pool , it's a constant pointer

5.1.2.2 `~_stack_iterator()`

```
template<typename T , typename N , typename S_P >
_stack_iterator< T, N, S_P >::~~_stack_iterator ( ) [default], [noexcept]
```

Default destructor.

5.1.3 Member Function Documentation

5.1.3.1 `operator*()`

```
template<typename T , typename N , typename S_P >
reference _stack_iterator< T, N, S_P >::operator* ( ) const [inline]
```

Dereference operator. Given that the object already passed from the constructor so initial index and pool↵
_ptr are fine, there's a problem if the index is `end()` or reaches it due to the increment of the iterator. See `stack_pool<T,N>::value()`.

Returns

value of the node at index

5.1.3.2 `operator++()` [1/2]

```
template<typename T , typename N , typename S_P >
_stack_iterator& _stack_iterator< T, N, S_P >::operator++ ( ) [inline]
```

PreIncrement: increments. Given that the object already passed from the constructor so initial index and pool↵
_ptr are fine, there's a problem if the index is `end()` or reaches it due to the increment of the iterator. See `stack_pool<T,N>::next()`.

Returns

the incremented iterator

5.1.3.3 `operator++()` [2/2]

```
template<typename T , typename N , typename S_P >
_stack_iterator& _stack_iterator< T, N, S_P >::operator++ (
    int ) [inline]
```

PostIncrement: increments. Exceptions due to `operator++()`.

Returns

the iterator

5.1.3.4 `operator->()`

```
template<typename T , typename N , typename S_P >
pointer _stack_iterator< T, N, S_P >::operator-> ( ) const [inline]
```

Reference operator. Throws if problems from `operator*`

Returns

address of the value of the node at index (pointer)

5.1.4 Friends And Related Function Documentation

5.1.4.1 operator!=

```
template<typename T , typename N , typename S_P >
bool operator!= (
    const _stack_iterator< T, N, S_P > & x,
    const _stack_iterator< T, N, S_P > & y ) [friend]
```

Inequality operator overload.

Parameters

<i>x</i>	reference to an iterator
<i>y</i>	reference to another iterator

Returns

a boolean: false (iterators at the same node) or true (iterators at different nodes)

5.1.4.2 operator<<

```
template<typename T , typename N , typename S_P >
std::ostream& operator<< (
    std::ostream & os,
    const _stack_iterator< T, N, S_P > & si ) [friend]
```

Put-to operator overload.

Parameters

<i>os</i>	reference to output stream
<i>si</i>	reference to iterator

Returns

output stream

5.1.4.3 operator==

```
template<typename T , typename N , typename S_P >
bool operator== (
```



```
const _stack_iterator< T, N, S_P > & x,
const _stack_iterator< T, N, S_P > & y ) [friend]
```

Equality operator overload.

Parameters

<i>x</i>	reference to an iterator
<i>y</i>	reference to another iterator

Returns

a boolean: true (iterators at the same node) or false (iterators at different nodes)

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [stack_iterator.hpp](#)

5.2 internal::AssertHelper< ET > Struct Template Reference

```
#include <ap_error.hpp>
```

Public Member Functions

- void **operator=** (const [MessageHandler](#) &m)

5.2.1 Detailed Description

```
template<typename ET>
struct internal::AssertHelper< ET >
```

Helper class to manage the construction and throwing of the proper exception type

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [ap_error.hpp](#)

5.3 internal::MessageHandler Class Reference

```
#include <ap_error.hpp>
```

Public Member Functions

- **MessageHandler** (const [MessageHandler](#) &)=delete
- template<typename T >
[MessageHandler](#) & **operator**<< (const T &val)
- template<typename T >
[MessageHandler](#) & **operator**<< (T *const &p)
- [MessageHandler](#) & **operator**<< (std::ostream &(*basic_manipulator)(std::ostream &))
- [MessageHandler](#) & **operator**<< (const bool b)
- std::string **get_string** () const

5.3.1 Detailed Description

Used to handle the optional message provided by the user.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- ap_error.hpp

5.4 internal::NullStream Class Reference

```
#include <ap_error.hpp>
```

Public Member Functions

- template<typename T >
[NullStream](#) & **operator**<< (const T &)
- [NullStream](#) & **operator**<< (std::ostream &(*)(std::ostream &))

5.4.1 Detailed Description

Used like /dev/null for the assertions when compiled in release mode

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- ap_error.hpp

5.5 stack_pool< T, N > Class Template Reference

```
#include <stack_pool.hpp>
```

Public Types

- using **iterator** = [_stack_iterator](#)< value_type, stack_type, [pool_type](#) >
- using **const_iterator** = [_stack_iterator](#)< const value_type, stack_type, const [pool_type](#) >

Public Member Functions

- `stack_pool()` noexcept
- `stack_pool(size_type n)`
- `iterator begin` (stack_type x)
- `iterator end` (stack_type) noexcept
- `const_iterator begin` (stack_type x) const
- `const_iterator end` (stack_type) const noexcept
- `const_iterator cbegin` (stack_type x) const
- `const_iterator cend` (stack_type) const noexcept
- stack_type `end` () const noexcept
- stack_type `new_stack` () noexcept
- T & `value` (stack_type x)
- const T & `value` (stack_type x) const
- stack_type & `next` (stack_type x)
- const stack_type & `next` (stack_type x) const
- void `reserve` (size_type n)
- size_type `capacity` () const noexcept
- size_type `psize` () const noexcept
- bool `empty` (stack_type x) const noexcept
- stack_type `push` (const T &val, stack_type head)
- stack_type `push` (T &&val, stack_type head)
- stack_type `pop` (stack_type x)
- stack_type `free_stack` (stack_type x)
- size_type `ssize` (stack_type x) const
- value_type & `reach` (stack_type x, stack_type m)
- const value_type & `reach` (stack_type x, stack_type m) const
- void `print_stack` (stack_type x) const

5.5.1 Detailed Description

```
template<typename T, typename N = std::size_t>
class stack_pool< T, N >
```

Class `stack_pool`: pool of stacks, data structures compliant with the LastInFirstOut rule.

A stack of nodes is a data structure implementing the LastInFirstOut rule, stating that the last added element (node) will also be the first one removed. The only allowed insertions/removals occur in fact in the front of the stack, and are implemented through the `push()` and `pop()` methods.

The proposed implementation employs an `std::vector` as support of the pool, exploiting its indexing to provide a simple yet effective identification method for nodes and stacks: each node will be identified by its index on the vector + 1, each stack by its first node's index, referred to as head.

The nodes themselves are objects of type `node`: nested in the `stack_pool` it's in fact implemented the class representing the concept of node, `node_t`, a simple structure carrying a value and the index of the next node. The nested implementation of the class `node_t` was the most sensible choice due to its templates being the same of `stack_pool`, along with its reduced size and close connection with the latter.

Going back to templates, `stack_pool` has two templates, allowing the user to choose the desired type for both the values carried by the nodes and their indexes.

Also, the aim is building a blazingly fast data structure and to this end the implementations tries to mitigate two common bottlenecks caused by the slow, slow memory: the allocation of the elements one by one and the distance between them. The first issue is mitigated by the employment of methods allowing to reserve a certain memory region upfront, the second by the very use of `std::vector<node_t>`, allowing to keep the nodes organized and close to each other.

But why, as I spoiled before, the nodes are indexes as their real index on the node + 1? The answer is simple:

convenience. This indexing system in fact allows to use index 0 (not a real index in the vector, would be -1) as proxy for the end of the stack: if the next index is 0 the current node is the last one, if the head is 0 the stack is empty. How does the implementation deal with stacks resizing? When the size increases, hence when nodes are added, the `std::vector` takes care of the possible need to increase its capacity; when the size decreases, so when nodes are removed, the `std::vector` slots previously owned by the shrunk stack are not left unused: they are added to a stack of free nodes (free indexes) which will to be occupied by the next newly added nodes. Free nodes have the priority over never used `std::vector` slots, which will begin to be filled only when no more free nodes result available.

Templates guidelines: the class has been designed with `N` being an unsigned integral type in mind, since indicating indexes this makes the most sense (there is no type check: be kind to yourself, don't use clearly unsuitable types!).

Notice: the choice of different types will impact the class in the following ways:

- small types: better performances; many methods are implemented by passing arguments by value, which is cheaper then passing references if the ints are small.
- large types: larger pool, since the correct implementation of the pool is possible as long as there are enough indexes to represent the nodes

Template Parameters

<code>T</code>	type of the values carried by each node
<code>N</code>	stack/index type

5.5.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

5.5.2.1 `stack_pool()` [1/2]

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
stack_pool< T, N >::stack_pool ( ) [inline], [noexcept]
```

Default constructor, sets `free_nodes` as empty.

5.5.2.2 `stack_pool()` [2/2]

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
stack_pool< T, N >::stack_pool (
    size_type n ) [inline], [explicit]
```

Custom constructor, reserves `n` nodes in the pool, sets `free_nodes` as empty. Notice, the nodes are reserved but not constructed. Reserving nodes allows to avoid reallocation each time the capacity of the vector is reached.

`std::vector<T>::reserve(...)` throws in case insufficient memory is available

Parameters

<code>n</code>	number of nodes to reserve
----------------	----------------------------

5.5.3 Member Function Documentation

5.5.3.1 `begin()` [1/2]

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
iterator stack_pool< T, N >::begin (
    stack_type x ) [inline]
```

Function providing the iterator to the first element of the stack. Easy way to obtain the iterator to the first element, without the need of coding its instantiation.

Keyword `this` is used to point at the object, in order to maintain the connection between the pool and the iterator. Throws through the constructor of `_stack_iterator<>` if the given index is larger than `psize()`, hence not a plausible index for any stack

Parameters

<code>x</code>	head of the stack
----------------	-------------------

Returns

iterator to the first element

5.5.3.2 `begin()` [2/2]

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
const_iterator stack_pool< T, N >::begin (
    stack_type x ) const [inline]
```

Overloaded `begin` function providing a `const` iterator to the first element of the stack. Easy way to obtain the iterator to the first element, without the need of coding its instantiation.

Keyword `this` is used to point at the object, in order to maintain the connection between the pool and the iterator. Throws through the constructor of `_stack_iterator<>` if the given index is larger than `psize()`, hence not a plausible index for any stack

Parameters

<code>x</code>	head of the stack
----------------	-------------------

Returns

`const` iterator to the first element

5.5.3.3 capacity()

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
size_type stack_pool< T, N >::capacity ( ) const [inline], [noexcept]
```

Function allowing to assess the current capacity of the pool. It does not throw since `std::vector<T>::capacity()` is no-throw guaranteed.

Returns

the pool capacity

5.5.3.4 cbegin()

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
const_iterator stack_pool< T, N >::cbegin (
    stack_type x ) const [inline]
```

Constant begin function providing a const iterator to the first element of the stack. Easy way to obtain the iterator to the first element, without the need of coding its instantiation.

Keyword `this` is used to point at the object, in order to maintain the connection between the pool and the iterator. Throws through the constructor of `_stack_iterator<>` if the given index is larger than `psize()`, hence not a plausible index for any stack

Parameters

<code>x</code>	head of the stack
----------------	-------------------

Returns

const iterator to the first element

5.5.3.5 cend()

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
const_iterator stack_pool< T, N >::cend (
    stack_type ) const [inline], [noexcept]
```

Constant end function providing the iterator to the last element of the stack. Since the proxy end of the stack is simply the zero element, the function returns an iterator to `end()`; no parameter is passed since any passed index would remain unused, in this way the warnings are avoided and there's no throwing risk.

Keyword `this` is used to point at the object, in order to maintain the connection between the pool and the iterator.

Returns

const iterator to the proxy last element

5.5.3.6 `empty()`

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
bool stack_pool< T, N >::empty (
    stack_type x ) const [inline], [noexcept]
```

Function allowing to assess whether the given stack is empty or not. In order to check if a stack is empty or not it's enough to check if the head is equal to `end()`

Returns

true if the stack is empty, false if it's not

5.5.3.7 `end()` [1/3]

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
stack_type stack_pool< T, N >::end ( ) const [inline], [noexcept]
```

Function providing the proxy index of the end of the stacks.

Returns

element 0 casted in the correct way to `stack_type`

5.5.3.8 `end()` [2/3]

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
const_iterator stack_pool< T, N >::end (
    stack_type ) const [inline], [noexcept]
```

Overloaded end function providing the iterator to the last element of the stack. Since the proxy end of the stack is simply the zero element, the function returns an iterator to `end()`; no parameter is passed since any passed index would remain unused, in this way the warnings are avoided and there's no throwing risk.

Keyword `this` is used to point at the object, in order to maintain the connection between the pool and the iterator.

Returns

const iterator to the proxy last element

5.5.3.9 `end()` [3/3]

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
iterator stack_pool< T, N >::end (
    stack_type ) [inline], [noexcept]
```

Function providing the iterator to the last element of the stack. Since the proxy end of the stack is simply the zero element, the function returns an iterator to `end()`; no parameter is passed since any passed index would remain unused, in this way the warnings are avoided and there's no throwing risk.

Keyword `this` is used to point at the object, in order to maintain the connection between the pool and the iterator.

Returns

iterator to the proxy last element

5.5.3.10 `free_stack()`

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
stack_type stack_pool< T, N >::free_stack (
    stack_type x ) [inline]
```

Function that deletes an entire stack. The function takes the head of the stack as a parameter and sets the stack to `end()`. **Be careful**, if an index different from a head is supplied to the function the portion of stack up to the pointed node will be deleted!

The removed stack is added to `free_nodes`.

- If `free_nodes` is empty, the function simply works by assigning it to head before setting the latter to `end()`
- If `free_nodes` is not empty, the auxiliary function `_last_jump()` is called, returning the next element of the last node and assigning it to head, before setting the latter to `end()`; the choice of reaching the end of `free_nodes` instead of the one of the given stack and do the opposite procedure is due to the fact that `free_nodes` is bound to shrink, while stacks to increase, so in the majority of the cases `free_nodes` should be shorter than the stacks, which is relevant since we have to travel up to its last node. See `supplementary_materials`

The function throws if `x` is larger than `psize()` since assigning to free nodes an index not pointing to nodes would not makes sense and would cause troubles with `free_nodes`.

Parameters

<i>head</i>	of the stack, index of the stack to remove
-------------	--

Returns

the new head of the freed stack, always `end()`

5.5.3.11 `new_stack()`

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
```



```
stack_type stack_pool< T, N >::new_stack ( ) [inline], [noexcept]
```

Function providing the head of a new empty stack.

Returns

head of the empty new stack which is always `end()`

5.5.3.12 `next()` [1/2]

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
stack_type& stack_pool< T, N >::next (
    stack_type x ) [inline]
```

Function providing access to the node next element at the given index. The function throws if the given index is equal to `end()` or larger than `psize()`, since at these indexes there is no next at all

Parameters

<code>x</code>	index of a node
----------------	-----------------

Returns

reference to the next index of the node identified by `x`

5.5.3.13 `next()` [2/2]

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
const stack_type& stack_pool< T, N >::next (
    stack_type x ) const [inline]
```

Constant function providing access to the node next element at the given index. The function throws if the given index is equal to `end()` or larger than `psize()`, since at these indexes there is no next at all

Parameters

<code>x</code>	index of a node
----------------	-----------------

Returns

constant reference to the next index of the node identified by `x`

5.5.3.14 pop()

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
stack_type stack_pool< T, N >::pop (
    stack_type x ) [inline]
```

Function that deleted the first node of the given stack. The function takes the head of the stack as a parameter and pops the first element. **Be careful**, if an index different from a head is supplied to the function a node imbetween the stack will be deleted!

The removed node is added to free_nodes.

The function works by assigning to free_nodes the original head, to the original head the original next element of the first node, and to the latter the original free_nodes. See [supplementary_materials](#)

Calls the auxiliary function `_new_first` and throws through it.

Parameters

<i>head</i>	of the stack, index of the node to be removed
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Returns

the new head of the stack after removing the first node

5.5.3.15 print_stack()

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
void stack_pool< T, N >::print_stack (
    stack_type x ) const [inline]
```

Constant function printing the value of each node in the stack. **Be careful**, if an intermediate index is passed instead of The function throws through `next()`: if `x` is larger than `psize()` the operator++ of the iterator calls `next()` which fails if there is no next element.

Parameters

<i>x</i>	stack index
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5.5.3.16 psize()

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
size_type stack_pool< T, N >::psize ( ) const [inline], [noexcept]
```

Function allowing to assess the current size of the pool. Notice that the size of the pool is the sum of the nodes in the stacks and in free_nodes.

It does not throw since `std::vector<T>::size()` is no-throw guaranteed.

Returns

the pool capacity

5.5.3.17 `push()` [1/2]

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
stack_type stack_pool< T, N >::push (
    const T & val,
    stack_type head ) [inline]
```

Function taking l-value references able to add a node to the stack. Calls the auxiliary function `_push()`, and throws through it.

Parameters

<i>val</i>	constant reference to the value of the new node
<i>head</i>	current head of the stack, will be the next of the new node

Returns

the new head of the stack after adding the new node

5.5.3.18 `push()` [2/2]

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
stack_type stack_pool< T, N >::push (
    T && val,
    stack_type head ) [inline]
```

Function taking r-value references able to add a node to the stack. Calls the auxiliary function `_push()`, and throws through it.

Parameters

<i>val</i>	r-value reference to the value of the new node
<i>head</i>	current head of the stack, will be the next of the new node

Returns

the new head of the stack after adding the new node

5.5.3.19 reach() [1/2]

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
value_type& stack_pool< T, N >::reach (
    stack_type x,
    stack_type m ) [inline]
```

Function allowing to reach the value of the **nth** node in the stack. The function allows to access the value of the **nth** node in the stack, where the first node: **m=1** and the last node: **m=ssize(x)**

The type of **m** is **stack_type** to be coherent with the order of magnitude of the stack size.

Be careful, if an intermediate index is passed instead of a head the function considers **m=1** the node at the current index.

- Throws through **next()** or **value()** if **x** is equal to **end()** or larger than **psize()**
- Throws if the passed **m** is larger than **ssize()** since this would lead to the previous exception If **m** is equal to **end()** hence 0 in **stack_type** type, the function returns the value of the first node

Parameters

x	stack index
m	the hierarchical number of a node, going from the first (1) to the last (ssize(x))

Returns

reference to the value of the reached node

5.5.3.20 reach() [2/2]

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
const value_type& stack_pool< T, N >::reach (
    stack_type x,
    stack_type m ) const [inline]
```

Constant function allowing to reach the value of the **nth** node in the stack. The function allows to access the value of the **nth** node in the stack, where the first node: **m=1** and the last node: **m=ssize(x)**

The type of **m** is **stack_type** to be coherent with the order of magnitude of the stack size.

Be careful, if an intermediate index is passed instead of a head the function considers **m=1** the node at the current index.

- Throws through **next()** or **value()** if **x** is equal to **end()** or larger than **psize()**
- Throws if the passed **m** is larger than **ssize()** since this would lead to the previous exception If **m** is equal to **end()** hence 0 in **stack_type** type, the function returns the value of the first node

Parameters

x	stack index
m	the hierarchical number of a node, going from the first (1) to the last (ssize(x))

Returns

const reference to the value of the reached node

5.5.3.21 `reserve()`

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
void stack_pool< T, N >::reserve (
    size_type n ) [inline]
```

Function allowing to reserve `n` nodes in an already present pool. It behaves as `std::vector<T>::reserve(...)`, requesting that the vectory capacity should be at least equal to `n`. `std::vector<T>::reserve(...)` throws in case insufficient memory is available

Parameters

<code>n</code>	number of required nodes
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5.5.3.22 `ssize()`

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
size_type stack_pool< T, N >::ssize (
    stack_type x ) const [inline]
```

Function allowing to assess the size of the given stack. **Be careful**, if an intermediate index is passed instead of a head the function only provides a partial size, not the entire size of the stack.

The function throws through `next()`: if `x` is larger than `psize()` the operator++ of the iterator calls `next()` which fails if there is no next element.

If `x` is equal to `end()` the function returns size zero

Parameters

<code>x</code>	stack index
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Returns

the size of the stack

5.5.3.23 `value()` [1/2]

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
T& stack_pool< T, N >::value (
    stack_type x ) [inline]
```

Function providing access to the node value at the given index. The function throws if the given index is equal to `end()` or larger than `psize()`, since at these indexes there is no value at all

Parameters

<code>x</code>	index of a node
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Returns

reference to the value of the node identified by `x`

5.5.3.24 value() [2/2]

```
template<typename T , typename N = std::size_t>
const T& stack_pool< T, N >::value (
    stack_type x ) const [inline]
```

Constant function providing access to the node value at the given index. The function throws if the given index is equal to `end()` or larger than `psize()`, since at these indexes there is no value at all

Parameters

<code>x</code>	index of a node
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Returns

constant reference to the value of the node identified by `x`

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [stack_pool.hpp](#)

Chapter 6

File Documentation

6.1 `stack_iterator.hpp` File Reference

Header file: implementation of class `_stack_iterator`, the iterator for the class `stack_pool`.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <utility>
#include <iterator>
#include "ap_error.hpp"
```

Classes

- class `_stack_iterator< T, N, S_P >`

6.1.1 Detailed Description

Header file: implementation of class `_stack_iterator`, the iterator for the class `stack_pool`.

6.2 `stack_pool.hpp` File Reference

Header file: implementation of class `stack_pool`, our pool of blazingly fast stacks.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <utility>
#include <iterator>
#include <vector>
#include "stack_iterator.hpp"
#include "ap_error.hpp"
```

Classes

- class `stack_pool< T, N >`

6.2.1 Detailed Description

Header file: implementation of class `stack_pool`, our pool of blazingly fast stacks.

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