

TYPE **Iterator**

ABSTRACT

Base class for coroutines used as iterators (sometimes also called generators).

The intended way of using an Iterator (*it*) is that its Run routine sets *it*'s extended internal state into a succession of configurations (representing the designed iterations), and after each configuration is set it calls *it.Yield* which transfers control back to its client.

The client may then use each configuration as desired, then will typically call *it.Next* again.

After the final configuration is reached (assuming that there are only a finite number available) the Run routine returns.

Note that *Coroutines.Transfer* is never called explicitly in either the client code, or the implementation of *it.Run*.

A typical design pattern for using an iterator is:

```
VAR
  it: Iterator;
BEGIN
  NEW(it);
  ... Set it's extended internal state to its initial configuration ...

  LOOP
    it.Next
    IF it.state = Coroutines.returned THEN EXIT END;
    ASSERT(it.state = Coroutines.suspended, 30)
    ... performed required processing with each configuration of it's internal state ...
  END;
END Iterate;
```

PROCEDURE (this: Iterator) **Next**

NEW

...

Post

current.source = *this* 80

this.state # *trapped* 81

this.state = *suspended* The next configuration is available

this.state = *returned* No further configurations are available