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#ifndef LIST_H
#define LIST_H

// forward declcarations
template <typename T> class list_t;
template <typename T> std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream&, const list_t<T>&);

template <typename T>
class list_t {
    private:
    struct node_t // an all public class with data only, no member ftns
    {
        T data;
        node_t *prev;
        node_t *next;

        node_t(const T& d = T(), node_t *p = NULL, node_t *n = NULL) : \
            data(d), prev(p), next(n) \
            { };
    };

    public:
    class const_iterator // returns const reference when *'ed
    {
        public:
        const_iterator() : curp(NULL) { };

        const T& operator*() const
        {
            return retrieve();
        }

        const_iterator& operator++() // prefix ++itr
        {
            curp = curp->next;
            return *this;
        }

        const_iterator operator++(int) // postfix itr++
        {
            const_iterator old = *this;

            ++(*this);
            return old;
        }

        bool operator==(const const_iterator& rhs) const
        {
            return curp == rhs.curp;
        }

        bool operator!=(const const_iterator& rhs) const
        {
            return !(curp == rhs.curp);
        }

        protected:
        node_t *curp;

        T& retrieve() const
        {
            return curp->data;
        }
    };
};

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    }

    const_iterator(node_t *p) : curp(p)    { }

    friend class list_t<T>;
};

class iterator : public const_iterator // returns reference *'ed
{
public:
    iterator()                            { }

    T& operator*()
    {
        return iterator::retrieve();
    }

    const T& operator*() const
    {
        return const_iterator::operator*();
    }

    iterator& operator++()                // prefix ++itr
    {
        iterator::curp = iterator::curp->next;
        return *this;
    }

    iterator operator++(int)              // postfix itr++
    {
        iterator old = *this;

        ++(*this);
        return old;
    }

protected:
    iterator(node_t *p) : const_iterator(p) { };

    friend class list_t<T>;
};

public:
// constructors (overloaded)
list_t();

// copy constructor
list_t(const list_t& rhs);

// destructors
~list_t()
{
    clear();
    delete head;
    delete tail;
}

// friends -- note the extra <> telling the compiler to instantiate
// a templated version of the operator<< -- <T> is also legal, i.e.,
// friend std::ostream& operator<< <T>(std::ostream& s, const list_t&);
friend std::ostream& operator<< <>(std::ostream& s, const list_t& rhs);
friend std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& s, list_t *rhs)
{ return(s << (*rhs)); }

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// assignment operator
const list_t& operator=(const list_t&);

// operators

// iterator functions
iterator      begin()                { return iterator(head->next); }
const_iterator begin() const        { return const_iterator(head->next); }
iterator      end()                  { return iterator(tail); }
const_iterator end() const          { return const_iterator(tail); }

iterator      insert(iterator, const T&);
iterator      erase(iterator);
iterator      erase(iterator, iterator);

// members
int          size() const            { return sz; }
bool        empty() const           { return size() == 0; }
void        clear()                  { while(!empty()) pop_front(); }

T&           front()                  { return *begin(); }
const T&    front() const            { return *begin(); }
iterator     push_front(const T& o)    { return insert(begin(), o); }
iterator     push_back(const T& o)    { return insert(end(), o); }
iterator     pop_front()               { return erase(begin()); }

// private: only available to this class
private:
int        sz;
node_t     *head;
node_t     *tail;
};

#endif
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