

Implementing PHP 5 OOP extensions

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After creating a basic PHP5 Extensions

- ☑ How to create your own classes
- ☑ How to create interfaces
- ☑ How to create methods
- ☑ What can be overloaded

PHP 5 Extensions

- ☑ PHP 5 extensions are the same as in PHP 4
- ☑ ext_skel generates the basic skeleton

```
marcus@zaphod src/php5/ext $ ./ext_skel --extname=util
Creating directory util
Creating basic files: config.m4 .cvsignore util.c php_util.h CREDITS
EXPERIMENTAL tests/001.phpt util.php [done].
```

To use your new extension, you will have to execute the following steps:

1. \$ cd ..
2. \$ vi ext/util/config.m4
3. \$./buildconf
4. \$./configure --[with|enable]-util
5. \$ make
6. \$./php -f ext/util/util.php
7. \$ vi ext/util/util.c
8. \$ make

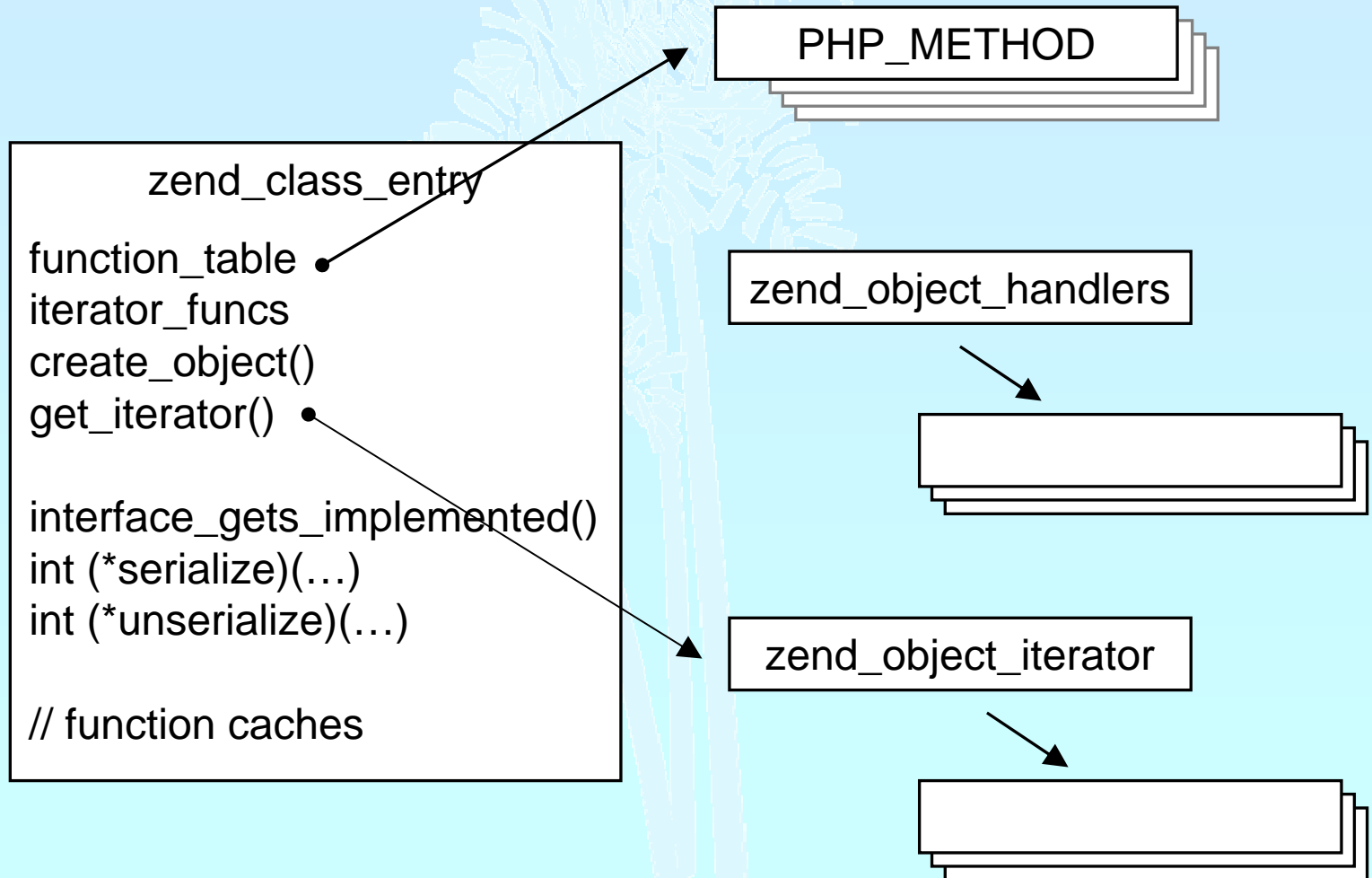
Repeat steps 3-6 until you are satisfied with ext/util/config.m4 and step 6 confirms that your module is compiled into PHP. Then, start writing code and repeat the last two steps as often as necessary.



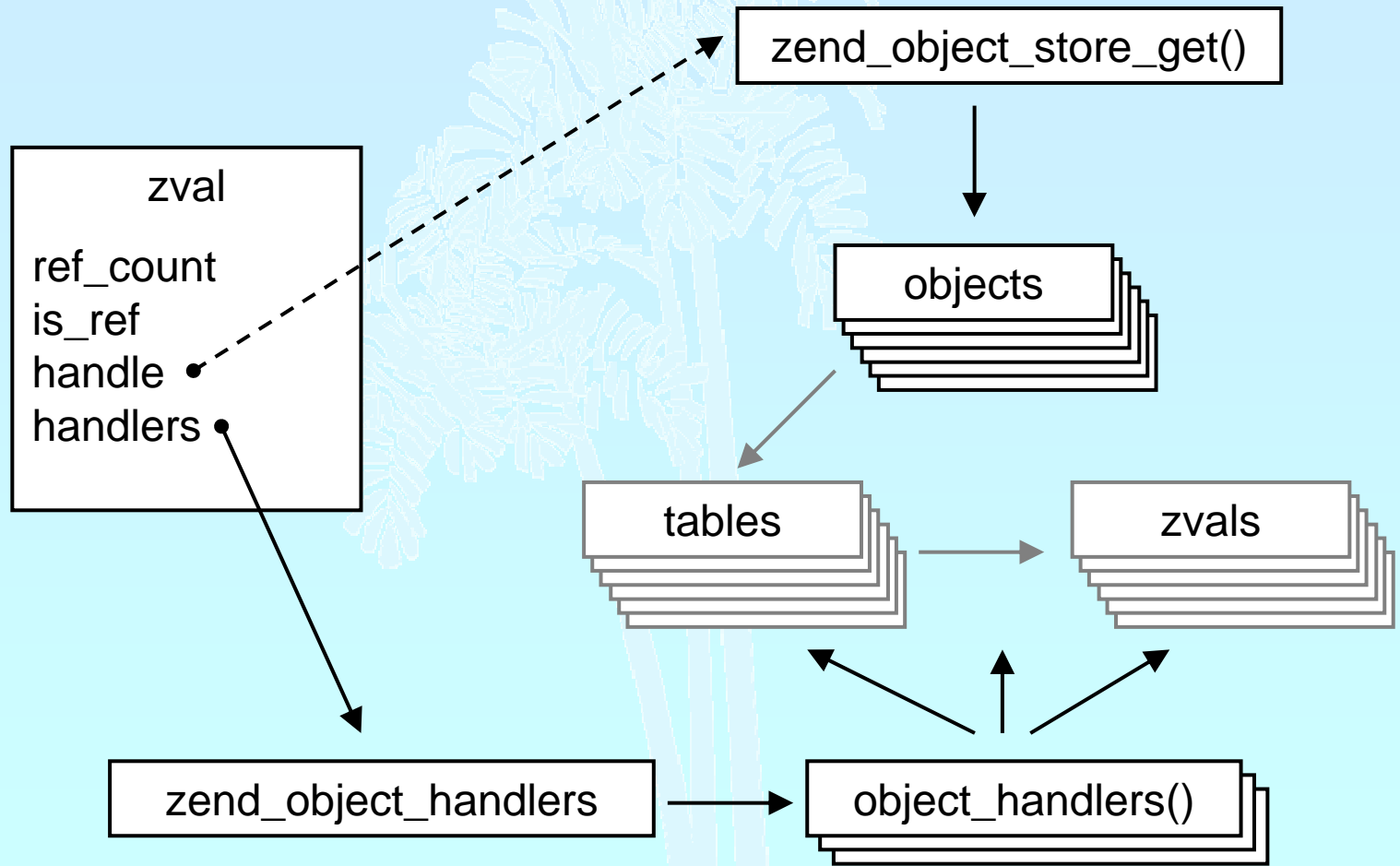
What is needed?

- ✓ Providing methods
- ✓ Providing a `zend_class_entry` pointer
- ✓ Providing object handlers
- ✓ Registering the class

General class layout



General class layout



Registering

- ☑ Obviously you have to register your class
 - ☑ A temporary zend_class_entry is necessary first
 - ☑ After basic registering you have a dedicated pointer
 - ☑ Now you have to specify the c-level constructor function
 - ☑ Provide your own handler funcs or copy and modify defaults
 - ☑ Finally implement interfaces, set class flags, specify iterator

```

PHP_MINIT_FUNCTION(uti l) /* {{{ */
{
    zend_class_entry ce;

    INIT_CLASS_ENTRY(ce, "di rs", uti l_di r_cl ass_functi ons);
    uti l_ce_di r = zend_regi ster_i nternal_cl ass(&ce TSRMLS_CC);
    uti l_ce_di r->create_obj ect = uti l_di r_obj ect_new;
    memcpy(&uti l_di r_handl ers, zend_get_std_obj ect_handl ers(),
           si zeof(zend_obj ect_handl ers));
    uti l_di r_handl ers.cl one_obj = uti l_di r_obj ect_cl one;
    zend_cl ass_i mpl ements(uti l_ce_di r TSRMLS_CC, 1, zend_ce_i terator);
    uti l_ce_di r->ce_fl ags |= ZEND_ACC_FINAL_CLASS;
    uti l_ce_di r->get_i terator = uti l_di r_get_i terator;
    return SUCCESS;
} /* }}} */
    
```



Declaring methods

```

/* forward declaration for all methods use (class-name, method-name) */
PHP_METHOD(dir, __construct);
PHP_METHOD(dir, rewind);
PHP_METHOD(dir, hasMore);
PHP_METHOD(dir, key);
PHP_METHOD(dir, current);
PHP_METHOD(dir, next);
PHP_METHOD(dir, getPath);

/* declare method parameters, */
/* supply a name and default to call by parameter */
static ZEND_BEGIN_ARG_INFO(arginfo_dir__construct, 0)
    ZEND_ARG_INFO(0, path) /* parameter name */
ZEND_END_ARG_INFO();

/* each method can have its own parameters and visibility */
static zend_function_entry util_dir_class_functions[] = {
    PHP_ME(dir, __construct, arginfo_dir__construct, ZEND_ACC_PUBLIC)
    PHP_ME(dir, rewind, NULL, ZEND_ACC_PUBLIC)
    PHP_ME(dir, hasMore, NULL, ZEND_ACC_PUBLIC)
    PHP_ME(dir, key, NULL, ZEND_ACC_PUBLIC)
    PHP_ME(dir, current, NULL, ZEND_ACC_PUBLIC)
    PHP_ME(dir, next, NULL, ZEND_ACC_PUBLIC)
    PHP_ME(dir, getPath, NULL, ZEND_ACC_PUBLIC)
    {NULL, NULL, NULL}
};

```



Declaring methods

- ☑ Declaring the methods allows
 - ☑ To specify parameter names (to support reflection)
 - ☑ To specify pass by copy or pass by reference
 - ☑ To specify a typehint

See Zend/zend_API.h for ZEND_ARG_*INFO macros

- ☑ Tip:

If your .c file ends with PHP_MINIT() then you can omit the method forward declarations.

class/object structs

- ☑ It is a good practice to 'inherit' zend_object
 - ☑ That allows your class to support normal properties
 - ☑ Thus you do not need to overwrite all handlers

```

/* declare the class handlers */
static zend_object_handlers util_dir_handlers;

/* declare the class entry */
static zend_class_entry *util_ce_dir;

/* the overloaded class structure */

/* overloading the structure results in the need of having
   dedicated creation/cloning/destruction functions */
typedef struct _util_dir_object {
    zend_object      std;
    php_stream       *dirp;
    php_stream_entry entry;
    char             *path;
    int              index;
} util_dir_object;
    
```



Object creation



Redirect object creation to a general signature

```

↵ zend_object_value new(
    zend_class_entry *class_type TSRMLS_DC)
↵ zend_object_value new_ex(
    zend_class_entry *class_type,
    util_dir_object **obj TSRMLS_DC)
    
```

```

/* {{{ util_dir_object_new */
/* See util_dir_object_new_ex */
/* creates the object by
   - allocating memory
   - initializing the object members
   - storing the object
   - setting it's handlers
*/
static zend_object_value
util_dir_object_new(zend_class_entry *class_type TSRMLS_DC)
{
    util_dir_object *tmp;
    return util_dir_object_new_ex(class_type, &tmp TSRMLS_CC);
} /* }}} */
    
```



Object creation/cloning

- ✓ Allcate memory for your struct
- ✓ Initialize the whole struct (Probably by memset(0))
- ✓ Assign the class type
- ✓ Initialize & copy default properties
- ✓ Store the object
- ✓ Assign the handlers

```

→ intern = emalloc(sizeof(util_dir_object));
→ memset(intern, 0, sizeof(util_dir_object));
→ intern->std.ce = class_type;

→ ALLOC_HASHTABLE(intern->std.properties);
→ zend_hash_init(intern->std.properties, 0, NULL, ZVAL_PTR_DTOR, 0);
→ zend_hash_copy(intern->std.properties,
                 &class_type->default_properties,
                 (copy_ctor_func_t) zval_add_ref,
                 (void *) &tmp, sizeof(zval *));

→ retval.handle = zend_objects_store_put(intern,
                                         util_dir_object_dtor, NULL TSRMLS_CC);
→ retval.handlers = &util_dir_handlers;
    
```



Object creation/cloning

```

/* {{{ util_dir_object_new_ex */
static zend_object_value
util_dir_object_new_ex(zend_class_entry *class_type,
                       util_dir_object **obj TSRMLS_DC)
{
    zend_object_value retval;
    util_dir_object *intern;
    zval *tmp;

    intern = emalloc(sizeof(util_dir_object));
    memset(intern, 0, sizeof(util_dir_object));
    intern->std.ce = class_type;
    *obj = intern;

    ALLOC_HASHTABLE(intern->std.properties);
    zend_hash_init(intern->std.properties, 0, NULL, ZVAL_PTR_DTOR, 0);
    zend_hash_copy(intern->std.properties,
                   &class_type->default_properties,
                   (copy_ctor_func_t) zval_add_ref,
                   (void *) &tmp, sizeof(zval *));

    retval.handle = zend_objects_store_put(intern,
                                           util_dir_object_dtor, NULL TSRMLS_CC);
    retval.handlers = &util_dir_handlers;
    return retval;
} /* }}} */

```



Object cloning

- ☑ Create a new object (with class entry taken from source)
- ☑ Clone all struct members
- ☑ Clone properties and call `__clone` if defined for that class

```

/* {{{ util_dir_object_clone */
static zend_object_value
util_dir_object_clone(zval *zobject TSRMLS_DC)
{
    zend_object_value new_obj_val, *old_object, *new_object;
    util_dir_object *intern;

    → old_object = zend_objects_get_address(zobject TSRMLS_CC);
    new_obj_val = util_dir_object_new_ex(old_object->ce, &intern
                                        TSRMLS_CC);
    new_object = &intern->std; /* type conversion */

    → util_dir_open(intern, ((util_dir_object*)old_object)->path
                  TSRMLS_CC);

    → zend_objects_clone_members(new_object, new_obj_val, old_object,
                                Z_OBJ_HANDLE_P(zobject) TSRMLS_CC);

    return new_obj_val;
} /* }}} */

```



Object destruction

- ☑ Free properties
- ☑ Free all resources and free all allocated memory

```

/* {{{ util_dir_object_dtor */
/* close all resources and the memory allocated for the object */
static void
util_dir_object_dtor(void *object, zend_object_handle handle TSRMLS_DC)
{
    util_dir_object *intern = (util_dir_object *)object;

    zend_hash_destroy(intern->std.properties);
    FREE_HASHTABLE(intern->std.properties);

    if (intern->path) {
        efree(intern->path);
    }
    if (intern->dirp) {
        php_stream_close(intern->dirp);
    }
    efree(object);
} /* }}} */

```



Retrieving the class entry

- ☑ A final class may have its own class entry handler
 - ☑ Little speed-up
 - ☑ Results in problems once you drop 'final'
 - ☑ Standard handler supports inheritance

```
/* {{{ util_dir_get_ce */
static zend_class_entry *util_dir_get_ce(zval *object TSRMLS_DC)
{
    return util_ce_dir;
} /* }}} */
```



A simple method

- ✓ Macro `getThis()` gives you access to `$this` as `zval`
- ✓ The returned `zval` is used to get your struct

```

/* {{{ proto string dir::key()
   Return current dir entry */
PHP_METHOD(dir, key)
{
    zval *object = getThis();
    util_dir_object *intern = (util_dir_object*)
        zend_object_store_get_object(object TSRMLS_CC);

    if (intern->dirp) {
        RETURN_LONG(intern->index);
    } else {
        RETURN_FALSE;
    }
}
} /* }}} */

```



The constructor

- ☑ Remember that your object is already fully initialized
In this case we chose to either finish initialization in the constructor or throw an exception.
- ☑ Change errors to exceptions to support constructor failure

```

/* {{{ proto void dir::__construct(string path)
   Constructs a new dir iterator from a path. */
PHP_METHOD(dir, __construct)
{
    util_dir_object *intern;
    char *path;
    long len;

    php_set_error_handling(EH_THROW, zend_exception_get_default(
        TSRMLS_CC);

    if (zend_parse_parameters(ZEND_NUM_ARGS() TSRMLS_CC, "s", &path,
        &len) == SUCCESS) {
        intern = (util_dir_object*)
            zend_object_store_get_object(getThis() TSRMLS_CC);
        util_dir_open(intern, path TSRMLS_CC);
    }
    php_set_error_handling(EH_NORMAL, NULL TSRMLS_CC);
} /* }}} */

```



Iterators

```

/* define an overloaded iterator structure */
typedef struct {
    zend_object_iterator intern;
    zval *current;
} util_dir_it;

static void util_dir_it_dtor(zend_object_iterator *iter TSRMLS_DC);
static int util_dir_it_has_more(zend_object_iterator *iter TSRMLS_DC);
static void util_dir_it_current_data(zend_object_iterator *iter,
    zval ***data TSRMLS_DC);
static int util_dir_it_current_key(zend_object_iterator *iter,
    char **str_key, uint *str_key_len, ulong *int_key TSRMLS_DC);
static void util_dir_it_move_forward(zend_object_iterator *iter
    TSRMLS_DC);
static void util_dir_it_rewind(zend_object_iterator *iter TSRMLS_DC);

/* iterator handler table */
zend_object_iterator_funcs util_dir_it_funcs = {
    util_dir_it_dtor,
    util_dir_it_has_more,
    util_dir_it_current_data,
    util_dir_it_current_key,
    util_dir_it_move_forward,
    util_dir_it_rewind
}; /* }}} */

```



Creating the iterator

- ✓ Allocate and initialize the iterator structure
- ✓ It is a good idea to increase the original zvals refcount

```

/* {{{ util_dir_get_iterator */
zend_object_iterator *util_dir_get_iterator(zend_class_entry *ce, zval
*object TSRMLS_DC)
{
    util_dir_it *iterator = emalloc(sizeof(util_dir_it));

    → object->refcount++;
    iterator->intern.data = (void*)object;
    iterator->intern.funcs = &util_dir_it_funcs;
    iterator->current = NULL;

    return (zend_object_iterator*)iterator;
} /* }}} */

```

Destructing the iterator

- ✓ Free allocated memory and resources
- ✓ Don't forget to reduce refcount of referenced object

```

/* {{{ util_dir_iterator */
static void util_dir_iterator(zend_object_iterator *iter TSRMLS_DC)
{
    util_dir_iterator *i_iterator = (util_dir_iterator *)iter;
    zval *intern = (zval *)i_iterator->intern.data;

    if (i_iterator->current) {
        zval_ptr_dtor(&i_iterator->current);
    }
    → zval_ptr_dtor(&intern);

    efree(i_iterator);
} /* }}} */

```

Getting the data

- ✓ Data is read on rewind() and next() calls
- ✓ A zval* is stored inside the iterator
- ✓ Release current zval
- ✓ Create a new zval and assign the value

```

/* {{{ util_dir_iterator */
static void
util_dir_iterator(util_dir_iterator *iterator, util_dir_object *object
                  TSRMLS_DC)
{
    if (iterator->current) {
        → zval_ptr_dtor(&iterator->current);
    }
    → MAKE_STD_ZVAL(iterator->current);
    if (object->dirp) {
        ZVAL_STRING(iterator->current, object->entry.d_name, 1);
    } else {
        ZVAL_FALSE(iterator->current);
    }
}
} /* }}} */

```



Iterator hasMore()



Check whether more data is available

Note: Return SUCCESS or FAILURE not typical boolean

```

/* {{{ util_dir_iterator_has_more */
static int
util_dir_iterator_has_more(zend_object_iterator *iter TSRMLS_DC)
{
    util_dir_iterator *i_iterator = (util_dir_iterator *)iter;
    util_dir_object *object = (util_dir_object*)
        zend_object_store_get_object(
            (zval *)i_iterator->intern.data TSRMLS_CC);

    return object->entry.d_name[0] != '\0' ? SUCCESS : FAILURE;
} /* }}} */

```



Iterator current()

- ☑ The data was already fetched on rewind() / next()



```
/* {{{ util_dir_iterator_current_data */
static void util_dir_iterator_current_data(zend_object_iterator *iter, zval
***data TSRMLS_DC)
{
    util_dir_iterator *iterator = (util_dir_iterator *)iter;

    *data = &iterator->current;
} /* }}} */
```


Iterator key()

- ☑ The key may be one of:
 - ☑ Integer: `HASH_KEY_IS_LONG`
Set `ulong *` to the integer value
 - ☑ String: `HASH_KEY_IS_STRING`
Set `uint *` to string length + 1
Set `char **` to copy of string (`estr[n]dup`)

```

/* {{{ util_dir_iterator_current_key */
static int util_dir_iterator_current_key(zend_object_iterator *iter, char
**str_key, uint *str_key_len, ulong *int_key TSRMLS_DC)
{
    util_dir_iterator *iterator = (util_dir_iterator *)iter;
    zval *intern = (zval *)iterator->intern.data;
    util_dir_object *object = (util_dir_object*)
        zend_object_store_get_object(intern TSRMLS_CC);

    *int_key = object->index;
    return HASH_KEY_IS_LONG;
} /* }}} */

```



Iterator next()

- ✓ Move to next element
- ✓ Fetch new current data

```

/* {{{ util_dir_iterator_move_forward */
static void
util_dir_iterator_move_forward(zend_object_iterator *iter TSRMLS_DC)
{
    util_dir_iterator *iiter = (util_dir_iterator *)iter;
    zval *intern = (zval *)iiter->intern.data;
    util_dir_object *object = (util_dir_object*)
        zend_object_store_get_object(intern TSRMLS_CC);

    object->index++;
    if (!object->dirp
        || !php_stream_readdir(object->dirp, &object->entry))
    {
        object->entry.d_name[0] = '\0';
    }

    util_dir_iterator_current(iiter, object TSRMLS_CC);
} /* }}} */

```

Iterator rewind()

- ✓ Rewind to first element
- ✓ Fetch first current data

```

/* {{{ util_dir_iterator_rewind */
static void
util_dir_iterator_rewind(zend_object_iterator *iter TSRMLS_DC)
{
    util_dir_iterator *i_iterator = (util_dir_iterator *)iter;
    zval *i_intern = (zval *)i_iterator->i_intern.data;
    util_dir_object *object = (util_dir_object*)
        zend_object_store_get_object(i_intern TSRMLS_CC);

    object->i_index = 0;
    if (object->dirp) {
        php_stream_rewinddir(object->dirp);
    }
    if (!object->dirp
        || !php_stream_readdir(object->dirp, &object->entry))
    {
        object->entry.d_name[0] = '\0';
    }
    util_dir_iterator_current(i_iterator, object TSRMLS_CC);
} /* }}} */

```



Iterator drawbacks

- ☑ Either implement native iterators at c-level
- ☑ Or provide iterator methods and inherit Iterator



Object casting

```

/* {{{ */
static int zend_std_cast_object_tostring(zval *readobj, zval *writeobj,
    int type, int should_free TSRMLS_DC)
{
    zval *retval == NULL;
    if (type == IS_STRING) {
        zend_call_method_with_0_params(&readobj, NULL, NULL,
            "__toString", &retval);
        if (retval) {
            if (Z_TYPE_P(retval) != IS_STRING) {
                zend_error(E_ERROR, "Method %s::__toString() must"
                    " return a string value", Z_OBJCE_P(readobj)->name);
            }
        } else {
            MAKE_STD_ZVAL(retval);
            ZVAL_STRINGL(retval, "", 0, 1);
        }
        ZVAL_ZVAL(writeobj, retval, 1, 1);
        INIT_PZVAL(writeobj);
    }
    return retval ? SUCCESS : FAILURE;
} /* }}} */

```

What else ?

- ☑ Objects can overload several handlers
 - ☑ Array access
 - ☑ Property access
 - ☑ Serializing



zend_object_handlers

```

typedef struct zend_object_handlers {
    /* general object functions */
    zend_object_add_ref_t      add_ref;
    zend_object_del_ref_t      del_ref;      Don't touch these
    zend_object_dellete_obj_t  dellete_obj;
    zend_object_clone_obj_t    clone_obj;

    /* individual object functions */
    zend_object_read_property_t read_property;
    zend_object_write_property_t write_property;
    zend_object_read_dimension_t read_dimension;
    zend_object_write_dimension_t write_dimension;
    zend_object_get_property_ptr_ptr_t get_property_ptr_ptr;
    zend_object_get_t          get;
    zend_object_set_t          set;
    zend_object_has_property_t has_property;
    zend_object_unset_property_t unset_property;      Keep or inherit
    zend_object_unset_dimension_t unset_dimension;
    zend_object_get_properties_t get_properties;
    zend_object_get_method_t   get_method;
    zend_object_call_method_t  call_method;
    zend_object_get_constructor_t get_constructor;
    zend_object_get_class_entry_t get_class_entry;
    zend_object_get_class_name_t get_class_name;
    zend_object_compare_t      compare_objects;
    zend_object_cast_t         cast_object;
} zend_object_handlers;

```



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