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Missing (and Future?) C++ Range Concepts

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About think-cell

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- think-cell is the gold standard for creating professional PowerPoint presentations.
- Founded in 2002, we now have 1,200,000+ users at over 30,000 companies.
- Our software is built entirely in C++ and fully integrated into Microsoft Office.
- We are a member of Standard C++ Foundation, run the Berlin C++ Meetup and talk at conferences.
- We are driven by excellence, setting ambitious goals and fostering the growth of exceptional talent.

think-cell standard library

think-cell standard library: **Heavily** built around ranges.

- Predates `std::ranges` and `range-v3`
- Like `range-v3` evolution from Boost.Ranges
- Like `flux`, implemented in terms of cursors
- Unlike `flux`, cursors are an implementation detail

Partially public: github.com/think-cell/think-cell-library

See also: C++Now 2023: The New C++ Library: Strong Library Foundation for Future Projects

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Disclaimer: No promise that any of this actually makes it into the standard library!

Structure of this talk

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Problem #1 Optimizations for better performance
Problem #2 Metaprogramming for compile-time magic
Bonus Unresolved standardese lawyering

Conventions

Existing ranges and views:

```
namespace stdv = std::views;
namespace stdr = std::ranges;
```

Potentially future ranges and views:

```
namespace std2v;
namespace std2r;
```

Problem #1

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```
std::string read_file_normalized(std::string_view path) {
    return read_file(path)
        | stdv::transform([](char c) {
            if (c == '\t')
                return std::string(4, ' ');
            else
                return std::string(1, c);
        })
        | stdv::join
        | stdr::to<std::string>();
}
```

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class read_file_iterator {
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public:
    char operator*() const { return *_buffer_cur; }

    read_file_iterator& operator++() {
        if (++_buffer_cur == _buffer_end)
            read_more();
        return *this;
    }
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std::string result;
// reserve is not possible
stdr::copy(rng, std::back_inserter(result));
```

Our range is not sized

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```
return read_file(path)                            // sized input range
     | stdv::transform([](char c) { … }) // sized input range (of sized ranges)
     | stdv::join                                 // not sized!
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But not `stdv::join`!

std2r::approximately_sized_view

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```
template <stdr::input_range V>
class std2r::approximately_sized_view
{
    V _base;
    std::size_t _approximate_size;

public:
    explicit approximately_sized_view(std::size_t approximate_size, V base)
    : _base(std::move(base)), _approximate_size(approximate_size) {}

    std::size_t reserve_hint() const { return _approximate_size; }

    …
};
```

Using `std2r::approximately_sized_view`


```
auto rng = read_file(path)
    | stdv::transform([](char c) { … });

return std2v::approximately_sized(stdr::size(rng),
        std::move(rng) | stdv::join
    ) | stdr::to<std::string>();
```

Using `std2r::approximately_sized_view`

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```
return read_file(path)
    | stdv::transform([](char c) { … })
    | std2v::approximately_unchanged_size(stdv::join)
    | stdr::to<std::string>();
```

Implementing `std2v::approximately_unchanged_size`

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```
template <typename C> // models RangeAdaptorClosureObject
struct approximately_unchanged_size
: stdr::range_apaptor_closure<approximately_unchanged_size_closure<C> {
    C closure;

    explicit approximately_unchanged_size(C closure)
    : closure(std::move(closure)) {}

    template <stdr::approximately_sized_range R>
    auto operator()(R&& r) const {
        return std2r::approximately_sized_view(
            stdr::reserve_hint(r), std::forward<R>(r) | closure
        );
    }
};
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while (true) {
    std::span<const char> buffer = read_more();
    if (buffer.empty()) break;

    for (char c : buffer) { // ^^^ read_file
        for (char translated : fn(c)) { // transform | join
            …
        }
    }
}
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auto& join_iterator::operator++() {
    if (++_inner == stdr::end(*_outer)) {
        do { ++_outer; } while (stdr::empty(*_outer));
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- `stdv::transform(f) | stdv::filter(p)`: logically one loop with `if`

Why state machines?

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```
auto rng = …;

auto it = stdr::begin(rng);
use(*it);
++it; // skip
use(*it);
use_again(*it);
++it; // skip
++it; // skip
use(*it);
// stop at this point
```

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```
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Every time a range-based `for` loop is used:

1. The range is represented by a (complex) state machine.
2. The state machine is repeatedly advanced until completion.

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Goal: Direct customization of the entire loop.

- Language proposal: P2881 (rejected)
- Reflection token injection: https://brevzin.github.io/c++/2025/04/03/token-sequence-for/

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Default implementation:

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bool for_each_while(Rng&& rng, Sink s) {
    for (auto&& x : rng) {
        if (!s(x)) return false;
    }
    return true;
}
```

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bool for_each_while(transform_view& rng, auto s) {
    return std2r::for_each_while(rng._base, [s](auto&& x) {
        return s(rng._fn(x));
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        return std2r::for_each_while(x, s);
    });
}
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    while (true) {
        std::span<const char> buffer = read_more();
        if (buffer.empty()) break;

        if (!std2r::for_each_while(buffer, s)) return false;
    }
    return true;
}
```

Use `for_each_while` in the algorithm implementations

Loops:

- `stdr::for_each`
- `stdr::copy`, `std::move`, `stdr::to`
- `stdr::transform`
- `stdr::min`, `stdr::max`
- `stdr::count`

Short-circuiting loops:

- `stdr::all_of`, `stdr::any_of`, `stdr::none_of`
- `stdr::equal`
- `stdr::contains`

Range code with for_each_while

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This is the imperative code!

Why not coroutines?

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`std::generator`: Write loop with `co_yield`.

```
std::generator<char> read_file_normalized(std::string_view path) {
    …
    while (true) {
        std::span<const char> buffer = read_more();
        if (buffer.empty()) break;

        for (char c : buffer) {
            for (char translated : fn(c))
                co_yield translated;
        }
    }
}
```

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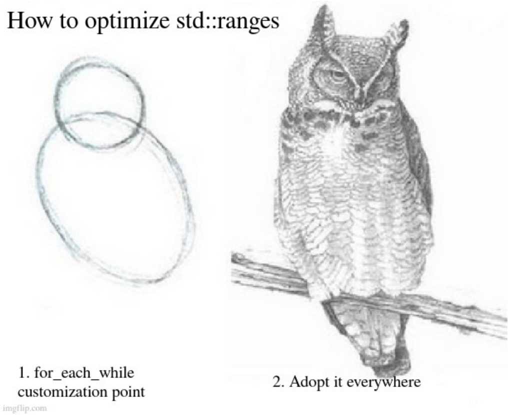
Natural syntax, bad performance:

`for_each_while` is to `co_yield` what senders/receivers is to `co_await`.

The rest of the owl



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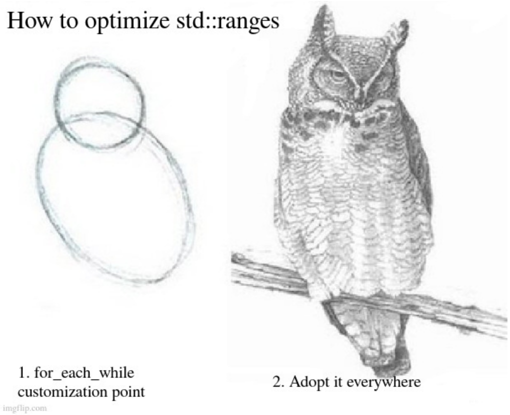

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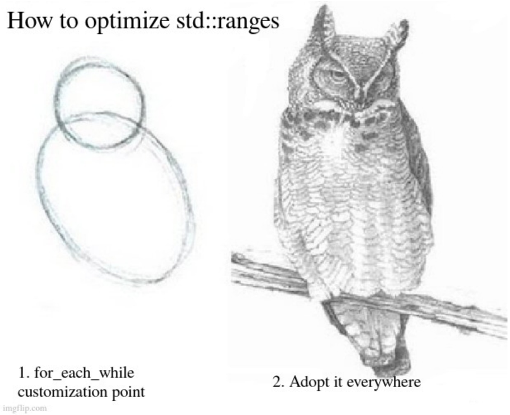

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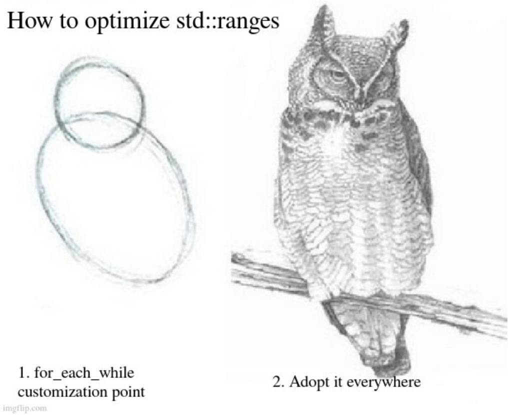

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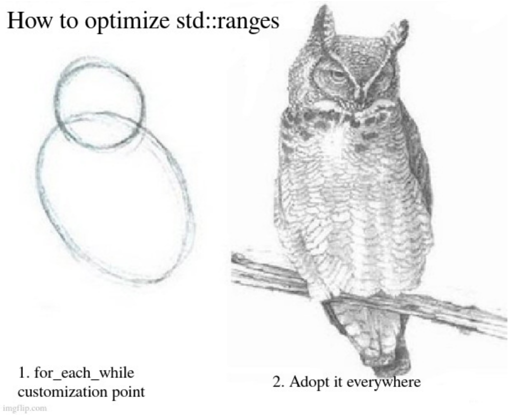

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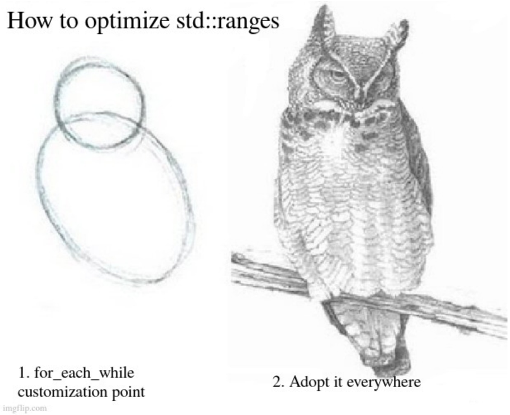

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    return true;
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Optimization: Skip short-circuit

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```
template <std::input_range Rng, typename Sink>
auto for_each_while(Rng&& rng, Sink s)
    -> compute-return-type
{
    for (auto&& x : rng) {
        if constexpr (std::same_as<decltype(s(x)), void>
            || std::same_as<decltype(s(x)), std::true_type>
        ) {
            s(x);
        } else {
            if (!s(x)) return false;
        }
    }
    return std::true_type{};
}
```

Wishlist: Control flow operator

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    -> compute-return-type
{
    for (auto&& x : rng) {
        s(x)??;
    }
    return std::true_type{};
}
```

Chunked ranges

Implementing `stdr::to<std::string>`

`rng | stdr::to<std::string>`:

```
std::string result;
if constexpr (stdr::approximately_sized_range<decltype(rng)>)
    result.reserve(stdr::reserve_hint(rng));
else if constexpr (stdr::forward_range<decltype(rng)>)
    result.reserve(stdr::distance(rng));
else
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```

`contiguous_range | stdr::to<std::string>`:

```
std::string result;
result.append(stdr::distance(rng), stdr::data(rng));
```

Contiguous and ranges with contiguous chunks

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Contiguous ranges:

- `std::vector<T>`
- `std::array<T, N>`
- `std::string`
- `std::span<T>`

Ranges with contiguous chunks:

- `std::deque<T>`
- `stdv::concat(vec1, vec2)`
- `range_of_spans | stdv::join`
- `read_file(path)`

Natural chunking

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Some ranges have natural segmentation into chunks.

How to express this chunking?

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```
bool for_each_while(join_view& rng, auto s) {
    return std2r::for_each_while(rng._base, [s](auto&& x) {
        return std2r::for_each_while(x, s);
    });
}
```

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}
```

```
bool for_each_while(read_file_view& rng, auto s) {
    while (true) {
        std::span<const char> buffer = read_more();
        if (buffer.empty()) break;

        if (!std2r::for_each_while(buffer, s)) return false;
    }
    return true;
}
```

Changing `stdr::for_each_while`

`stdr::for_each_while(rng, s)` is expression-equivalent to:

1. `s.chunk(rng)` if that is well-formed, otherwise
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Crucially: Sink gets to customize first, before the range!

Implementing a sink for string appending

```
struct string_appender_sink {
    std::string& _result;

    bool operator()(char c) const {
        _result.push_back(c);
        return true;
    }

    bool chunk(std::contiguous_range auto&& chunk) const {
        _result.append(
            stdr::distance(chunk),
            stdr::data(chunk)
        );
        return true;
    }
};
```

Implementing `stdr::to<std::string>` more efficiently

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else
    /* reserve is not possible */;

stdr::for_each_while(rng, string_appender_sink{result});
```

Using the optimized `stdr::to<std::string>`

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```
stdr::for_each_while(
    range_of_spans | stdv::join,
    string_appender_sink{result}
);
```

After inlining:

```
return std2r::for_each_while(rng._base, [s](std::span<const char> x) {
    return std2r::for_each_while(x, s);
});
```

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```

Sinks instead of output iterators?

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- Clunky overloads of `operator++`, `operator*`
- No ability to receive chunks

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The standard library should support the output iterator interface only for backwards compatibility and also allow sinks.

```
std2r::copy(rng, std2r::append_to(container));
```

Pipelines should express chunking

```
std::string read_file_normalized(std::string_view path) {
    return read_file(path) // big contiguous chunks
        | stdv::transform([](char c) {
            if (c == '\t')
                return std::string(4, ' ');
            else
                return std::string(1, c);
        }) // not contiguous
        | stdv::join // tiny contiguous chunks
        | stdr::to<std::string>();
}
```

Pipelines should express chunking

```cpp
std::string read_file_normalized(std::string_view path) {
    return read_file(path)          // big contiguous chunks
        | stdv::split("\t"sv)       // not contiguous
        | stdv::join_with("    "sv) // big contiguous chunks
        | stdr::to<std::string>();
}
```

Chunked join_with implementation

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```
bool for_each_while(join_with_view& rng, auto s) {
    auto first = true;
    return std2r::for_each_while(rng._base, [s](auto&& x) {
        if (first)
            first = false;
        else
            if (!std2r::for_each_while(rng._separator, s)) return false;

        return std2r::for_each_while(x, s);
    });
}
```

Except it doesn’t work

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However: We are fine with treating each contiguous chunk separately.

Pipelines should express chunking completely

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```
// Returns a range of `std::span<const char>`.
std::input_range auto read_file_buffers(std::string_view path);

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```
std::string read_file_normalized(std::string_view path) {
    return read_file_buffers(path)
        | stdv::transform([](std::span<const char> chunk) {
            return chunk | stdv::split("\t"sv) | stdv::join_with("    "sv);
        });
        | stdv::join | stdr::to<std::string>();
}
```

A generator implementation of `read_file_buffers`

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```
class read_file_buffers_generator {
    read_file_range _base;

    template <typename Sink>
    struct sink_adaptor {
        Sink s;

        bool chunk(std::span<const char> chunk) const {
            return s(chunk);
        }
    };

    friend bool for_each_while(read_file_buffers_generator& gen, auto s) {
        return stdr::for_each_while(gen._base, sink_adaptor{s});
    }
};
```

Problem #2

Generating SQL statements at compile-time

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Problem: Describe SQL schema in a compile-time DSL and generate SQL statements.

```
using People = Table<
    "people"_tc,
    Column<"id"_tc, "INTEGER PRIMARY KEY"_tc>,
    Column<"name"_tc, "TEXT NOT NULL"_tc>
>;
```

```
constexpr std::string_view stmt = People::Create();
static_assert(stmt
  == "CREATE TABLE people(id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY, name TEXT NOT NULL)"
);
```

Compile-time vs. “compile-time”

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Solution: Embed the relevant information in the type of the argument.

Convention: "early compile-time" vs "late compile-time".

Size of string literal ranges

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Solution: Wrap string literals in a custom type.

_tc string literals

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```
template <typename T, T ... Ts>
struct literal_range {
    static consteval const T* begin();
    static consteval const T* end();
};
```

```
template <string_template_param String>
consteval auto operator""_tc /* _tc == think-cell */ () {
    auto [...Is] = std::make_index_sequence<String.size()>{};
    return literal_range<typename decltype(String)::char_type, String[Is]...>{};
}
```

- `stdr::size("abc"_tc)` is 3
- Size of `literal_range` parameter is a compile-time expression

Compile-time sized ranges

Concatenating fixed strings

```
template <auto type, auto name>
struct Object {
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        return "CREATE " + type + " " + name; // pseudo code
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Wishlist: Just use range algorithms.

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        | std2r::to<std::array>();
    return result;
}
```

std2r::to<std::array>() needs the size early

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```
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… or does it?

P2280: Using unknown references in constant expressions

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```
template <typename T, T ... Ts>
constexpr std::size_t literal_range<T, Ts...>::size() const {
    return sizeof...(Ts);
}

template <typename ... Rng>
constexpr std::size_t concat_view<Rng...>::size() const {
    auto [...Is] = std::make_index_sequence<sizeof...(Rng)>{};
    return (stdr::size(std::get<Is>(_base)) + ...);
}
```

New concept: Compile-time sized ranges

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```
template <typename T>
concept constexpr_sized_range = stdr::sized_range<T> && requires(T& t) {
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```
template <constexpr_sized_range Rng>
constexpr auto constexpr_size = decltype([](Rng& rng) {
    return std::cw<std::ranges::size(rng)>;
}(std::declval<Rng&>()))::value;
```

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General tool: Constexpr `declval`

Compute a constant expression involving unknown references without providing the references.

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```

```
template <constexpr_sized_range Rng>
constexpr auto constexpr_size = constexpr_declval<stdr::size, Rng>;
```

Aside: Pre-C++23 Compile-time sized ranges

```
template <typename Rng>
constexpr auto constexpr_size = nullptr;

template <typename T, std::size_t N>
constexpr auto constexpr_size<std::array<T, N>> = N;

template <typename Rng>
    requires requires { decltype(std::declval<Rng&>().size())::value; }
constexpr auto constexpr_size<Rng>
    = decltype(std::declval<Rng&>().size())::value;
```

See: Compile-time sizes for range adaptors — www.think-cell.com/en/career/devblog/compile-time-sizes-for-range-adaptors

Implementing `std2r::to<std::array>()`

```
template <template <typename, std::size_t> class Container, typename Rng>
auto to(Rng&& rng) {
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    return result;
}
```

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    auto it = stdr::begin(rng);
    return Container<stdr::range_value_t<Rng>, stdr::size(rng)>{it[Is]...}};
}
```

Concatenating fixed strings

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Heterogeneous generators

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```

```
auto concat_with(auto&& rngSep, auto&& rng0, auto&&... rngs) {
    return stdv::concat(
        rng0, stdv::concat(rngSep, rngs)...
    );
}
```

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template <auto qualifiers, auto type, auto name>
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Concatening fixed strings with separator

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template <auto qualifiers, auto type, auto name>
struct Object {
    static consteval std::string_view Create() {
        static constexpr auto result
          = concat_nonempty_with(" "_tc, "CREATE"_tc, qualifiers, type, name)
          | std2r::to<std::array>();
        return result;
    }
};
```

Concatenating non-empty ranges with separator

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```
auto concat_nonempty_with(auto&& rngSep, auto&&... rngs) {
    return make_range(rngs...)
        | stdv::filter([](auto&& rng) {
            return !stdr::empty(rng);
        })
        | stdv::join_with(rngSep);
}
```

1. Turn the parameter pack into a range.
2. Filter out empty ranges.
3. Join the remaining ranges with the separator.

Concatenating non-empty ranges with separator

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```
auto concat_nonempty_with(auto&& rngSep, auto&&... rngs) {
    return [&](auto&&... non_empty_rngs) {
        return concat_with(rngSep, non_empty_rngs...);
    }(/* filter out empty ranges from rngs */...);
}
```

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Implementing `make_range`

```
template <typename... Rngs>
auto make_range(Rngs&&... rngs) {
    using rng_t = std::common_type_t<stdv::all_t<Rngs>...>;
    return std::array<rng_t, sizeof...(rngs)>{stdv::all(rngs)...};
}
```

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```

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```
std::array<std::span<const char>, 3> result
    = make_range("CREATE"_tc, "TABLE"_tc, "people"_tc);
constexpr auto size = stdr::size(result[0]); // error: not a constant expression
```

Better implementation of `make_range`

```
template <typename ... Rng>
auto make_range(Rng&&... rngs) {
    return std::make_tuple(stdv::all(std::forward<Rng>(rngs))...);
}
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```

But a tuple isn't a range!

Tuple ranges

```
std::tuple<int, float, char> tuple;
auto x = stdr::begin(tuple)[n];
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```
template <typename ... T>
auto std::tuple<T...>::iterator::operator*() const
    -> std::variant<T...>
{
    …
}
```

Overhead.

Tuple ranges

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```

```
template <typename ... T, typename Sink>
bool for_each_while(std::tuple<T...>& tuple, Sink s) {
    auto [...Is] = std::make_index_sequence<sizeof...(T)>{};
    return (s(std::get<Is>(tuple)) && ...);
}
```

No overhead!

Homogeneous ranges vs. Heterogeneous generators

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Homogeneous ranges:

- `stdr::begin`/`stdr::end` (and optionally `for_each_while`)
- One common `stdr::range_value_t` type
- Can use all iterator-based algorithms/views, potentially optimized with `for_each_while`
- Can use range-based for loop

Heterogeneous generators:

- Only `for_each_while`, no `stdr::begin`/`stdr::end`
- Variadic `generator_output_t` type list
- Can only use `for_each_while`-based algorithm/views
- Can only use `for_each_while` with a generic lambda

Every homogeneous range is-a heterogeneous generator, but not vice versa.

Heterogeneous generators

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`std::tuple`:

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```

`std::index_sequence`:

```
std2r::for_each_while(seq, []<std::size_t I>(std::constant_wrapper<I>) {
    // do something with `I`
});
```

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`std::index_sequence`:

```
std2r::for_each_while(seq, []<std::size_t I>(std::constant_wrapper<I>) {
    // do something with `I`
});
```

`boost::mp11::mp_list`:

```
std2r::for_each_while(type_list, []<typename T>(std::type_identity<T>) {
    // do something with `T`
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            } else {
                return true;
            }
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```

Using filtering based on type

```
std::make_tuple(1, 2.0, "hello")
  | std2v::filter([](auto x) {
      return std::is_same_v<decltype(x), int>;
  })
  | stdr::to<std::vector>(); // std::vector<int>
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Tuple Generators

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Pre-C++23:

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            }))
constexpr auto constexpr_size<filter_view<Base, Predicate>>
    = stdr::count_if(std::declval<Base>(), std::declval<Predicate>()); // ???
```

Conditional range

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std::string reverse_words(std::string const& str)
{
    return str // "Hello World!"
      | stdv::chunk_by([](char left, char right) {
            return std::isalpha(left) != std::isalpha(right);
      }) // ["Hello", " ", "World", "!"]
      | stdv::transform([](auto chunk) {
            if (std::isalpha(chunk.front()))
                return chunk | stdv::reverse;
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                return chunk;
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static_assert(stdr::size(gen1) == 3);

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static_assert(stdr::size(gen2) == 3);
```

```
auto conditional = std2v::conditional_range(getchar() % 2 == 0, gen1, gen2);
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auto filtered = conditional
    | std2v::filter([](auto x) { return std::is_same_v<decltype(x), int>; });
static_assert(stdr::size(filtered) == ???); // error: not a constant expression
```

Sized filter view

`stdv::filter(rng, p)` has a compile-time size if:

1. `rng` has a compile-time size
2. `p` depends only on the type of the elements in `rng`
3. We can get the type of each element at compile-time.

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Most views of tuple-like generators can themselves become tuple-like generators.

Generators, tuple generators, and ranges

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Generators:

```
std2r::for_each_while(gen, [](auto&& x) {
    …
});
```

Tuple generators:

```
template for (auto&& x : gen) {
    …
}
```

Ranges:

```
for (auto&& x : rng) {
    …
}
```

Sized filter view

```
template <typename Base, typename Predicate>
std::size_t filter_view<Base, Predicate>::size() const
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            []<typename T>(std::type_identity<T>) {
                return requires(Predicate p, T t) { std::cw<p(t)>; };
            }))
{
    return constexpr_declval<[](Base b, Predicate p) {
        return std2r::count_if(std::make_index_sequence<stdr::size(b)>{},
          [&]<std::size_t I>(std::constant_wrapper<I>) {
              return p(std2r::get<I>(b));
          }
        );
    }, Base, Predicate>;
}
```

Tuple-like filter view

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```
template <std::size_t I, typename Base, typename Predicate>
decltype(auto) get(filter_view<Base, Predicate>& rng) {
    constexpr auto base_i
        = /* index accounting for skipped elements */;
    return std2r::get<base_i>(rng._base);
}
```

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        | stdv::join_with(rngSep);
        // no longer compile-time sized
}
```

Sized `join`

```
template <typename RngRng>
    requires stdr::sized_range<RngRng>
        && all_same_constexpr_size<std2r::generator_output_t<RngRng>>
std::size_t join_view<RngRng>::size() const
{
    auto common_constexpr_size = …;
    return stdr::size(_base) * common_constexpr_size;
}
```

Sized join

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    requires stdr::sized_range<RngRng>
      && (std2r::tuple_generator<RngRng>
          || all_same_constexpr_size<std2r::generator_output_t<RngRng>>)
std::size_t join_view<RngRng>::size() const
{
    if constexpr (std2r::tuple_generator<RngRng>) {
        auto [...Is] = std::make_index_sequence<stdr::size(_base)>{};
        return (stdr::size(std2r::get<Is>(_base)) + ...);
    } else {
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        return stdr::size(_base) * common_constexpr_size;
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join vs. concat

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```
template <typename ... Rng>
std::size_t concat_view<Rng...>::size() const {
    auto [...Is] = std::make_index_sequence<sizeof...(Rng)>{};
    return (stdr::size(std::get<Is>(_base)) + ...);
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}
```

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```
template <typename ... Rng>
auto concat(Rng&&... rng) {
    return std2v::join(std::make_tuple(stdv::all(rng)...));
}
```

- tuple-based `join_view` that corresponds to `concat_view`
- range-based `join_view` that corresponds to traditional `join_view`
- generator `join_view` that is shared and just implementes `for_each_while`

Concatenating non-empty ranges with separator

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        return concat_with(rngSep, non_empty_rngs...);
    }(/* filter out empty ranges from rngs */...);
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```

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Make `concat_nonempty_with` work:

```
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+   constexpr auto concat_nonempty_with(RngSep&& rngSep, Rngs&&... rngs) {
```

Bonus

Unbounded `stdv::iota`

```
int fib(int n) { … }

int smallest_fib_above(int x) {
    auto all_fibonacci_numbers =
        stdv::iota(0)           // [0, 1, 2, 3, ...]
        | stdv::transform(fib); // [0, 1, 1, 2, ...]

    return *stdr::find_if(
        all_fibonacci_numbers,
        [x](int f) { return f > x; }
    );
}
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auto s = rng.end();
for (;;)
{
    assert(i != s);
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`decltype(s)` is `std::unreachable_sentinel_t`.

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```
bool operator==(iterator it, sentinel s) {
    return dice_roll() == 6;
}
```

Infinite vs. finite usage

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Infinite usage:

```
for (auto x : input) {
    output(process(x));
}
```

Finite usage:

```
stdv::zip(rng, stdv::iota(0))
```

```
stdr::transform(rng, stdv::iota(0), out, fn);
```

```
return *stdr::find_if(
    all_fibonacci_numbers,
    [x](int f) { return f > x; }
);
```

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std::generator<int> unbounded_range() {
    for (auto i = 0; true; ++i) {
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`ptrdiff_t` on 32 bit system:

```
std::span<unsigned char> memory = allocate_virtual_memory(3 * 1024 * 1024 * 1024)
memory.end() - memory.begin();
```

What about cyclic ranges?

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```
void foo(stdr::iota_view<unsigned> rng, stdr::iota_view<unsigned>::iterator it) {
    assert(*rng.begin() == 0);
    assert(*it == 4);
    std::print("{}\n", it - rng.begin());
}
```

What is the difference?

- `4`?
- `UINT_MAX + 4`?
- `10 * UINT_MAX + 4`?

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Can be somewhat emulated using a range of `std::meta::info`.

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