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# **Foswiki::Iterator**

# package Foswiki::Iterator

This class cannot be instantiated on its own - it is an interface specification for iterators. See [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iterator\\_Pattern](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iterator_Pattern) for more information on the iterator pattern.

The interface only supports forward iteration. Subclasses should use this as their base class (so that \$it->isa("Foswiki::Iterator") returns true), and must implement hasNext and next per the specification below.

See Foswiki::ListIterator for an example implementation.

## hasNext() -> \$boolean

Returns true if the iterator has more items, or false when the iterator is exhausted.

## next() -> \$data

Return the next data in the iteration.

The data may be any type.

The iterator object can be customised to pre- and post-process entries from the list before returning them. This is done by setting two fields in the iterator object:

- {filter} can be defined to be a sub that filters each entry. The entry will be ignored (next() will not return it) if the filter returns false.
- {process} can be defined to be a sub to process each entry before it is returned by next. The value returned from next is the value returned by the process function.

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