

## Fixing stream and streambuf iterators

### ***Motivation***

The classes `istream_iterator`, `ostream_iterator`, `istreambuf_iterator`, and `ostreambuf_iterator` are broken in many minor ways. Some of the problems are as follows.

- Descriptions refer to the nonexistent class `ios_traits`, rather than “to `char_traits`.
- Several function templates are declared to have default template “arguments.
- `istreambuf_iterator` takes its distance type as a template parameter, “rather than picking it up from `char_traits`.
- Comparison functions take their arguments as non-const references “rather than as const references.
- The header synopsis in clause 24.2 doesn’t say that these classes are “derived from the class iterator.
- The header synopsis refers to the function `iterator_category`, which “was removed by the `iterator_traits` proposal.

In all cases, the intent is clear; the text simply doesn’t say what it “should. Many of these changes are arguably editorial.

### ***Working paper changes***

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-- strike the text
template <class T, class charT, class traits = ios_traits<charT>,
         class Distance = ptrdiff_t>
class istream_iterator
from clause 24.5.1, replacing it with
template <class T, class charT, class traits = char_traits<charT>,
         class Distance = ptrdiff_t>
class istream_iterator

-- strike the text
template <class T, class Distance>
bool operator==(const istream_iterator<T, Distance>&,
                  const istream_iterator<T, Distance>&);
from clause 24.5.1, replacing it with
template <class T, class charT, class traits, class Distance>
bool operator==(const istream_iterator<T, charT, traits, Distance>&,
                  const istream_iterator<T, charT, traits, Distance>&);

-- strike the text
template <class T, class charT, class traits = ios_traits<charT>,
         class Distance = ptrdiff_t>
class istream_iterator;
from clause 24.2, replacing it with
template <class T, class charT, class traits = char_traits<charT>,
         class Distance = ptrdiff_t>
class istream_iterator : public iterator<input_iterator_tag, T, Distance>;
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-- strike the text
template <class T, class Distance>
bool operator==(const istream_iterator<T, Distance>&,
                 const istream_iterator<T, Distance>&);
from clause 24.2, replacing it with
template <class T, class charT, class traits, class Distance>
bool operator==(const istream_iterator<T, charT, traits, Distance>&,
                 const istream_iterator<T, charT, traits, Distance>&);

-- strike the text
template<class T, class charT, class traits = ios_traits<charT> >
class ostream_iterator
from clause 24.5.2, replacing it with
template<class T, class charT, class traits = char_traits<charT> >
class ostream_iterator

-- strike the text
template<class T, class charT, class traits = ios_traits<charT> >
class ostream_iterator;
from clause 24.5.2, replacing it with
template<class T, class charT, class traits = char_traits<charT> >
class ostream_iterator : public iterator<output_iterator_tag, void, "void>;

-- strike the text
template <class charT, class traits = ios_traits<charT>, class Distance = ptrdiff_t>
class istreambuf_iterator : public iterator<input_iterator_tag, charT, Distance>
from clause 24.5.3, replacing it with
template <class charT, class traits = char_traits<charT> >
class istreambuf_iterator : public iterator<input_iterator_tag, charT, "typename traits::off_type>

-- strike the text
template <class charT, class traits = ios_traits<charT> > class istreambuf_iterator;
from clause 24.2, replacing it with
template <class charT, class traits = char_traits<charT> >;
class istreambuf_iterator : public iterator<input_iterator_tag, charT, "typename traits::off_type>;

-- strike the text
template<class charT, class traits = ios_traits<charT> >
bool operator==(istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& a,
                 istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& b);
from clause 24.5.3, replacing it with
template<class charT, class traits>
bool operator==(const istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& a,
                 const istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& b);

-- strike the text
template<class charT, class traits = ios_traits<charT> >
bool operator!=(istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& a,
                 istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& b);
from clause 24.5.3, replacing it with
template<class charT, class traits>
bool operator!=(const istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& a,
                 const istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& b);

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-- strike the text
template<class charT, class traits = ios_traits<charT>>
bool operator==(istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& a,
                  istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& b);
from clause 24.5.3.6, replacing it with
template<class charT, class traits>
bool operator==(const istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& a,
                  const istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& b);

-- strike the text
template<class charT, class traits = ios_traits<charT>>
bool operator!=(istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& a,
                  istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& b);
from clause 24.5.3.7, replacing it with
template<class charT, class traits>
bool operator!=(const istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& a,
                  const istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& b);

-- strike the text
template<class charT, class traits = ios_traits<charT>>
bool operator==(istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& a,
                  istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& b);
from clause 24.2, replacing it with
template<class charT, class traits>
bool operator==(const istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& a,
                  const istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& b);

-- strike the text
template<class charT, class traits = ios_traits<charT>>
bool operator!=(istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& a,
                  istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& b);
from clause 24.2, replacing it with
template<class charT, class traits>
bool operator!=(const istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& a,
                  const istreambuf_iterator<charT, traits>& b);

-- strike the text
template <class charT, class traits = ios_char_traits<charT>>
class ostreambuf_iterator : iterator<output_iterator_tag, void, void>"{
in clause 24.5.4, replacing it with
template <class charT, class traits = char_traits<charT>>
class ostreambuf_iterator : iterator<output_iterator_tag, void, void>"{

-- strike the text
template <class charT, class traits = ios_char_traits<charT>>
class ostreambuf_iterator;
from clause 24.2, replacing it with
template <class charT, class traits = char_traits<charT>>
class ostreambuf_iterator : iterator<output_iterator_tag, void,"void>;

-- strike the text
output_iterator iterator_category (const ostreambuf_iterator&);
from clause 24.2.

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-- remove editorial boxes 78 and 79 from clause 24.2.

-- add the sentence

Constructs an end-of-stream iterator if `s.rdbuf()` is null.  
after the second Effects paragraph in clause 24.5.3.2.

-- insert the text

Requires: `s` is not null

Before the Returns section for `ostreambuf_iterator(streambuf_type *s)` in clause 24.5.4.1.