Transform Iterator

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abstract: The transform iterator adapts an iterator by modifying the `operator*` to apply a function object to the result of dereferencing the iterator and returning the result.

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`transform_iterator` synopsis

```
template <class UnaryFunction,
          class Iterator,
          class Reference = use_default,
          class Value = use_default>
class transform_iterator
{
public:
  typedef /* see below */ value_type;
  typedef /* see below */ reference;
  typedef /* see below */ pointer;
  typedef iterator_traits<Iterator>::difference_type difference_type;
  typedef /* see below */ iterator_category;

  transform_iterator();
  transform_iterator(Iterator const& x, UnaryFunction f);

  template<class F2, class I2, class R2, class V2>
  transform_iterator(
        transform_iterator<F2, I2, R2, V2> const& t
```

```
        , typename enable_if_convertible<I2, Iterator>::type* = 0      // exposition only
        , typename enable_if_convertible<F2, UnaryFunction>::type* = 0 // exposition only
    );
    UnaryFunction functor() const;
    Iterator const& base() const;
    reference operator*() const;
    transform_iterator& operator++();
    transform_iterator& operator--();
  private:
    Iterator m_iterator; // exposition only
    UnaryFunction m_f;   // exposition only
  };
```

If Reference is use_default then the reference member of transform_iterator is result_of<UnaryFunction(ite
Otherwise, reference is Reference.

If Value is use_default then the value_type member is remove_cv<remove_reference<reference> >::type. Otherwise, value_type is Value.

If Iterator models Readable Lvalue Iterator and if Iterator models Random Access Traversal Iterator, then iterator_category is convertible to random_access_iterator_tag. Otherwise, if Iterator models Bidirectional Traversal Iterator, then iterator_category is convertible to bidirectional_iterator_t
Otherwise iterator_category is convertible to forward_iterator_tag. If Iterator does not model Readable Lvalue Iterator then iterator_category is convertible to input_iterator_tag.

transform_iterator requirements

The type UnaryFunction must be Assignable, Copy Constructible, and the expression f(*i) must be valid where f is an object of type UnaryFunction, i is an object of type Iterator, and where the type of f(*i) must be result_of<UnaryFunction(iterator_traits<Iterator>::reference)>::type.

The argument Iterator shall model Readable Iterator.

transform_iterator models

The resulting transform_iterator models the most refined of the following that is also modeled by Iterator.

- Writable Lvalue Iterator if transform_iterator::reference is a non-const reference.
- Readable Lvalue Iterator if transform_iterator::reference is a const reference.
- Readable Iterator otherwise.

The transform_iterator models the most refined standard traversal concept that is modeled by the Iterator argument.

If transform_iterator is a model of Readable Lvalue Iterator then it models the following original iterator concepts depending on what the Iterator argument models.

If Iterator models	**then transform_iterator models**
Single Pass Iterator	Input Iterator
Forward Traversal Iterator	Forward Iterator
Bidirectional Traversal Iterator	Bidirectional Iterator
Random Access Traversal Iterator	Random Access Iterator

If `transform_iterator` models Writable Lvalue Iterator then it is a mutable iterator (as defined in the old iterator requirements).

`transform_iterator<F1, X, R1, V1>` is interoperable with `transform_iterator<F2, Y, R2, V2>` if and only if `X` is interoperable with `Y`.

`transform_iterator` operations

In addition to the operations required by the concepts modeled by `transform_iterator`, `transform_iterator` provides the following operations.

```
transform_iterator();
```

Returns: An instance of `transform_iterator` with `m_f` and `m_iterator` default constructed.

```
transform_iterator(Iterator const& x, UnaryFunction f);
```

Returns: An instance of `transform_iterator` with `m_f` initialized to `f` and `m_iterator` initialized to `x`.

```
template<class F2, class I2, class R2, class V2>
transform_iterator(
      transform_iterator<F2, I2, R2, V2> const& t
    , typename enable_if_convertible<I2, Iterator>::type* = 0      // exposition only
    , typename enable_if_convertible<F2, UnaryFunction>::type* = 0 // exposition only
);
```

Returns: An instance of `transform_iterator` with `m_f` initialized to `t.functor()` and `m_iterator` initialized to `t.base()`.

Requires: `OtherIterator` is implicitly convertible to `Iterator`.

```
UnaryFunction functor() const;
```

Returns: `m_f`

```
Iterator const& base() const;
```

Returns: `m_iterator`

```
reference operator*() const;
```

Returns: `m_f(*m_iterator)`

```
transform_iterator& operator++();
```

Effects: `++m_iterator`

Returns: `*this`

```
transform_iterator& operator--();
```

Effects: `--m_iterator`

Returns: `*this`

```
template <class UnaryFunction, class Iterator>
transform_iterator<UnaryFunction, Iterator>
make_transform_iterator(Iterator it, UnaryFunction fun);
```

Returns: An instance of `transform_iterator<UnaryFunction, Iterator>` with `m_f` initialized to `f` and `m_iterator` initialized to `x`.

```
template <class UnaryFunction, class Iterator>
transform_iterator<UnaryFunction, Iterator>
make_transform_iterator(Iterator it);
```

Returns: An instance of `transform_iterator<UnaryFunction, Iterator>` with `m_f` default constructed and `m_iterator` initialized to `x`.

Example

This is a simple example of using the transform_iterators class to generate iterators that multiply (or add to) the value returned by dereferencing the iterator. It would be cooler to use lambda library in this example.

```
int x[] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 };
const int N = sizeof(x)/sizeof(int);

typedef boost::binder1st< std::multiplies<int> > Function;
typedef boost::transform_iterator<Function, int*> doubling_iterator;

doubling_iterator i(x, boost::bind1st(std::multiplies<int>(), 2)),
  i_end(x + N, boost::bind1st(std::multiplies<int>(), 2));

std::cout << "multiplying the array by 2:" << std::endl;
while (i != i_end)
  std::cout << *i++ << " ";
std::cout << std::endl;

std::cout << "adding 4 to each element in the array:" << std::endl;
std::copy(boost::make_transform_iterator(x, boost::bind1st(std::plus<int>(), 4)),
          boost::make_transform_iterator(x + N, boost::bind1st(std::plus<int>(), 4)),
          std::ostream_iterator<int>(std::cout, " "));
std::cout << std::endl;
```

The output is:

```
multiplying the array by 2:
2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16
adding 4 to each element in the array:
5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
```

The source code for this example can be found here.