

# xapian-core Reference Manual

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# Chapter 1

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#### Classes

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*This class is used to access a database, or a group of databases.*
- class [WritableDatabase](#)  
*This class provides read/write access to a database.*
- class [Document](#)  
*A document in the database - holds data, values, terms, and postings.*
- class [MSet](#)  
*A match set ([MSet](#)).*
- class [MSetIterator](#)  
*An iterator pointing to items in an [MSet](#).*
- class [ESet](#)  
*Class representing an ordered set of expand terms (an [ESet](#)).*
- class [ESetIterator](#)  
*Iterate through terms in the [ESet](#).*
- class [RSet](#)

*A relevance set (R-Set).*

- class [MatchDecider](#)

*Base class for matcher decision functor.*

- class [ExpandDecider](#)

*Base class for expand decision functor.*

- class [Enquire](#)

*This class provides an interface to the information retrieval system for the purpose of searching.*

- class [Weight](#)

*Abstract base class for weighting schemes.*

- class [BoolWeight](#)

*Boolean weighting scheme (everything gets 0).*

- class [BM25Weight](#)

*BM25 weighting scheme.*

- class [TradWeight](#)

*Traditional probabilistic weighting scheme.*

- class [Error](#)

*All exceptions thrown by [Xapian](#) are subclasses of [Xapian::Error](#).*

- class [ErrorHandler](#)

*Decide if a [Xapian::Error](#) exception should be ignored.*

- class [ExpandDeciderFilterTerms](#)

*One useful expand decision functor, which provides a way of filtering out a fixed list of terms from the expand set.*

- class [ExpandDeciderAnd](#)

*An expand decision functor which can be used to join two functors with an AND operation.*

- class [TermPosWrapper](#)

*A wrapper class for a [termpos](#) which returns the [termpos](#) if dereferenced with `*`.*

- class [PositionIterator](#)

*An iterator pointing to items in a list of positions.*

- class [DocIDWrapper](#)

*A wrapper class for a [docid](#) which returns the [docid](#) if dereferenced with `*`.*

- class [PostingIterator](#)  
*An iterator pointing to items in a list of postings.*
- class [Query](#)  
*Class representing a query.*
- class [Stopper](#)  
*Base class for stop-word decision functor.*
- class [SimpleStopper](#)  
*Simple implementation of [Stopper](#) class - this will suit most users.*
- class [QueryParser](#)  
*Build a [Xapian::Query](#) object from a user query string.*
- class [Stem](#)  
*Class representing a stemming algorithm.*
- class [TermNameWrapper](#)  
*A wrapper class for a termname which returns the termname if dereferenced with \*.*
- class [TermIterator](#)  
*An iterator pointing to items in a list of terms.*
- class [ValueIterator](#)  
*An iterator pointing to values associated with a document.*

## Functions

- bool **operator==** (const [MSetIterator](#) &a, const [MSetIterator](#) &b)
- bool **operator!=** (const [MSetIterator](#) &a, const [MSetIterator](#) &b)
- bool **operator==** (const [ESetIterator](#) &a, const [ESetIterator](#) &b)
- bool **operator!=** (const [ESetIterator](#) &a, const [ESetIterator](#) &b)
- bool **operator==** (const [PositionIterator](#) &a, const [PositionIterator](#) &b)  
*Test equality of two [PositionIterators](#).*
- bool **operator!=** (const [PositionIterator](#) &a, const [PositionIterator](#) &b)  
*Test inequality of two [PositionIterators](#).*
- bool **operator==** (const [PostingIterator](#) &a, const [PostingIterator](#) &b)  
*Test equality of two [PostingIterators](#).*
- bool **operator!=** (const [PostingIterator](#) &a, const [PostingIterator](#) &b)  
*Test inequality of two [PostingIterators](#).*

- `std::string serialise_qint_ (const Xapian::Query::Internal *qint, Xapian::termpos &curpos)`
- `bool operator== (const TermIterator &a, const TermIterator &b)`
- `bool operator!= (const TermIterator &a, const TermIterator &b)`
- `bool operator== (const ValueIterator &a, const ValueIterator &b)`
- `bool operator!= (const ValueIterator &a, const ValueIterator &b)`

## Variables

- `const int DB_CREATE_OR_OPEN = 1`  
*Open for read/write; create if no db exists.*
- `const int DB_CREATE = 2`  
*Create a new database; fail if db exists.*
- `const int DB_CREATE_OR_OVERWRITE = 3`  
*Overwrite existing db; create if none exists.*
- `const int DB_OPEN = 4`  
*Open for read/write; fail if no db exists.*

### 6.1.1 Detailed Description

The [Xapian](#) library lives in the [Xapian](#) namespace.

### 6.1.2 Function Documentation

#### 6.1.2.1 `bool Xapian::operator!= (const PostingIterator & a, const PostingIterator & b) [inline]`

Test inequality of two PostingIterators.

#### 6.1.2.2 `bool Xapian::operator!= (const PositionIterator & a, const PositionIterator & b) [inline]`

Test inequality of two PositionIterators.

#### 6.1.2.3 `bool Xapian::operator== (const PostingIterator & a, const PostingIterator & b) [inline]`

Test equality of two PostingIterators.

**6.1.2.4** `bool Xapian::operator==(const PositionIterator & a, const PositionIterator & b)` `[inline]`

Test equality of two PositionIterators.

### 6.1.3 Variable Documentation

**6.1.3.1** `const int Xapian::DB_CREATE = 2`

Create a new database; fail if db exists.

**6.1.3.2** `const int Xapian::DB_CREATE_OR_OPEN = 1`

Open for read/write; create if no db exists.

**6.1.3.3** `const int Xapian::DB_CREATE_OR_OVERWRITE = 3`

Overwrite existing db; create if none exists.

**6.1.3.4** `const int Xapian::DB_OPEN = 4`

Open for read/write; fail if no db exists.



## Chapter 7

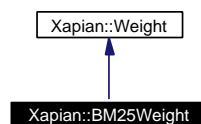
# xapian-core Class Documentation

### 7.1 Xapian::BM25Weight Class Reference

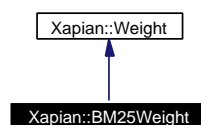
BM25 weighting scheme.

```
#include <enquire.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for Xapian::BM25Weight:



Collaboration diagram for Xapian::BM25Weight:



#### Public Member Functions

- [BM25Weight](#) (double k1\_, double k2\_, double k3\_, double b\_, double min\_normlen\_)  
*Construct a BM25 weight.*
- [BM25Weight](#) \* [clone](#) () const

*Return a new weight object of this type.*

- `std::string name () const`  
*Name of the weighting scheme.*
- `std::string serialise () const`  
*Serialise object parameters into a string.*
- `BM25Weight * unserialise (const std::string &s) const`  
*Create object given string serialisation returned by `serialise()`.*
- `Xapian::weight get_sumpart (Xapian::termcount wdf, Xapian::doclength len) const`  
*Get a weight which is part of the sum over terms being performed.*
- `Xapian::weight get_maxpart () const`  
*Gets the maximum value that `get_sumpart()` may return.*
- `Xapian::weight get_sumextra (Xapian::doclength len) const`  
*Get an extra weight for a document to add to the sum calculated over the query terms.*
- `Xapian::weight get_maxextra () const`  
*Gets the maximum value that `get_sumextra()` may return.*
- `bool get_sumpart_needs_doclength () const`  
*return false if the weight object doesn't need doclength*

### 7.1.1 Detailed Description

BM25 weighting scheme.

BM25 weighting options : The BM25 formula is

$$\frac{k_2 \cdot n_q}{1 + L_d} + \sum_t \frac{(k_3 + 1)q_t}{k_3 + q_t} \cdot \frac{(k_1 + 1)f_{t,d}}{k_1((1 - b) + bL_d) + f_{t,d}} \cdot w_t$$

where

- $w_t$  is the termweight of term t
- $f_{t,d}$  is the within document frequency of term t in document d
- $q_t$  is the within query frequency of term t
- $L_d$  is the normalised length of document d
- $n_q$  is the size of the query
- $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ,  $k_3$  and  $b$  are user specified parameters



## 7.1.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

### 7.1.2.1 Xapian::BM25Weight::BM25Weight (double *k1\_*, double *k2\_*, double *k3\_*, double *b\_*, double *min\_normlen\_*) [inline]

Construct a BM25 weight.

#### Parameters:

- k1* governs the importance of within document frequency. Must be  $\geq 0$ . 0 means ignore wdf. Default is 1.
- k2* compensation factor for the high wdf values in large documents. Must be  $\geq 0$ . 0 means no compensation. Default is 0.
- k3* governs the importance of within query frequency. Must be  $\geq 0$ . 0 means ignore wqf. Default is 1.
- b* Relative importance of within document frequency and document length. Must be  $\geq 0$  and  $\leq 1$ . Default is 0.5.
- min\_normlen* specifies a cutoff on the minimum value that can be used for a normalised document length - smaller values will be forced up to this cutoff. This prevents very small documents getting a huge bonus weight. Default is 0.5.

## 7.1.3 Member Function Documentation

### 7.1.3.1 [BM25Weight\\*](#) Xapian::BM25Weight::clone () const [virtual]

Return a new weight object of this type.

A subclass called FooWeight taking parameters param1 and param2 should implement this as:

```
virtual FooWeight * clone() const { return new FooWeight(param1, param2); }
```

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

### 7.1.3.2 [Xapian::weight](#) Xapian::BM25Weight::get\_maxextra () const [virtual]

Gets the maximum value that [get\\_sumextra\(\)](#) may return.

This is used in optimising searches.

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

### 7.1.3.3 [Xapian::weight](#) Xapian::BM25Weight::get\_maxpart () const [virtual]

Gets the maximum value that [get\\_sumpart\(\)](#) may return.

This is used in optimising searches, by having the postlist tree decay appropriately when parts of it can have limited, or no, further effect.

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

#### 7.1.3.4 [Xapian::weight](#) [Xapian::BM25Weight::get\\_sumextra](#) ([Xapian::doclength](#) *len*) const [virtual]

Get an extra weight for a document to add to the sum calculated over the query terms.

This returns a weight for a given document, and is used by some weighting schemes to account for influence such as document length.

##### Parameters:

*len* the (unnormalised) document length.

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

#### 7.1.3.5 [Xapian::weight](#) [Xapian::BM25Weight::get\\_sumpart](#) ([Xapian::termcount](#) *wdf*, [Xapian::doclength](#) *len*) const [virtual]

Get a weight which is part of the sum over terms being performed.

This returns a weight for a given term and document. These weights are summed to give a total weight for the document.

##### Parameters:

*wdf* the within document frequency of the term.

*len* the (unnormalised) document length.

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

#### 7.1.3.6 [bool](#) [Xapian::BM25Weight::get\\_sumpart\\_needs\\_doclength](#) () const [virtual]

return false if the weight object doesn't need doclength

Reimplemented from [Xapian::Weight](#).

#### 7.1.3.7 [std::string](#) [Xapian::BM25Weight::name](#) () const [virtual]

Name of the weighting scheme.

If the subclass is called FooWeight, this should return "Foo".

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

#### 7.1.3.8 [std::string](#) [Xapian::BM25Weight::serialise](#) () const [virtual]

Serialise object parameters into a string.

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

### 7.1.3.9 [BM25Weight](#)\* Xapian::BM25Weight::unserialise (const std::string & s) const [virtual]

Create object given string serialisation returned by [serialise\(\)](#).

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

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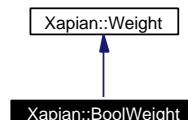
- include/xapian/[enquire.h](#)

## 7.2 Xapian::BoolWeight Class Reference

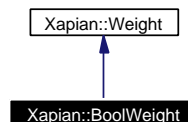
Boolean weighting scheme (everything gets 0).

```
#include <enquire.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for Xapian::BoolWeight:



Collaboration diagram for Xapian::BoolWeight:



### Public Member Functions

- [BoolWeight](#) \* [clone](#) () const  
*Return a new weight object of this type.*
- std::string [name](#) () const  
*Name of the weighting scheme.*
- std::string [serialise](#) () const  
*Serialise object parameters into a string.*
- [BoolWeight](#) \* [unserialise](#) (const std::string &) const  
*Create object given string serialisation returned by [serialise\(\)](#).*
- [Xapian::weight](#) [get\\_sumpart](#) ([Xapian::termcount](#), [Xapian::doclength](#)) const  
*Get a weight which is part of the sum over terms being performed.*
- [Xapian::weight](#) [get\\_maxpart](#) () const  
*Gets the maximum value that [get\\_sumpart\(\)](#) may return.*
- [Xapian::weight](#) [get\\_sumextra](#) ([Xapian::doclength](#)) const  
*Get an extra weight for a document to add to the sum calculated over the query terms.*
- [Xapian::weight](#) [get\\_maxextra](#) () const

*Gets the maximum value that [get\\_sumextra\(\)](#) may return.*

- bool [get\\_sumpart\\_needs\\_doclength](#) () const  
*return false if the weight object doesn't need doclength*

### 7.2.1 Detailed Description

Boolean weighting scheme (everything gets 0).

### 7.2.2 Member Function Documentation

#### 7.2.2.1 [BoolWeight](#)\* Xapian::BoolWeight::clone () const [inline, virtual]

Return a new weight object of this type.

A subclass called FooWeight taking parameters param1 and param2 should implement this as:

```
virtual FooWeight * clone\(\) const { return new FooWeight(param1, param2); }
```

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

#### 7.2.2.2 [Xapian::weight](#) Xapian::BoolWeight::get\_maxextra () const [inline, virtual]

*Gets the maximum value that [get\\_sumextra\(\)](#) may return.*

*This is used in optimising searches.*

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

#### 7.2.2.3 [Xapian::weight](#) Xapian::BoolWeight::get\_maxpart () const [inline, virtual]

*Gets the maximum value that [get\\_sumpart\(\)](#) may return.*

*This is used in optimising searches, by having the postlist tree decay appropriately when parts of it can have limited, or no, further effect.*

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

#### 7.2.2.4 [Xapian::weight](#) Xapian::BoolWeight::get\_sumextra ([Xapian::doclength](#)) const [inline, virtual]

Get an extra weight for a document to add to the sum calculated over the query terms.

This returns a weight for a given document, and is used by some weighting schemes to account for influence such as document length.

**Parameters:**

*len* the (unnormalised) document length.

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

#### 7.2.2.5 **Xapian::weight Xapian::BoolWeight::get\_sumpart (Xapian::termcount, Xapian::doclength) const** [inline, virtual]

Get a weight which is part of the sum over terms being performed.

This returns a weight for a given term and document. These weights are summed to give a total weight for the document.

**Parameters:**

*wdf* the within document frequency of the term.

*len* the (unnormalised) document length.

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

#### 7.2.2.6 **bool Xapian::BoolWeight::get\_sumpart\_needs\_doclength () const** [inline, virtual]

return false if the weight object doesn't need doclength

Reimplemented from [Xapian::Weight](#).

#### 7.2.2.7 **std::string Xapian::BoolWeight::name () const** [inline, virtual]

Name of the weighting scheme.

If the subclass is called FooWeight, this should return "Foo".

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

#### 7.2.2.8 **std::string Xapian::BoolWeight::serialise () const** [inline, virtual]

Serialise object parameters into a string.

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

#### 7.2.2.9 **BoolWeight\* Xapian::BoolWeight::unserialise (const std::string &) const** [inline, virtual]

Create object given string serialisation returned by [serialise\(\)](#).

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

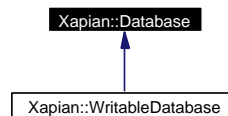
- `include/xapian/enquire.h`

## 7.3 Xapian::Database Class Reference

This class is used to access a database, or a group of databases.

```
#include <database.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for Xapian::Database:



### Public Member Functions

- void [add\\_database](#) (const [Database](#) &database)  
*Add an existing database (or group of databases) to those accessed by this object.*
- [Database](#) ()  
*Create a [Database](#) with no databases in.*
- [Database](#) (const std::string &path)  
*Open a [Database](#), automatically determining the database backend to use.*
- [Database](#) (Internal \*internal)
- virtual [~Database](#) ()  
*Destroy this handle on the database.*
- [Database](#) (const [Database](#) &other)  
*Copying is allowed.*
- void [operator=](#) (const [Database](#) &other)  
*Assignment is allowed.*
- void [reopen](#) ()  
*Re-open the database.*
- virtual std::string [get\\_description](#) () const  
*Introspection method.*
- [PostingIterator](#) [postlist\\_begin](#) (const std::string &tname) const  
*An iterator pointing to the start of the postlist for a given term.*
- [PostingIterator](#) [postlist\\_end](#) (const std::string &) const  
*Corresponding end iterator to [postlist\\_begin](#)().*



- [TermIterator termlist\\_begin](#) ([Xapian::docid](#) did) const  
*An iterator pointing to the start of the termlist for a given document.*
- [TermIterator termlist\\_end](#) ([Xapian::docid](#)) const  
*Corresponding end iterator to [termlist\\_begin\(\)](#).*
- [bool has\\_positions](#) () const  
*Does this database have any positional information?*
- [PositionIterator positionlist\\_begin](#) ([Xapian::docid](#) did, const std::string &name) const  
*An iterator pointing to the start of the position list for a given term in a given document.*
- [PositionIterator positionlist\\_end](#) ([Xapian::docid](#), const std::string &) const  
*Corresponding end iterator to [positionlist\\_begin\(\)](#).*
- [TermIterator allterms\\_begin](#) () const  
*An iterator which runs across all terms in the database.*
- [TermIterator allterms\\_end](#) () const  
*Corresponding end iterator to [allterms\\_begin\(\)](#).*
- [Xapian::doccount get\\_doccount](#) () const  
*Get the number of documents in the database.*
- [Xapian::docid get\\_lastdocid](#) () const  
*Get the highest document id which has been used in the database.*
- [Xapian::doclength get\\_avlength](#) () const  
*Get the average length of the documents in the database.*
- [Xapian::doccount get\\_termfreq](#) (const std::string &name) const  
*Get the number of documents in the database indexed by a given term.*
- [bool term\\_exists](#) (const std::string &name) const  
*Check if a given term exists in the database.*
- [Xapian::termcount get\\_collection\\_freq](#) (const std::string &name) const  
*Return the total number of occurrences of the given term.*
- [Xapian::doclength get\\_doclength](#) ([Xapian::docid](#) did) const  
*Get the length of a document.*
- [void keep\\_alive](#) ()  
*Send a "keep-alive" to remote databases to stop them timing out.*

- [Xapian::Document](#) `get_document (Xapian::docid did) const`  
*Get a document from the database, given its document id.*

## Public Attributes

- `std::vector< Xapian::Internal::RefCntPtr< Internal > > internal`

### 7.3.1 Detailed Description

This class is used to access a database, or a group of databases.

For searching, this class is used in conjunction with an [Enquire](#) object.

#### Exceptions:

***InvalidArgumentError*** will be thrown if an invalid argument is supplied, for example, an unknown database type.

***DatabaseOpeningError*** may be thrown if the database cannot be opened (for example, a required file cannot be found).

### 7.3.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

#### 7.3.2.1 [Xapian::Database::Database](#) ()

Create a [Database](#) with no databases in.

#### 7.3.2.2 [Xapian::Database::Database](#) (const std::string & *path*)

Open a [Database](#), automatically determining the database backend to use.

#### Parameters:

*path* directory that the database is stored in.

#### 7.3.2.3 `virtual Xapian::Database::~Database ()` [virtual]

Destroy this handle on the database.

If there are no copies of this object remaining, the database(s) will be closed.

#### 7.3.2.4 [Xapian::Database::Database](#) (const [Database](#) & *other*)

Copying is allowed.

The internals are reference counted, so copying is cheap.

### 7.3.3 Member Function Documentation

#### 7.3.3.1 void Xapian::Database::add\_database (const Database & database)

Add an existing database (or group of databases) to those accessed by this object.

**Parameters:**

*database* the database(s) to add.

#### 7.3.3.2 TermIterator Xapian::Database::allterms\_begin () const

An iterator which runs across all terms in the database.

#### 7.3.3.3 TermIterator Xapian::Database::allterms\_end () const [inline]

Corresponding end iterator to [allterms\\_begin\(\)](#).

#### 7.3.3.4 Xapian::doclength Xapian::Database::get\_avlength () const

Get the average length of the documents in the database.

#### 7.3.3.5 Xapian::termcount Xapian::Database::get\_collection\_freq (const std::string & tname) const

Return the total number of occurrences of the given term.

This is the sum of the number of occurrences of the term in each document it indexes: ie, the sum of the within document frequencies of the term.

**Parameters:**

*tname* The term whose collection frequency is being requested.

#### 7.3.3.6 virtual std::string Xapian::Database::get\_description () const [virtual]

Introspection method.

**Returns:**

A string describing this object.

Reimplemented in [Xapian::WritableDatabase](#).

#### 7.3.3.7 Xapian::doccount Xapian::Database::get\_doccount () const

Get the number of documents in the database.

**7.3.3.8** [Xapian::doclength](#) [Xapian::Database::get\\_doclength](#) ([Xapian::docid](#) *did*) const

Get the length of a document.

**7.3.3.9** [Xapian::Document](#) [Xapian::Database::get\\_document](#) ([Xapian::docid](#) *did*) const

Get a document from the database, given its document id.

This method returns a [Xapian::Document](#) object which provides the information about a document.

**Parameters:**

*did* The document id for which to retrieve the data.

**Returns:**

A [Xapian::Document](#) object containing the document data

**Exceptions:**

*Xapian::DocNotFoundError* The document specified could not be found in the database.

**7.3.3.10** [Xapian::docid](#) [Xapian::Database::get\\_lastdocid](#) () const

Get the highest document id which has been used in the database.

**7.3.3.11** [Xapian::doccount](#) [Xapian::Database::get\\_termfreq](#) (const std::string & *tname*) const

Get the number of documents in the database indexed by a given term.

**7.3.3.12** bool [Xapian::Database::has\\_positions](#) () const

Does this database have any positional information?

**7.3.3.13** void [Xapian::Database::keep\\_alive](#) ()

Send a "keep-alive" to remote databases to stop them timing out.

**7.3.3.14** void [Xapian::Database::operator=](#) (const [Database](#) & *other*)

Assignment is allowed.

The internals are reference counted, so assignment is cheap.

**7.3.3.15** [PositionIterator](#) **Xpian::Database::positionlist\_begin** ([Xpian::docid](#) *did*, const std::string & *tname*) const

An iterator pointing to the start of the position list for a given term in a given document.

**7.3.3.16** [PositionIterator](#) **Xpian::Database::positionlist\_end** ([Xpian::docid](#), const std::string &) const [inline]

Corresponding end iterator to [positionlist\\_begin\(\)](#).

**7.3.3.17** [PostingIterator](#) **Xpian::Database::postlist\_begin** (const std::string & *tname*) const

An iterator pointing to the start of the postlist for a given term.

**7.3.3.18** [PostingIterator](#) **Xpian::Database::postlist\_end** (const std::string &) const [inline]

Corresponding end iterator to [postlist\\_begin\(\)](#).

**7.3.3.19** **void Xpian::Database::reopen ()**

Re-open the database.

This re-opens the database(s) to the latest available version(s). It can be used either to make sure the latest results are returned, or to recover from a Xpian::Database-ModifiedError.

**7.3.3.20** **bool Xpian::Database::term\_exists** (const std::string & *tname*) const

Check if a given term exists in the database.

Return true if and only if the term exists in the database. This is the same as (get\_termfreq(*tname*) != 0), but will often be more efficient.

**7.3.3.21** [TermIterator](#) **Xpian::Database::termlist\_begin** ([Xpian::docid](#) *did*) const

An iterator pointing to the start of the termlist for a given document.

**7.3.3.22** [TermIterator](#) **Xpian::Database::termlist\_end** ([Xpian::docid](#)) const [inline]

Corresponding end iterator to [termlist\\_begin\(\)](#).

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- `include/xapian/database.h`

## 7.4 Xapian::DocIDWrapper Class Reference

A wrapper class for a docid which returns the docid if dereferenced with \*.

```
#include <postingiterator.h>
```

### Public Member Functions

- **DocIDWrapper** ([docid](#) did\_)
- [docid](#) **operator** \* () const

#### 7.4.1 Detailed Description

A wrapper class for a docid which returns the docid if dereferenced with \*.

We need this to implement input\_iterator semantics.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

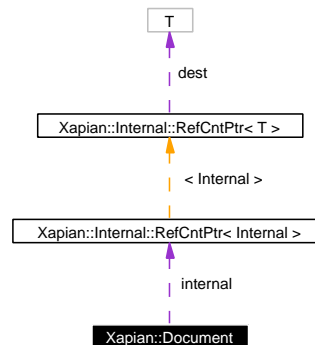
- include/xapian/[postingiterator.h](#)

## 7.5 Xapian::Document Class Reference

A document in the database - holds data, values, terms, and postings.

```
#include <document.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Xapian::Document:



### Public Member Functions

- **Document** (Internal \*internal\_)
- **Document** (const **Document** &other)  
*Copying is allowed.*
- void **operator=** (const **Document** &other)  
*Assignment is allowed.*
- **Document** ()  
*Make a new empty Document.*
- **~Document** ()  
*Destructor.*
- std::string **get\_value** (Xapian::valueno value) const  
*Get value by number.*
- void **add\_value** (Xapian::valueno value, const std::string &value)  
*Add a new value.*
- void **remove\_value** (Xapian::valueno value)  
*Remove any value with the given number.*
- void **clear\_values** ()  
*Remove all values associated with the document.*



- `std::string get_data () const`  
*Get data stored in the document.*
- `void set_data (const std::string &data)`  
*Set data stored in the document.*
- `void add_posting (const std::string &name, Xapian::termpos tpos, Xapian::termcount wdfinc=1)`  
*Add an occurrence of a term at a particular position.*
- `void add_term (const std::string &name, Xapian::termcount wdfinc=1)`  
*Add a term to the document, without positional information.*
- `XAPIAN_DEPRECATED (void add_term_nopos(const std::string &term, Xapian::termcount wdfinc=1))`  
*Old name for `add_term()`.*
- `void remove_posting (const std::string &name, Xapian::termpos tpos, Xapian::termcount wdfdec=1)`  
*Remove a posting of a term from the document.*
- `void remove_term (const std::string &name)`  
*Remove a term and all postings associated with it.*
- `void clear_terms ()`  
*Remove all terms (and postings) from the document.*
- `Xapian::termcount termlist_count () const`  
*Count the terms in this document.*
- `TermIterator termlist_begin () const`  
*Iterator for the terms in this document.*
- `TermIterator termlist_end () const`  
*Equivalent end iterator for `termlist_begin()`.*
- `Xapian::termcount values_count () const`  
*Count the values in this document.*
- `ValueIterator values_begin () const`  
*Iterator for the values in this document.*
- `ValueIterator values_end () const`  
*Equivalent end iterator for `values_begin()`.*

- `std::string get_description () const`  
*Introspection method.*

## Public Attributes

- `Xapian::Internal::RefCntPtr< Internal > internal`

### 7.5.1 Detailed Description

A document in the database - holds data, values, terms, and postings.

### 7.5.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

#### 7.5.2.1 `Xapian::Document::Document (const Document & other)`

Copying is allowed.

The internals are reference counted, so copying is cheap.

#### 7.5.2.2 `Xapian::Document::Document ()`

Make a new empty [Document](#).

#### 7.5.2.3 `Xapian::Document::~~Document ()`

Destructor.

### 7.5.3 Member Function Documentation

#### 7.5.3.1 `void Xapian::Document::add_posting (const std::string & tname, Xapian::termpos tpos, Xapian::termcount wdfinc = 1)`

Add an occurrence of a term at a particular position.

Multiple occurrences of the term at the same position are represented only once in the positional information, but do increase the wdf.

If the term is not already in the document, it will be added to it.

#### Parameters:

*tname* The name of the term.

*tpos* The position of the term.

*wdfinc* The increment that will be applied to the wdf for this term.

**7.5.3.2 void Xapian::Document::add\_term (const std::string & *tname*,  
[Xapian::termcount](#) *wdfinc* = 1)**

Add a term to the document, without positional information.

Any existing positional information for the term will be left unmodified.

**Parameters:**

*tname* The name of the term.

*wdfinc* The increment that will be applied to the wdf for this term.

**7.5.3.3 void Xapian::Document::add\_value ([Xapian::valueno](#) *valueno*, const  
std::string & *value*)**

Add a new value.

It will replace any existing value with the same number.

**7.5.3.4 void Xapian::Document::clear\_terms ()**

Remove all terms (and postings) from the document.

**7.5.3.5 void Xapian::Document::clear\_values ()**

Remove all values associated with the document.

**7.5.3.6 std::string Xapian::Document::get\_data () const**

Get data stored in the document.

This is a potentially expensive operation, and shouldn't normally be used in a match decider functor. Put data for use by match deciders in a value instead.

**7.5.3.7 std::string Xapian::Document::get\_description () const**

Introspection method.

**Returns:**

A string representing this [Document](#).

**7.5.3.8 std::string Xapian::Document::get\_value ([Xapian::valueno](#) *value*) const**

Get value by number.

Returns an empty string if no value with the given number is present in the document.

**Parameters:**

*value* The number of the value.

**7.5.3.9 void Xapian::Document::operator= (const Document & other)**

Assignment is allowed.

The internals are reference counted, so assignment is cheap.

**7.5.3.10 void Xapian::Document::remove\_posting (const std::string & tname, Xapian::termpos tpos, Xapian::termcount wdfdec = 1)**

Remove a posting of a term from the document.

Note that the term will still index the document even if all occurrences are removed. To remove a term from a document completely, use [remove\\_term\(\)](#).

**Parameters:**

*tname* The name of the term.

*tpos* The position of the term.

*wdfdec* The decrement that will be applied to the wdf when removing this posting. The wdf will not go below the value of 0.

**Exceptions:**

*Xapian::InvalidArgumentError* will be thrown if the term is not at the position specified in the position list for this term in this document.

*Xapian::InvalidArgumentError* will be thrown if the term is not in the document

**7.5.3.11 void Xapian::Document::remove\_term (const std::string & tname)**

Remove a term and all postings associated with it.

**Parameters:**

*tname* The name of the term.

**Exceptions:**

*Xapian::InvalidArgumentError* will be thrown if the term is not in the document

**7.5.3.12 void Xapian::Document::remove\_value (Xapian::valueno valueno)**

Remove any value with the given number.

**7.5.3.13 void Xapian::Document::set\_data (const std::string & data)**

Set data stored in the document.

**7.5.3.14 [TermIterator](#) Xapian::Document::termlist\_begin () const**

Iterator for the terms in this document.

**7.5.3.15 [Xapian::termcount](#) Xapian::Document::termlist\_count () const**

Count the terms in this document.

**7.5.3.16 [TermIterator](#) Xapian::Document::termlist\_end () const [inline]**

Equivalent end iterator for [termlist\\_begin\(\)](#).

**7.5.3.17 [ValueIterator](#) Xapian::Document::values\_begin () const**

Iterator for the values in this document.

**7.5.3.18 [Xapian::termcount](#) Xapian::Document::values\_count () const**

Count the values in this document.

**7.5.3.19 [ValueIterator](#) Xapian::Document::values\_end () const**

Equivalent end iterator for [values\\_begin\(\)](#).

**7.5.3.20 Xapian::Document::XAPIAN\_DEPRECATED (void  
*add\_term\_nopos*(const std::string &term, Xapian::termcount  
wdfinc=1))**

Old name for [add\\_term\(\)](#).

**Deprecated**

This method is deprecated and present only for backward compatibility. Use [add\\_term\(\)](#) instead.

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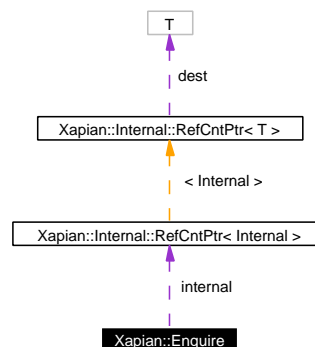
- include/xapian/[document.h](#)

## 7.6 Xapian::Enquire Class Reference

This class provides an interface to the information retrieval system for the purpose of searching.

```
#include <enquire.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Xapian::Enquire:



### Public Types

- enum **docid\_order** { **ASCENDING** = 1, **DESCENDING** = 0, **DONT\_CARE** = 2 }

### Public Member Functions

- **Enquire** (const **Database** &databases, **ErrorHandler** \*errorhandler\_=0)  
*Create a **Xapian::Enquire** object.*
- **~Enquire** ()  
*Close the **Xapian::Enquire** object.*
- void **set\_query** (const **Xapian::Query** &query, **Xapian::termcount** qlen=0)  
*Set the query to run.*
- const **Xapian::Query** & **get\_query** ()  
*Get the query which has been set.*
- void **set\_weighting\_scheme** (const **Weight** &weight\_)  
*Set the weighting scheme to use for queries.*
- void **set\_collapse\_key** (**Xapian::valueno** collapse\_key)  
*Set the collapse key to use for queries.*

- void `set_docid_order` (docid\_order order)  
*Set the direction in which documents are ordered by document id in the returned [MSet](#).*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEPRECATED](#) (void set\_sort\_forward(bool sort\_forward))  
*For compatibility with [Xapian](#) 0.8.5 and earlier.*
- void `set_cutoff` ([Xapian::percent](#) percent\_cutoff, [Xapian::weight](#) weight\_cutoff=0)  
*Set the percentage and/or weight cutoffs.*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEPRECATED](#) (void set\_sorting([Xapian::valueno](#) sort\_key, int sort\_bands, bool sort\_by\_relevance=false))  
*For compatibility with [Xapian](#) 0.8.5 and earlier.*
- void `set_sort_by_relevance` ()  
*Set the sorting to be by relevance only.*
- void `set_sort_by_value` ([Xapian::valueno](#) sort\_key, bool ascending=true)  
*Set the sorting to be by value only.*
- void `set_sort_by_value_then_relevance` ([Xapian::valueno](#) sort\_key, bool ascending=true)  
*Set the sorting to be by value, then by relevance for documents with the same value.*
- void `set_sort_by_relevance_then_value` ([Xapian::valueno](#) sort\_key, bool ascending=true)  
*Set the sorting to be by relevance then value.*
- void `set_bias` ([Xapian::weight](#) bias\_weight, time\_t bias\_halflife)  
*Set the bias functor parameters.*
- [MSet](#) `get_mset` ([Xapian::doccount](#) first, [Xapian::doccount](#) maxitems, [Xapian::doccount](#) checkatleast=0, const [RSet](#) \*omrset=0, const [MatchDecider](#) \*mdecider=0) const  
*Get (a portion of) the match set for the current query.*
- [MSet](#) `get_mset` ([Xapian::doccount](#) first, [Xapian::doccount](#) maxitems, const [RSet](#) \*omrset, const [MatchDecider](#) \*mdecider=0) const
- [ESet](#) `get_eset` ([Xapian::termcount](#) maxitems, const [RSet](#) &omrset, int flags=0, double k=1.0, const [Xapian::ExpandDecider](#) \*edecider=0) const  
*Get the expand set for the given rset.*
- [ESet](#) `get_eset` ([Xapian::termcount](#) maxitems, const [RSet](#) &omrset, const [Xapian::ExpandDecider](#) \*edecider) const  
*Get the expand set for the given rset.*
- [TermIterator](#) `get_matching_terms_begin` ([Xapian::docid](#) did) const

*Get terms which match a given document, by document id.*

- [TermIterator](#) [get\\_matching\\_terms\\_end](#) ([Xapian::docid](#)) const  
*End iterator corresponding to [get\\_matching\\_terms\\_begin\(\)](#).*
- [TermIterator](#) [get\\_matching\\_terms\\_begin](#) (const [MSetIterator](#) &it) const  
*Get terms which match a given document, by match set item.*
- [TermIterator](#) [get\\_matching\\_terms\\_end](#) (const [MSetIterator](#) &) const  
*End iterator corresponding to [get\\_matching\\_terms\\_begin\(\)](#).*
- void [register\\_match\\_decider](#) (const std::string &name, const [MatchDecider](#) \*mdecider=NULL)  
*Register a [MatchDecider](#).*
- std::string [get\\_description](#) () const  
*Introspection method.*

## Public Attributes

- [Xapian::Internal::RefCntPtr](#)< Internal > **internal**

## Static Public Attributes

- static const int **include\_query\_terms** = 1
- static const int **use\_exact\_termfreq** = 2

### 7.6.1 Detailed Description

This class provides an interface to the information retrieval system for the purpose of searching.

Databases are usually opened lazily, so exceptions may not be thrown where you would expect them to be. You should catch [Xapian::Error](#) exceptions when calling any method in [Xapian::Enquire](#).

#### Exceptions:

*[Xapian::InvalidArgumentError](#)* will be thrown if an invalid argument is supplied, for example, an unknown database type.

### 7.6.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

- #### 7.6.2.1 [Xapian::Enquire::Enquire](#) (const [Database](#) & *databases*, [ErrorHandler](#) \* *errorhandler\_* = 0)

Create a [Xapian::Enquire](#) object.



This specification cannot be changed once the [Xapian::Enquire](#) is opened: you must create a new [Xapian::Enquire](#) object to access a different database, or set of databases.

**Parameters:**

*database* Specification of the database or databases to use.

*errorhandler\_* A pointer to the error handler to use. Ownership of the object pointed to is not assumed by the [Xapian::Enquire](#) object - the user should delete the [Xapian::ErrorHandler](#) object after the [Xapian::Enquire](#) object is deleted. To use no error handler, this parameter should be 0.

### 7.6.2.2 Xapian::Enquire::~~Enquire ()

Close the [Xapian::Enquire](#) object.

## 7.6.3 Member Function Documentation

### 7.6.3.1 std::string Xapian::Enquire::get\_description () const

Introspection method.

**Returns:**

A string representing the enquire object.

### 7.6.3.2 ESet Xapian::Enquire::get\_eset (Xapian::termcount maxitems, const RSet & omrset, const Xapian::ExpandDecider \* edecider) const [inline]

Get the expand set for the given rset.

**Parameters:**

*maxitems* the maximum number of items to return.

*omrset* the relevance set to use when performing the expand operation.

*edecider* a decision functor to use to decide whether a given term should be put in the [ESet](#)

**Returns:**

An [ESet](#) object containing the results of the expand.

**Exceptions:**

*Xapian::InvalidArgumentError* See class documentation.

### 7.6.3.3 **ESet** `Xapian::Enquire::get_eset (Xapian::termcount maxitems, const RSet & omrset, int flags = 0, double k = 1.0, const Xapian::ExpandDecider * edecider = 0) const`

Get the expand set for the given rset.

#### Parameters:

*maxitems* the maximum number of items to return.

*omrset* the relevance set to use when performing the expand operation.

*flags* zero or more of these values |'ed together:

- `Xapian::Enquire::include_query_terms` query terms may be returned from expand
- `Xapian::Enquire::use_exact_termfreq` for multi dbs, calculate the exact termfreq; otherwise an approximation is used which can greatly improve efficiency, but still returns good results.

*k* the parameter k in the query expansion algorithm (default is 1.0)

*edecider* a decision functor to use to decide whether a given term should be put in the `ESet`

#### Returns:

An `ESet` object containing the results of the expand.

#### Exceptions:

*Xapian::InvalidArgumentError* See class documentation.

### 7.6.3.4 **TermIterator** `Xapian::Enquire::get_matching_terms_begin (const MSetIterator & it) const`

Get terms which match a given document, by match set item.

This method returns the terms in the current query which match the given document.

If the underlying database has suitable support, using this call (rather than passing a `Xapian::docid`) will enable the system to ensure that the correct data is returned, and that the document has not been deleted or changed since the query was performed.

#### Parameters:

*it* The iterator for which to retrieve the matching terms.

#### Returns:

An iterator returning the terms which match the document. The terms will be returned (as far as this makes any sense) in the same order as the terms in the query. Terms will not occur more than once, even if they do in the query.

#### Exceptions:

*Xapian::InvalidArgumentError* See class documentation.

*Xapian::DocNotFoundError* The document specified could not be found in the database.

### 7.6.3.5 **TermIterator** Xapian::Enquire::get\_matching\_terms\_begin (Xapian::docid did) const

Get terms which match a given document, by document id.

This method returns the terms in the current query which match the given document.

It is possible for the document to have been removed from the database between the time it is returned in an mset, and the time that this call is made. If possible, you should specify an **MSetIterator** instead of a **Xapian::docid**, since this will enable database backends with suitable support to prevent this occurring.

Note that a query does not need to have been run in order to make this call.

#### Parameters:

*did* The document id for which to retrieve the matching terms.

#### Returns:

An iterator returning the terms which match the document. The terms will be returned (as far as this makes any sense) in the same order as the terms in the query. Terms will not occur more than once, even if they do in the query.

#### Exceptions:

**Xapian::InvalidArgumentError** See class documentation.

**Xapian::DocNotFoundError** The document specified could not be found in the database.

### 7.6.3.6 **TermIterator** Xapian::Enquire::get\_matching\_terms\_end (const **MSetIterator** &) const [inline]

End iterator corresponding to [get\\_matching\\_terms\\_begin\(\)](#).

### 7.6.3.7 **TermIterator** Xapian::Enquire::get\_matching\_terms\_end (Xapian::docid) const [inline]

End iterator corresponding to [get\\_matching\\_terms\\_begin\(\)](#).

### 7.6.3.8 **MSet** Xapian::Enquire::get\_mset (Xapian::doccount first, Xapian::doccount maxitems, Xapian::doccount checkatleast = 0, const **RSet** \* omrset = 0, const **MatchDecider** \* mdecider = 0) const

Get (a portion of) the match set for the current query.

#### Parameters:

*first* the first item in the result set to return. A value of zero corresponds to the first item returned being that with the highest score. A value of 10 corresponds to the first 10 items being ignored, and the returned items starting at the eleventh.

*maxitems* the maximum number of items to return.

*checkatleast* the minimum number of items to check. Because the matcher optimises, it won't consider every document which might match, so the total number of matches is estimated. Setting *checkatleast* forces it to consider that many matches and so allows for reliable paging links.

*omrset* the relevance set to use when performing the query.

*mdecider* a decision functor to use to decide whether a given document should be put in the [MSet](#)

#### Returns:

A [Xapian::MSet](#) object containing the results of the query.

#### Exceptions:

*Xapian::InvalidArgumentError* See class documentation.

#### 7.6.3.9 const [Xapian::Query](#)& [Xapian::Enquire::get\\_query](#) ()

Get the query which has been set.

This is only valid after [set\\_query\(\)](#) has been called.

#### Exceptions:

*Xapian::InvalidArgumentError* will be thrown if query has not yet been set.

#### 7.6.3.10 void [Xapian::Enquire::register\\_match\\_decider](#) (const std::string & *name*, const [MatchDecider](#) \* *mdecider* = NULL)

Register a [MatchDecider](#).

#### Parameters:

*name* The name to register this matchdecider as.

*mdecider* The matchdecider. If omitted, then remove any matchdecider registered with this name.

#### 7.6.3.11 void [Xapian::Enquire::set\\_bias](#) ([Xapian::weight](#) *bias\_weight*, time\_t *bias\_half-life*)

Set the bias functor parameters.

NB this is a temporary API for this feature.

#### Parameters:

*bias\_weight* Maximum weight bias functor can add (and which is given to document with a time now or in the future).

*bias\_half-life* the match bias decays exponentially as you go back in time. This sets the half-life of this decay in seconds (default 0 => no bias).

### 7.6.3.12 void Xapian::Enquire::set\_collapse\_key (Xapian::value\_no collapse\_key)

Set the collapse key to use for queries.

**Parameters:**

*collapse\_key* value number to collapse on - at most one mset entry with each particular value will be returned.

The entry returned will be the best entry with that particular value (highest weight or highest sorting key).

An example use might be to create a value for each document containing an MD5 hash of the document contents. Then duplicate documents from different sources can be eliminated at search time (it's better to eliminate duplicates at index time, but this may not be always be possible - for example the search may be over more than one Xapian database).

Another use is to group matches in a particular category (e.g. you might collapse a mailing list search on the Subject: so that there's only one result per discussion thread). In this case you can use `get_collapse_count()` to give the user some idea how many other results there are. And if you index the Subject: as a boolean term as well as putting it in a value, you can offer a link to a non-collapsed search restricted to that thread using a boolean filter.

(default is Xapian::value\_no(-1) which means no collapsing).

### 7.6.3.13 void Xapian::Enquire::set\_cutoff (Xapian::percent percent\_cutoff, Xapian::weight weight\_cutoff = 0)

Set the percentage and/or weight cutoffs.

**Parameters:**

*percent\_cutoff* Minimum percentage score for returned documents. If a document has a lower percentage score than this, it will not appear in the mset. If your intention is to return only matches which contain all the terms in the query, then it's more efficient to use Xapian::Query::OP\_AND instead of Xapian::Query::OP\_OR in the query than to use `set_cutoff(100)`. (default 0 => no percentage cut-off).

*weight\_cutoff* Minimum weight for a document to be returned. If a document has a lower score than this, it will not appear in the mset. It is usually only possible to choose an appropriate weight for cutoff based on the results of a previous run of the same query; this is thus mainly useful for alerting operations. The other potential use is with a user specified weighting scheme. (default 0 => no weight cut-off).

### 7.6.3.14 void Xapian::Enquire::set\_docid\_order (docid\_order order)

Set the direction in which documents are ordered by document id in the returned MSet.

This order only has an effect on documents which would otherwise have equal rank. For a weighted probabilistic match with no sort value, this means documents with equal weight. For a boolean match, with no sort value, this means all documents. And if a sort value is used, this means documents with equal sort value (and also equal weight if ordering on relevance after the sort).

**Parameters:**

*order* This can be:

- Xapian::Enquire::ASCENDING docids sort in ascending order (default)
- Xapian::Enquire::DESCENDING docids sort in descending order
- Xapian::Enquire::DONT\_CARE docids sort in whatever order is most efficient for the backend

Note: If you add documents in strict date order, then a boolean search - i.e. `set_weighting_scheme(Xapian::BoolWeight())` - with `set_docid_order(Xapian::Enquire::DESCENDING)` is a very efficient way to perform "sort by date, newest first".

**7.6.3.15 void Xapian::Enquire::set\_query (const Xapian::Query & query, Xapian::termcount qlen = 0)**

Set the query to run.

**Parameters:**

*query* the new query to run.

*qlen* the query length to use in weight calculations - by default the sum of the wqf of all terms is used.

**7.6.3.16 void Xapian::Enquire::set\_sort\_by\_relevance ()**

Set the sorting to be by relevance only.

This is the default.

**7.6.3.17 void Xapian::Enquire::set\_sort\_by\_relevance\_then\_value (Xapian::valueno sort\_key, bool ascending = true)**

Set the sorting to be by relevance then value.

Note that with the default BM25 weighting scheme parameters, non-identical documents will rarely have the same weight, so this setting will give very similar results to `set_sort_by_relevance()`. It becomes more useful with particular BM25 parameter settings (e.g. `BM25Weight(1,0,1,0,0)`) or custom weighting schemes.

**Parameters:**

*sort\_key* value number to reorder on. Sorting is with a string compare. If ascending is true (the default) higher is better; if ascending is false, lower is better.

*ascending* If true, documents values which sort higher by string compare are better. If false, the sort order is reversed. (default true)

**7.6.3.18 void Xapian::Enquire::set\_sort\_by\_value (Xapian::valueno *sort\_key*, bool *ascending* = true)**

Set the sorting to be by value only.

**Parameters:**

*sort\_key* value number to reorder on. Sorting is with a string compare. If ascending is true (the default) higher is better; if ascending is false, lower is better.

*ascending* If true, documents values which sort higher by string compare are better. If false, the sort order is reversed. (default true)

**7.6.3.19 void Xapian::Enquire::set\_sort\_by\_value\_then\_relevance (Xapian::valueno *sort\_key*, bool *ascending* = true)**

Set the sorting to be by value, then by relevance for documents with the same value.

**Parameters:**

*sort\_key* value number to reorder on. Sorting is with a string compare. If ascending is true (the default) higher is better; if ascending is false, lower is better.

*ascending* If true, documents values which sort higher by string compare are better. If false, the sort order is reversed. (default true)

**7.6.3.20 void Xapian::Enquire::set\_weighting\_scheme (const Weight & *weight\_*)**

Set the weighting scheme to use for queries.

**Parameters:**

*weight\_* the new weighting scheme. If no weighting scheme is specified, the default is BM25 with the default parameters.

**7.6.3.21 Xapian::Enquire::XAPIAN\_DEPRECATED (void *set\_sorting*(Xapian::valueno *sort\_key*, int *sort\_bands*, bool *sort\_by\_relevance*=false))**

For compatibility with Xapian 0.8.5 and earlier.

**Deprecated**

This method is now deprecated, use [set\\_sort\\_by\\_relevance\(\)](#), [set\\_sort\\_by\\_value\(\)](#), or [set\\_sort\\_by\\_value\\_then\\_relevance\(\)](#) instead.

`set_sorting(KEY, 1) -> set_sort_by_value(KEY)`

`set_sorting(KEY, 1, false) -> set_sort_by_value(KEY)`

`set_sorting(KEY, 1, true) -> set_sort_by_value_then_relevance(KEY)`

`set_sorting(ANYTHING, 0) -> set\_sort\_by\_relevance\(\)`

`set_sorting(Xapian::valueno(-1), ANYTHING) -> set\_sort\_by\_relevance\(\)`

**7.6.3.22 Xapian::Enquire::XAPIAN\_DEPRECATED (void  
*set\_sort\_forward*(bool sort\_forward))**

For compatibility with [Xapian](#) 0.8.5 and earlier.

**Deprecated**

This method is now deprecated, use [set\\_docid\\_order\(\)](#) instead - `set_sort_forward(true) -> set_docid_order(ASCENDING)` and `set_sort_forward(false) -> set_docid_order(DSCENDING)`.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [include/xapian/enquire.h](#)



## 7.7 Xapian::Error Class Reference

All exceptions thrown by [Xapian](#) are subclasses of [Xapian::Error](#).

```
#include <error.h>
```

### Public Member Functions

- `std::string get\_type () const`  
*The type of this error (e.g. "DocNotFoundError").*
- `const std::string & get\_msg () const`  
*Message giving details of the error, intended for human consumption.*
- `const std::string & get\_context () const`  
*Optional context information.*
- `int get\_errno () const`  
*Optional value of 'errno' associated with this error.*

### Friends

- class **ErrorHandler**

#### 7.7.1 Detailed Description

All exceptions thrown by [Xapian](#) are subclasses of [Xapian::Error](#).

This class can not be instantiated directly - instead a subclass should be used.

#### 7.7.2 Member Function Documentation

##### 7.7.2.1 `const std::string& Xapian::Error::get_context () const` [inline]

Optional context information.

This context is intended for use by [Xapian::ErrorHandler](#) (for example so it can know which remote server is unreliable and report the problem and remove that server from those being searched). But it's typically a plain-text string, and so also fit for human consumption.

##### 7.7.2.2 `int Xapian::Error::get_errno () const` [inline]

Optional value of 'errno' associated with this error.

If no 'errno' value is associated, returns 0.

**7.7.2.3** `const std::string& Xapian::Error::get_msg () const` `[inline]`

Message giving details of the error, intended for human consumption.

**7.7.2.4** `std::string Xapian::Error::get_type () const` `[inline]`

The type of this error (e.g. "DocNotFoundError").

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- `include/xapian/error.h`

## 7.8 Xapian::ErrorHandler Class Reference

Decide if a [Xapian::Error](#) exception should be ignored.

```
#include <errorhandler.h>
```

### Public Member Functions

- [ErrorHandler](#) ()  
*Default constructor.*
- virtual [~ErrorHandler](#) ()  
*We require a virtual destructor because we have virtual methods.*
- void [operator\(\)](#) ([Xapian::Error](#) &error)  
*Handle a [Xapian::Error](#) object.*

#### 7.8.1 Detailed Description

Decide if a [Xapian::Error](#) exception should be ignored.

You can create your own subclass of this class and pass in an instance of it when you construct a [Xapian::Enquire](#) object. [Xapian::Error](#) exceptions which happen during the match process are passed to this object and it can decide whether they should propagate or whether [Enquire](#) should attempt to continue.

The motivation is to allow searching over remote databases to handle a remote server which has died (both to allow results to be returned, and also so that such errors can be logged and dead servers temporarily removed from use).

#### 7.8.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

##### 7.8.2.1 Xapian::ErrorHandler::ErrorHandler () [inline]

Default constructor.

##### 7.8.2.2 virtual Xapian::ErrorHandler::~~ErrorHandler () [inline, virtual]

We require a virtual destructor because we have virtual methods.

#### 7.8.3 Member Function Documentation

##### 7.8.3.1 void Xapian::ErrorHandler::operator() ([Xapian::Error](#) & error)

Handle a [Xapian::Error](#) object.

This method is called when a [Xapian::Error](#) object is thrown and caught inside [Enquire](#). If this is the first [ErrorHandler](#) that the [Error](#) has been passed to, then the `handle_error()` virtual method is called, which allows the API user to decide how to handle the error.

**Parameters:**

*error* The [Xapian::Error](#) object under consideration.

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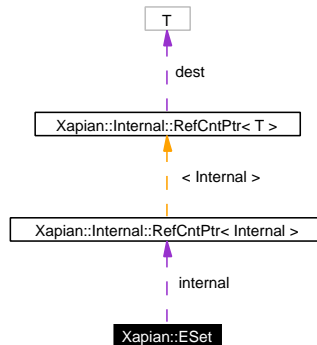
- `include/xapian/errorhandler.h`

## 7.9 Xapian::ESet Class Reference

Class representing an ordered set of expand terms (an [ESet](#)).

```
#include <enquire.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Xapian::ESet:



### Public Member Functions

- [ESet](#) ()  
*Construct an empty [ESet](#).*
- [~ESet](#) ()  
*Destructor.*
- [ESet](#) (const [ESet](#) &other)  
*Copying is allowed (and is cheap).*
- void [operator=](#) (const [ESet](#) &other)  
*Assignment is allowed (and is cheap).*
- [Xapian::termcount](#) [get\\_ebound](#) () const  
*A lower bound on the number of terms which are in the full set of results of the expand.*
- [Xapian::termcount](#) [size](#) () const  
*The number of terms in this E-Set.*
- [Xapian::termcount](#) [max\\_size](#) () const  
*Required to allow use as an STL container.*
- bool [empty](#) () const  
*Test if this E-Set is empty.*

- void [swap](#) ([ESet](#) &other)  
*Swap the E-Set we point to with another.*
- [ESetIterator begin](#) () const  
*Iterator for the terms in this E-Set.*
- [ESetIterator end](#) () const  
*End iterator corresponding to [begin\(\)](#).*
- [ESetIterator back](#) () const  
*Iterator pointing to the last element of this E-Set.*
- [ESetIterator operator\[\]](#) ([Xapian::termcount](#) i) const  
*This returns the term at position i in this E-Set.*
- std::string [get\\_description](#) () const  
*Introspection method.*

## Public Attributes

- [Xapian::Internal::RefCntPtr](#)< Internal > **internal**

## 7.9.1 Detailed Description

Class representing an ordered set of expand terms (an [ESet](#)).

This set represents the results of an expand operation, which is performed by [Xapian::Enquire::get\\_eset\(\)](#).

## 7.9.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

### 7.9.2.1 [Xapian::ESet::ESet](#) ()

Construct an empty [ESet](#).

### 7.9.2.2 [Xapian::ESet::~~ESet](#) ()

Destructor.

### 7.9.2.3 [Xapian::ESet::ESet](#) (const [ESet](#) & other)

Copying is allowed (and is cheap).

### 7.9.3 Member Function Documentation

#### 7.9.3.1 [ESetIterator](#) Xapian::ESet::back () const

Iterator pointing to the last element of this E-Set.

#### 7.9.3.2 [ESetIterator](#) Xapian::ESet::begin () const

Iterator for the terms in this E-Set.

#### 7.9.3.3 bool Xapian::ESet::empty () const

Test if this E-Set is empty.

#### 7.9.3.4 [ESetIterator](#) Xapian::ESet::end () const

End iterator corresponding to [begin\(\)](#).

#### 7.9.3.5 std::string Xapian::ESet::get\_description () const

Introspection method.

#### Returns:

A string representing this [ESet](#).

#### 7.9.3.6 [Xapian::termcount](#) Xapian::ESet::get\_ebound () const

A lower bound on the number of terms which are in the full set of results of the expand.

This will be greater than or equal to [size\(\)](#)

#### 7.9.3.7 [Xapian::termcount](#) Xapian::ESet::max\_size () const `[inline]`

Required to allow use as an STL container.

#### 7.9.3.8 void Xapian::ESet::operator= (const [ESet](#) & other)

Assignment is allowed (and is cheap).

#### 7.9.3.9 ]

[ESetIterator](#) Xapian::ESet::operator[] ([Xapian::termcount](#) i) const

This returns the term at position i in this E-Set.

**7.9.3.10** [Xapian::termcount](#) Xapian::ESet::size () const

The number of terms in this E-Set.

**7.9.3.11** void Xapian::ESet::swap ([ESet](#) & *other*)

Swap the E-Set we point to with another.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- include/xapian/[enquire.h](#)

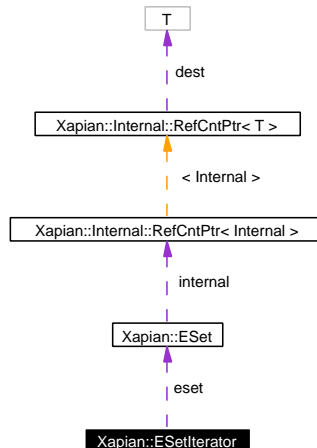


## 7.10 Xapian::ESetIterator Class Reference

Iterate through terms in the [ESet](#).

```
#include <enquire.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Xapian::ESetIterator:



### Public Types

- `typedef std::bidirectional_iterator_tag` [iterator\\_category](#)  
*Allow use as an STL iterator.*
- `typedef std::string` **value\_type**
- `typedef Xapian::termcount\_diff` **difference\_type**
- `typedef std::string *` **pointer**
- `typedef std::string &` **reference**

### Public Member Functions

- [ESetIterator](#) ()  
*Create an uninitialised iterator; this cannot be used, but is convenient syntactically.*
- [ESetIterator](#) (const [ESetIterator](#) &other)  
*Copying is allowed (and is cheap).*
- void [operator=](#) (const [ESetIterator](#) &other)  
*Assignment is allowed (and is cheap).*
- [ESetIterator](#) & [operator++](#) ()  
*Advance the iterator.*

- [ESetIterator operator++](#) (int)  
*Advance the iterator (postfix variant).*
- [ESetIterator & operator--](#) ()  
*Decrement the iterator.*
- [ESetIterator operator--](#) (int)  
*Decrement the iterator (postfix variant).*
- `const std::string & operator \* () const`  
*Get the term for the current position.*
- `Xapian::weight get\_weight () const`  
*Get the weight of the term at the current position.*
- `std::string get\_description () const`  
*Returns a string describing this object.*

## Friends

- class **ESet**
- `bool operator== (const ESetIterator &a, const ESetIterator &b)`
- `bool operator!= (const ESetIterator &a, const ESetIterator &b)`

### 7.10.1 Detailed Description

Iterate through terms in the [ESet](#).

### 7.10.2 Member Typedef Documentation

#### 7.10.2.1 `typedef std::bidirectional_iterator_tag Xapian::ESetIterator::iterator\_category`

Allow use as an STL iterator.

### 7.10.3 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

#### 7.10.3.1 `Xapian::ESetIterator::ESetIterator () [inline]`

Create an uninitialised iterator; this cannot be used, but is convenient syntactically.

### 7.10.3.2 Xapian::ESetIterator::ESetIterator (const [ESetIterator](#) & *other*) [inline]

Copying is allowed (and is cheap).

## 7.10.4 Member Function Documentation

### 7.10.4.1 std::string Xapian::ESetIterator::get\_description () const

Returns a string describing this object.

Introspection method.

### 7.10.4.2 [Xapian::weight](#) Xapian::ESetIterator::get\_weight () const

Get the weight of the term at the current position.

### 7.10.4.3 const std::string& Xapian::ESetIterator::operator \* () const

Get the term for the current position.

### 7.10.4.4 [ESetIterator](#) Xapian::ESetIterator::operator++ (int) [inline]

Advance the iterator (postfix variant).

### 7.10.4.5 [ESetIterator](#)& Xapian::ESetIterator::operator++ () [inline]

Advance the iterator.

### 7.10.4.6 [ESetIterator](#) Xapian::ESetIterator::operator-- (int) [inline]

Decrement the iterator (postfix variant).

### 7.10.4.7 [ESetIterator](#)& Xapian::ESetIterator::operator-- () [inline]

Decrement the iterator.

### 7.10.4.8 void Xapian::ESetIterator::operator= (const [ESetIterator](#) & *other*) [inline]

Assignment is allowed (and is cheap).

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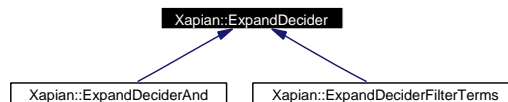
- [include/xapian/enquire.h](#)

## 7.11 Xapian::ExpandDecider Class Reference

Base class for expand decision functor.

```
#include <enquire.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for Xapian::ExpandDecider:



### Public Member Functions

- virtual int [operator\(\)](#) (const std::string &name) const =0  
*Decide whether we want this term to be in the expand set.*
- virtual [~ExpandDecider](#) ()  
*Destructor.*

#### 7.11.1 Detailed Description

Base class for expand decision functor.

#### 7.11.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

**7.11.2.1** `virtual Xapian::ExpandDecider::~~ExpandDecider () [inline, virtual]`

Destructor.

#### 7.11.3 Member Function Documentation

**7.11.3.1** `virtual int Xapian::ExpandDecider::operator() (const std::string &name) const [pure virtual]`

Decide whether we want this term to be in the expand set.

Implemented in [Xapian::ExpandDeciderFilterTerms](#), and [Xapian::ExpandDeciderAnd](#).

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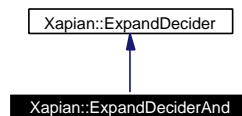
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## 7.12 Xapian::ExpandDeciderAnd Class Reference

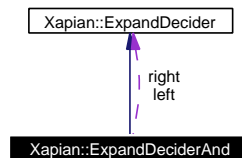
An expand decision functor which can be used to join two functors with an AND operation.

```
#include <expanddecider.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for Xapian::ExpandDeciderAnd:



Collaboration diagram for Xapian::ExpandDeciderAnd:



### Public Member Functions

- [ExpandDeciderAnd](#) (const [ExpandDecider](#) \*left\_, const [ExpandDecider](#) \*right\_)  
*Constructor, which takes as arguments the two decision functors to AND together.*
- virtual int [operator\(\)](#) (const std::string &name) const  
*Decide whether we want this term to be in the expand set.*

#### 7.12.1 Detailed Description

An expand decision functor which can be used to join two functors with an AND operation.

#### 7.12.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

##### 7.12.2.1 Xapian::ExpandDeciderAnd::ExpandDeciderAnd (const [ExpandDecider](#) \* left\_, const [ExpandDecider](#) \* right\_)

Constructor, which takes as arguments the two decision functors to AND together.

[ExpandDeciderAnd](#) will not delete its sub-functors.

### 7.12.3 Member Function Documentation

#### 7.12.3.1 `virtual int Xapian::ExpandDeciderAnd::operator() (const std::string & tname) const` [virtual]

Decide whether we want this term to be in the expand set.

Implements [Xapian::ExpandDecider](#).

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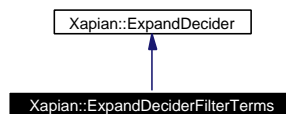
- `include/xapian/expanddecider.h`

## 7.13 Xapian::ExpandDeciderFilterTerms Class Reference

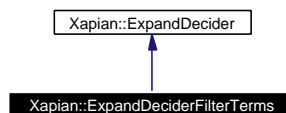
One useful expand decision functor, which provides a way of filtering out a fixed list of terms from the expand set.

```
#include <expanddecider.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for Xapian::ExpandDeciderFilterTerms:



Collaboration diagram for Xapian::ExpandDeciderFilterTerms:



### Public Member Functions

- [ExpandDeciderFilterTerms](#) ([Xapian::TermIterator](#) terms, [Xapian::TermIterator](#) termsend)

*Constructor, which takes a list of terms which will be filtered out.*

- virtual int [operator\(\)](#) (const std::string &name) const

*Decide whether we want this term to be in the expand set.*

#### 7.13.1 Detailed Description

One useful expand decision functor, which provides a way of filtering out a fixed list of terms from the expand set.

#### 7.13.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

##### 7.13.2.1 Xapian::ExpandDeciderFilterTerms::ExpandDeciderFilterTerms ([Xapian::TermIterator](#) terms, [Xapian::TermIterator](#) termsend)

Constructor, which takes a list of terms which will be filtered out.

### 7.13.3 Member Function Documentation

#### 7.13.3.1 `virtual int Xapian::ExpandDeciderFilterTerms::operator() (const std::string & tname) const` [virtual]

Decide whether we want this term to be in the expand set.

Implements [Xapian::ExpandDecider](#).

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- `include/xapian/expanddecider.h`



## 7.14 Xapian::MatchDecider Class Reference

Base class for matcher decision functor.

```
#include <enquire.h>
```

### Public Member Functions

- virtual int [operator\(\)](#) (const [Xapian::Document](#) &doc) const =0  
*Decide whether we want this document to be in the mset.*
- virtual [~MatchDecider](#) ()  
*Destructor.*

#### 7.14.1 Detailed Description

Base class for matcher decision functor.

#### 7.14.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

**7.14.2.1** virtual [Xapian::MatchDecider::~~MatchDecider](#) () [inline, virtual]

Destructor.

#### 7.14.3 Member Function Documentation

**7.14.3.1** virtual int [Xapian::MatchDecider::operator\(\)](#) (const [Xapian::Document](#) & doc) const [pure virtual]

Decide whether we want this document to be in the mset.

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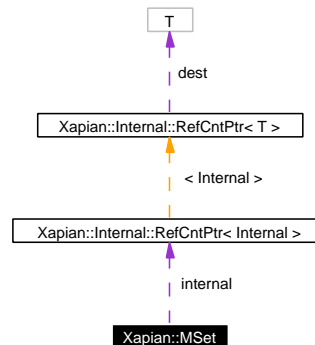
- include/xapian/[enquire.h](#)

## 7.15 Xapian::MSet Class Reference

A match set ([MSet](#)).

```
#include <enquire.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Xapian::MSet:



### Public Types

- typedef [MSetIterator](#) **value\_type**  
*Allow use as an STL container.*
- typedef [MSetIterator](#) **iterator**
- typedef [MSetIterator](#) **const\_iterator**
- typedef [MSetIterator](#) & **reference**
- typedef [MSetIterator](#) & **const\_reference**
- typedef [MSetIterator](#) \* **pointer**
- typedef [Xapian::doccount\\_diff](#) **difference\_type**
- typedef [Xapian::doccount](#) **size\_type**

### Public Member Functions

- **MSet** (MSet::Internal \*internal\_)
- **MSet** ()  
*Create an empty [Xapian::MSet](#).*
- **~MSet** ()  
*Destroy a [Xapian::MSet](#).*
- **MSet** (const [MSet](#) &other)  
*Copying is allowed (and is cheap).*
- void **operator=** (const [MSet](#) &other)  
*Assignment is allowed (and is cheap).*

- void [fetch](#) (const [MSetIterator](#) &begin, const [MSetIterator](#) &end) const  
*Fetch the the document info for a set of items in the [MSet](#).*
- void [fetch](#) (const [MSetIterator](#) &item) const  
*Fetch the single item specified.*
- void [fetch](#) () const  
*Fetch all the items in the [MSet](#).*
- [Xapian::percent convert\\_to\\_percent](#) ([Xapian::weight](#) wt) const  
*This converts the weight supplied to a percentage score.*
- [Xapian::percent convert\\_to\\_percent](#) (const [MSetIterator](#) &it) const  
*Return the percentage score for a particular item.*
- [Xapian::doccount get\\_termfreq](#) (const std::string &tname) const  
*Return the term frequency of the given query term.*
- [Xapian::weight get\\_termweight](#) (const std::string &tname) const  
*Return the term weight of the given query term.*
- [Xapian::doccount get\\_firstitem](#) () const  
*The index of the first item in the result which was put into the [MSet](#).*
- [Xapian::doccount get\\_matches\\_lower\\_bound](#) () const  
*A lower bound on the number of documents in the database which match the query.*
- [Xapian::doccount get\\_matches\\_estimated](#) () const  
*An estimate for the number of documents in the database which match the query.*
- [Xapian::doccount get\\_matches\\_upper\\_bound](#) () const  
*An upper bound on the number of documents in the database which match the query.*
- [Xapian::weight get\\_max\\_possible](#) () const  
*The maximum possible weight in the mset.*
- [Xapian::weight get\\_max\\_attained](#) () const  
*The greatest weight which is attained by any document in the database.*
- [Xapian::doccount size](#) () const  
*The number of items in this [MSet](#).*
- [Xapian::doccount max\\_size](#) () const  
*Required to allow use as an STL container.*

- `bool empty () const`  
*Test if this [MSet](#) is empty.*
- `void swap (MSet &other)`  
*Swap the [MSet](#) we point to with another.*
- `MSetIterator begin () const`  
*Iterator for the terms in this [MSet](#).*
- `MSetIterator end () const`  
*End iterator corresponding to [begin\(\)](#).*
- `MSetIterator back () const`  
*Iterator pointing to the last element of this [MSet](#).*
- `MSetIterator operator[] (Xapian::doccount i) const`  
*This returns the document at position *i* in this [MSet](#) object.*
- `std::string get_description () const`  
*Returns a string representing the mset.*

## Public Attributes

- `Xapian::Internal::RefCntPtr< Internal > internal`

### 7.15.1 Detailed Description

A match set ([MSet](#)).

This class represents (a portion of) the results of a query.

### 7.15.2 Member Typedef Documentation

#### 7.15.2.1 `typedef MSetIterator Xapian::MSet::value_type`

Allow use as an STL container.

### 7.15.3 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

#### 7.15.3.1 `Xapian::MSet::MSet ()`

Create an empty [Xapian::MSet](#).

### 7.15.3.2 Xapian::MSet::~~MSet ()

Destroy a [Xapian::MSet](#).

### 7.15.3.3 Xapian::MSet::MSet (const [MSet](#) & *other*)

Copying is allowed (and is cheap).

## 7.15.4 Member Function Documentation

### 7.15.4.1 [MSetIterator](#) Xapian::MSet::back () const

Iterator pointing to the last element of this [MSet](#).

### 7.15.4.2 [MSetIterator](#) Xapian::MSet::begin () const

Iterator for the terms in this [MSet](#).

### 7.15.4.3 [Xapian::percent](#) Xapian::MSet::convert\_to\_percent (const [MSetIterator](#) & *it*) const

Return the percentage score for a particular item.

### 7.15.4.4 [Xapian::percent](#) Xapian::MSet::convert\_to\_percent ([Xapian::weight](#) *wt*) const

This converts the weight supplied to a percentage score.

The return value will be in the range 0 to 100, and will be 0 if and only if the item did not match the query at all.

### 7.15.4.5 bool Xapian::MSet::empty () const

Test if this [MSet](#) is empty.

### 7.15.4.6 [MSetIterator](#) Xapian::MSet::end () const

End iterator corresponding to [begin\(\)](#).

### 7.15.4.7 void Xapian::MSet::fetch () const

Fetch all the items in the [MSet](#).

**7.15.4.8 void Xapian::MSet::fetch (const [MSetIterator](#) & *item*) const**

Fetch the single item specified.

**7.15.4.9 void Xapian::MSet::fetch (const [MSetIterator](#) & *begin*, const [MSetIterator](#) & *end*) const**

Fetch the the document info for a set of items in the [MSet](#).

This method causes the documents in the range specified by the iterators to be fetched from the database, and cached in the [Xapian::MSet](#) object. This has little effect when performing a search across a local database, but will greatly speed up subsequent access to the document contents when the documents are stored in a remote database.

The iterators must be over this [Xapian::MSet](#): undefined behaviour will result otherwise.

**Parameters:**

*begin* [MSetIterator](#) for first item to fetch.

*end* [MSetIterator](#) for item after last item to fetch.

**7.15.4.10 std::string Xapian::MSet::get\_description () const**

Returns a string representing the mset.

Introspection method.

**7.15.4.11 [Xapian::doccount](#) Xapian::MSet::get\_firstitem () const**

The index of the first item in the result which was put into the [MSet](#).

This corresponds to the parameter "first" specified in [Xapian::Enquire::get\\_mset\(\)](#). A value of 0 corresponds to the highest result being the first item in the mset.

**7.15.4.12 [Xapian::doccount](#) Xapian::MSet::get\_matches\_estimated () const**

An estimate for the number of documents in the database which match the query.

This figure takes into account collapsing of duplicates, and weighting cutoff values.

This value is returned because there is sometimes a request to display such information. However, our experience is that presenting this value to users causes them to worry about the large number of results, rather than how useful those at the top of the result set are, and is thus undesirable.

**7.15.4.13 [Xapian::doccount](#) Xapian::MSet::get\_matches\_lower\_bound () const**

A lower bound on the number of documents in the database which match the query.

This figure takes into account collapsing of duplicates, and weighting cutoff values.

This number is usually considerably less than the actual number of documents which match the query.

#### 7.15.4.14 [Xapian::doccount](#) Xapian::MSet::get\_matches\_upper\_bound () const

An upper bound on the number of documents in the database which match the query.

This figure takes into account collapsing of duplicates, and weighting cutoff values.

This number is usually considerably greater than the actual number of documents which match the query.

#### 7.15.4.15 [Xapian::weight](#) Xapian::MSet::get\_max\_attained () const

The greatest weight which is attained by any document in the database.

If firstitem == 0, this is the weight of the first entry in items.

If no documents are found by the query, this will be 0.

Note that calculation of max\_attained requires calculation of at least one result item - therefore, if no items were requested when the query was performed (by specifying maxitems = 0 in [Xapian::Enquire::get\\_mset\(\)](#)), this value will be 0.

#### 7.15.4.16 [Xapian::weight](#) Xapian::MSet::get\_max\_possible () const

The maximum possible weight in the mset.

This weight is likely not to be attained in the set of results, but represents an upper bound on the weight which a document could attain for the given query.

#### 7.15.4.17 [Xapian::doccount](#) Xapian::MSet::get\_termfreq (const std::string & tname) const

Return the term frequency of the given query term.

##### Parameters:

*tname* The term to look for.

##### Exceptions:

*Xapian::InvalidArgumentError* is thrown if the term was not in the query.

#### 7.15.4.18 [Xapian::weight](#) Xapian::MSet::get\_termweight (const std::string & tname) const

Return the term weight of the given query term.

**Parameters:**

*tname* The term to look for.

**Exceptions:**

*Xapian::InvalidArgumentError* is thrown if the term was not in the query.

**7.15.4.19** [Xapian::doccount](#) [Xapian::MSet::max\\_size \(\) const](#) [`inline`]

Required to allow use as an STL container.

**7.15.4.20** `void Xapian::MSet::operator= (const MSet & other)`

Assignment is allowed (and is cheap).

**7.15.4.21** `]`

[MSetIterator](#) [Xapian::MSet::operator\[\] \(Xapian::doccount i\) const](#)

This returns the document at position *i* in this [MSet](#) object.

Note that this is not the same as the document at rank *i* in the query, unless the "first" parameter to [Xapian::Enquire::get\\_mset](#) was 0. Rather, it is the document at rank *i* + first.

In other words, the offset is into the documents represented by this object, not into the set of documents matching the query.

**7.15.4.22** [Xapian::doccount](#) [Xapian::MSet::size \(\) const](#)

The number of items in this [MSet](#).

**7.15.4.23** `void Xapian::MSet::swap (MSet & other)`

Swap the [MSet](#) we point to with another.

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- `include/xapian/enquire.h`

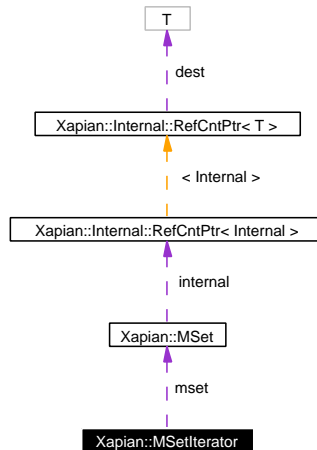


## 7.16 Xapian::MSetIterator Class Reference

An iterator pointing to items in an [MSet](#).

```
#include <enquire.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Xapian::MSetIterator:



### Public Types

- typedef std::bidirectional\_iterator\_tag [iterator\\_category](#)  
*Allow use as an STL iterator.*
- typedef [Xapian::docid](#) value\_type
- typedef [Xapian::doccount\\_diff](#) difference\_type
- typedef [Xapian::docid](#) \* pointer
- typedef [Xapian::docid](#) & reference

### Public Member Functions

- [MSetIterator](#) ()  
*Create an uninitialised iterator; this cannot be used, but is convenient syntactically.*
- [MSetIterator](#) (const [MSetIterator](#) &other)  
*Copying is allowed (and is cheap).*
- void [operator=](#) (const [MSetIterator](#) &other)  
*Assignment is allowed (and is cheap).*
- [MSetIterator](#) & [operator++](#) ()  
*Advance the iterator.*

- [MSetIterator operator++](#) (int)  
*Advance the iterator (postfix variant).*
- [MSetIterator & operator--](#) ()  
*Decrement the iterator.*
- [MSetIterator operator--](#) (int)  
*Decrement the iterator (postfix variant).*
- [Xapian::docid operator \\*](#) () const  
*Get the document ID for the current position.*
- [Xapian::Document get\\_document](#) () const  
*Get a [Xapian::Document](#) object for the current position.*
- [Xapian::doccount get\\_rank](#) () const  
*Get the rank of the document at the current position.*
- [Xapian::weight get\\_weight](#) () const  
*Get the weight of the document at the current position.*
- [std::string get\\_collapse\\_key](#) () const  
*Get the collapse key for this document.*
- [Xapian::doccount get\\_collapse\\_count](#) () const  
*Get an estimate of the number of documents that have been collapsed into this one.*
- [Xapian::percent get\\_percent](#) () const  
*This returns the weight of the document as a percentage score.*
- [std::string get\\_description](#) () const  
*Returns a string describing this object.*

## Friends

- class **MSet**
- bool **operator==** (const [MSetIterator](#) &a, const [MSetIterator](#) &b)
- bool **operator!=** (const [MSetIterator](#) &a, const [MSetIterator](#) &b)

### 7.16.1 Detailed Description

An iterator pointing to items in an [MSet](#).

This is used for access to individual results of a match.

## 7.16.2 Member Typedef Documentation

### 7.16.2.1 `typedef std::bidirectional_iterator_tag Xapian::MSetIterator::iterator_category`

Allow use as an STL iterator.

## 7.16.3 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

### 7.16.3.1 `Xapian::MSetIterator::MSetIterator () [inline]`

Create an uninitialised iterator; this cannot be used, but is convenient syntactically.

### 7.16.3.2 `Xapian::MSetIterator::MSetIterator (const MSetIterator & other) [inline]`

Copying is allowed (and is cheap).

## 7.16.4 Member Function Documentation

### 7.16.4.1 `Xapian::doccount Xapian::MSetIterator::get_collapse_count () const`

Get an estimate of the number of documents that have been collapsed into this one.

The estimate will always be less than or equal to the actual number of other documents satisfying the match criteria with the same collapse key as this document.

This method may return 0 even though there are other documents with the same collapse key which satisfying the match criteria. However if this method returns non-zero, there definitely are other such documents. So this method may be used to inform the user that there are "at least N other matches in this group", or to control whether to offer a "show other documents in this group" feature (but note that it may not offer it in every case where it would show other documents).

### 7.16.4.2 `std::string Xapian::MSetIterator::get_collapse_key () const`

Get the collapse key for this document.

### 7.16.4.3 `std::string Xapian::MSetIterator::get_description () const`

Returns a string describing this object.

Introspection method.

### 7.16.4.4 `Xapian::Document Xapian::MSetIterator::get_document () const`

Get a [Xapian::Document](#) object for the current position.

This method returns a [Xapian::Document](#) object which provides the information about the document pointed to by the [MSetIterator](#).

If the underlying database has suitable support, using this call (rather than asking the database for a document based on its document ID) will enable the system to ensure that the correct data is returned, and that the document has not been deleted or changed since the query was performed.

**Returns:**

A [Xapian::Document](#) object containing the document data.

**Exceptions:**

*Xapian::DocNotFoundError* The document specified could not be found in the database.

#### 7.16.4.5 [Xapian::percent](#) Xapian::MSetIterator::get\_percent () const

This returns the weight of the document as a percentage score.

The return value will be in the range 0 to 100: 0 meaning that the item did not match the query at all.

#### 7.16.4.6 [Xapian::doccount](#) Xapian::MSetIterator::get\_rank () const [inline]

Get the rank of the document at the current position.

The rank is the position that this document is at in the ordered list of results of the query. The document judged "most relevant" will have rank of 0.

#### 7.16.4.7 [Xapian::weight](#) Xapian::MSetIterator::get\_weight () const

Get the weight of the document at the current position.

#### 7.16.4.8 [Xapian::docid](#) Xapian::MSetIterator::operator \* () const

Get the document ID for the current position.

#### 7.16.4.9 [MSetIterator](#) Xapian::MSetIterator::operator++ (int) [inline]

Advance the iterator (postfix variant).

#### 7.16.4.10 [MSetIterator&](#) Xapian::MSetIterator::operator++ () [inline]

Advance the iterator.

**7.16.4.11** [MSetIterator](#) Xapian::MSetIterator::operator– (int) [inline]

Decrement the iterator (postfix variant).

**7.16.4.12** [MSetIterator&](#) Xapian::MSetIterator::operator– () [inline]

Decrement the iterator.

**7.16.4.13** void Xapian::MSetIterator::operator= (const [MSetIterator](#) & *other*) [inline]

Assignment is allowed (and is cheap).

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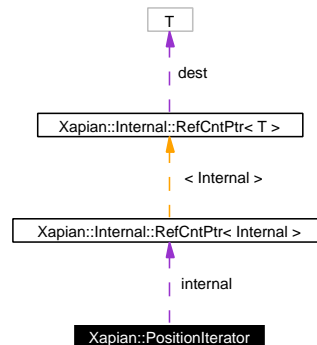
- include/xapian/[enquire.h](#)

## 7.17 Xapian::PositionIterator Class Reference

An iterator pointing to items in a list of positions.

```
#include <positioniterator.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Xapian::PositionIterator:



### Public Types

- typedef std::input\_iterator\_tag **iterator\_category**
- typedef [Xapian::termpos](#) **value\_type**
- typedef [Xapian::termpos\\_diff](#) **difference\_type**
- typedef [Xapian::termpos](#) \* **pointer**
- typedef [Xapian::termpos](#) & **reference**

### Public Member Functions

- **PositionIterator** (Internal \*internal\_)
- [PositionIterator](#) ()  
*Default constructor - for declaring an uninitialised iterator.*
- [~PositionIterator](#) ()  
*Destructor.*
- [PositionIterator](#) (const [PositionIterator](#) &o)  
*Copying is allowed.*
- void **operator=** (const [PositionIterator](#) &o)  
*Assignment is allowed.*
- [Xapian::termpos](#) **operator** \* () const
- [PositionIterator](#) & **operator++** ()
- [TermPosWrapper](#) **operator++** (int)

- void **skip\_to** ([Xapian::termpos](#) pos)
- std::string **get\_description** () const

*Returns a string describing this object.*

## Public Attributes

- [Xapian::Internal::RefCntPtr](#)< Internal > **internal**

## Friends

- class **PostingIterator**
- class **TermIterator**
- class **Database**
- bool **operator==** (const [PositionIterator](#) &a, const [PositionIterator](#) &b)

*Test equality of two PositionIterators.*

### 7.17.1 Detailed Description

An iterator pointing to items in a list of positions.

### 7.17.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

#### 7.17.2.1 Xapian::PositionIterator::PositionIterator ()

Default constructor - for declaring an uninitialised iterator.

#### 7.17.2.2 Xapian::PositionIterator::~~PositionIterator ()

Destructor.

#### 7.17.2.3 Xapian::PositionIterator::PositionIterator (const [PositionIterator](#) & o)

Copying is allowed.

The internals are reference counted, so copying is also cheap.

### 7.17.3 Member Function Documentation

#### 7.17.3.1 std::string Xapian::PositionIterator::get\_description () const

Returns a string describing this object.

Introspection method.

### 7.17.3.2 void Xapian::PositionIterator::operator= (const [PositionIterator](#) & *o*)

Assignment is allowed.

The internals are reference counted, so assignment is also cheap.

## 7.17.4 Friends And Related Function Documentation

### 7.17.4.1 bool operator== (const [PositionIterator](#) & *a*, const [PositionIterator](#) & *b*) [*friend*]

Test equality of two PositionIterators.

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- include/xapian/[positioniterator.h](#)

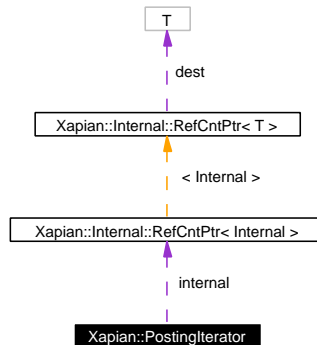


## 7.18 Xapian::PostingIterator Class Reference

An iterator pointing to items in a list of postings.

```
#include <postingiterator.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Xapian::PostingIterator:



### Public Types

- typedef std::input\_iterator\_tag **iterator\_category**  
*Allow use as an STL iterator.*
- typedef Xapian::docid **value\_type**
- typedef Xapian::doccount\_diff **difference\_type**
- typedef Xapian::docid \* **pointer**
- typedef Xapian::docid & **reference**

### Public Member Functions

- **PostingIterator** ()  
*Default constructor - for declaring an uninitialised iterator.*
- **~PostingIterator** ()  
*Destructor.*
- **PostingIterator** (const **PostingIterator** &other)  
*Copying is allowed.*
- void **operator=** (const **PostingIterator** &other)  
*Assignment is allowed.*
- **PostingIterator** & **operator++** ()
- **DocIDWrapper** **operator++** (int)
- void **skip\_to** (Xapian::docid did)

*Skip the iterator to document did, or the first document after did if did isn't in the list of documents being iterated.*

- [Xapian::docid operator \\* \(\) const](#)  
*Get the document id at the current position in the postlist.*
- [Xapian::doclength get\\_doclength \(\) const](#)  
*Get the length of the document at the current position in the postlist.*
- [Xapian::termcount get\\_wdf \(\) const](#)  
*Get the within document frequency of the document at the current position in the postlist.*
- [PositionIterator positionlist\\_begin \(\) const](#)  
*Return [PositionIterator](#) pointing to start of positionlist for current document.*
- [PositionIterator positionlist\\_end \(\) const](#)  
*Return [PositionIterator](#) pointing to end of positionlist for current document.*
- [std::string get\\_description \(\) const](#)  
*Returns a string describing this object.*

## Public Attributes

- [Xapian::Internal::RefCntPtr< Internal > internal](#)

## Friends

- class **Database**
- bool [operator==](#) (const [PostingIterator](#) &a, const [PostingIterator](#) &b)  
*Test equality of two PostingIterators.*

### 7.18.1 Detailed Description

An iterator pointing to items in a list of postings.

### 7.18.2 Member Typedef Documentation

#### 7.18.2.1 [typedef std::input\\_iterator\\_tag Xapian::PostingIterator::iterator\\_category](#)

Allow use as an STL iterator.

## 7.18.3 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

### 7.18.3.1 Xapian::PostingIterator::PostingIterator ()

Default constructor - for declaring an uninitialised iterator.

### 7.18.3.2 Xapian::PostingIterator::~~PostingIterator ()

Destructor.

### 7.18.3.3 Xapian::PostingIterator::PostingIterator (const [PostingIterator](#) & *other*)

Copying is allowed.

The internals are reference counted, so copying is also cheap.

## 7.18.4 Member Function Documentation

### 7.18.4.1 std::string Xapian::PostingIterator::get\_description () const

Returns a string describing this object.

Introspection method.

### 7.18.4.2 [Xapian::doclength](#) Xapian::PostingIterator::get\_doclength () const

Get the length of the document at the current position in the postlist.

This information may be stored in the postlist, in which case this lookup should be extremely fast (indeed, not require further disk access). If the information is not present in the postlist, it will be retrieved from the database, at a greater performance cost.

### 7.18.4.3 [Xapian::termcount](#) Xapian::PostingIterator::get\_wdf () const

Get the within document frequency of the document at the current position in the postlist.

### 7.18.4.4 [Xapian::docid](#) Xapian::PostingIterator::operator \* () const

Get the document id at the current position in the postlist.

### 7.18.4.5 void Xapian::PostingIterator::operator= (const [PostingIterator](#) & *other*)

Assignment is allowed.

The internals are reference counted, so assignment is also cheap.

#### 7.18.4.6 [PositionIterator](#) Xapian::PostingIterator::positionlist\_begin () const

Return [PositionIterator](#) pointing to start of positionlist for current document.

#### 7.18.4.7 [PositionIterator](#) Xapian::PostingIterator::positionlist\_end () const [inline]

Return [PositionIterator](#) pointing to end of positionlist for current document.

#### 7.18.4.8 void Xapian::PostingIterator::skip\_to ([Xapian::docid](#) did)

Skip the iterator to document did, or the first document after did if did isn't in the list of documents being iterated.

### 7.18.5 Friends And Related Function Documentation

#### 7.18.5.1 bool operator== (const [PostingIterator](#) & a, const [PostingIterator](#) & b) [friend]

Test equality of two PostingIterators.

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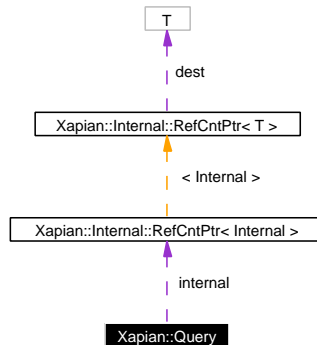
- include/xapian/[postingiterator.h](#)

## 7.19 Xapian::Query Class Reference

Class representing a query.

```
#include <query.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Xapian::Query:



### Public Types

- enum `op` {  
`OP_AND`, `OP_OR`, `OP_AND_NOT`, `OP_XOR`,  
`OP_AND_MAYBE`, `OP_FILTER`, `OP_NEAR`, `OP_PHRASE`,  
`OP_ELITE_SET` = 10 }

*Enum of possible query operations.*

### Public Member Functions

- `Query` (const `Query` &copyme)  
*Copy constructor.*
- `Query` & `operator=` (const `Query` &copyme)  
*Assignment.*
- `Query` ()  
*Default constructor: makes an empty query which matches no documents.*
- `~Query` ()  
*Destructor.*
- `Query` (const std::string &tname\_, `Xapian::termcount` wqf\_=1, `Xapian::termpos` pos\_=0)

*A query consisting of a single term.*

- [Query](#) ([Query::op](#) op\_, const [Query](#) &left, const [Query](#) &right)  
*A query consisting of two subqueries, opp-ed together.*
- [Query](#) ([Query::op](#) op\_, const std::string &left, const std::string &right)  
*A query consisting of two termnames opp-ed together.*
- template<class Iterator> [Query](#) ([Query::op](#) op\_, Iterator qbegin, Iterator qend, [Xapian::termcount](#) parameter=0)  
*Combine a number of [Xapian::Query](#)-s with the specified operator.*
- [Query](#) ([Query::op](#) op\_, [Xapian::Query](#) q)  
*Apply the specified operator to a single [Xapian::Query](#) object.*
- [Xapian::termcount](#) [get\\_length](#) () const  
*Get the length of the query, used by some ranking formulae.*
- [TermIterator](#) [get\\_terms\\_begin](#) () const  
*Return a [Xapian::TermIterator](#) returning all the terms in the query, in order of termpos.*
- [TermIterator](#) [get\\_terms\\_end](#) () const  
*Return a [Xapian::TermIterator](#) to the end of the list of terms in the query.*
- bool [empty](#) () const  
*Test if the query is empty (i.e.*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEPRECATED](#) (bool is\_empty() const)
- std::string [get\\_description](#) () const  
*Returns a string representing the query.*
- template<class Iterator> [Query](#) ([Query::op](#) op\_, Iterator qbegin, Iterator qend, [termcount](#) parameter)

## Public Attributes

- [Xapian::Internal::RefCntPtr](#)< [Internal](#) > **internal**

## Classes

- class [Internal](#)  
*[Internal](#) class, implementing most of [Xapian::Query](#).*

### 7.19.1 Detailed Description

Class representing a query.

Queries are represented as a tree of objects.

### 7.19.2 Member Enumeration Documentation

#### 7.19.2.1 enum Xapian::Query::op

Enum of possible query operations.

##### Enumerator:

**OP\_AND** Return iff both subqueries are satisfied.

**OP\_OR** Return if either subquery is satisfied.

**OP\_AND\_NOT** Return if left but not right satisfied.

**OP\_XOR** Return if one query satisfied, but not both.

**OP\_AND\_MAYBE** Return iff left satisfied, but use weights from both.

**OP\_FILTER** As AND, but use only weights from left subquery.

**OP\_NEAR** Find occurrences of a list of terms with all the terms occurring within a specified window of positions.

Each occurrence of a term must be at a different position, but the order they appear in is irrelevant.

The window parameter should be specified for this operation, but will default to the number of terms in the list.

**OP\_PHRASE** Find occurrences of a list of terms with all the terms occurring within a specified window of positions, and all the terms appearing in the order specified.

Each occurrence of a term must be at a different position.

The window parameter should be specified for this operation, but will default to the number of terms in the list.

**OP\_ELITE\_SET** Select an elite set from the subqueries, and perform a query with these combined as an OR query.

### 7.19.3 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

#### 7.19.3.1 Xapian::Query::Query (const Query & copyme)

Copy constructor.

#### 7.19.3.2 Xapian::Query::Query ()

Default constructor: makes an empty query which matches no documents.

Also useful for defining a [Query](#) object to be assigned to later.

An exception will be thrown if an attempt is made to use an undefined query when building up a composite query.

#### 7.19.3.3 Xapian::Query::~~Query ()

Destructor.

#### 7.19.3.4 Xapian::Query::Query (const std::string & *tname\_*, Xapian::termcount *wqf\_* = 1, Xapian::termpos *pos\_* = 0)

A query consisting of a single term.

#### 7.19.3.5 Xapian::Query::Query (Query::op *op\_*, const Query & *left*, const Query & *right*)

A query consisting of two subqueries, opp-ed together.

#### 7.19.3.6 Xapian::Query::Query (Query::op *op\_*, const std::string & *left*, const std::string & *right*)

A query consisting of two termnames opp-ed together.

#### 7.19.3.7 template<class Iterator> Xapian::Query::Query (Query::op *op\_*, Iterator *qbegin*, Iterator *qend*, Xapian::termcount *parameter* = 0)

Combine a number of Xapian::Query-s with the specified operator.

The Xapian::Query objects are specified with begin and end iterators.

AND, OR, NEAR and PHRASE can take any number of subqueries. Other operators take exactly two subqueries.

The iterators may be to Xapian::Query objects, pointers to Xapian::Query objects, or termnames (std::string-s).

For NEAR and PHRASE, a window size can be specified in parameter.

For ELITE\_SET, the elite set size can be specified in parameter.

#### 7.19.3.8 Xapian::Query::Query (Query::op *op\_*, Xapian::Query *q*)

Apply the specified operator to a single Xapian::Query object.



## 7.19.4 Member Function Documentation

### 7.19.4.1 `bool Xapian::Query::empty () const`

Test if the query is empty (i.e. was constructed using the default ctor or with an empty iterator ctor).

### 7.19.4.2 `std::string Xapian::Query::get_description () const`

Returns a string representing the query.  
Introspection method.

### 7.19.4.3 `Xapian::termcount Xapian::Query::get_length () const`

Get the length of the query, used by some ranking formulae.  
This value is calculated automatically - if you want to override it you can pass a different value to `Enquire::set_query()`.

### 7.19.4.4 `TermIterator Xapian::Query::get_terms_begin () const`

Return a `Xapian::TermIterator` returning all the terms in the query, in order of termpos. If multiple terms have the same term position, their order is unspecified. Duplicates (same term and termpos) will be removed.

### 7.19.4.5 `TermIterator Xapian::Query::get_terms_end () const [inline]`

Return a `Xapian::TermIterator` to the end of the list of terms in the query.

### 7.19.4.6 `Query& Xapian::Query::operator= (const Query & copyme)`

Assignment.

### 7.19.4.7 `Xapian::Query::XAPIAN_DEPRECATED (bool is_empty() const)`

#### Deprecated

Deprecated alias for `empty()`

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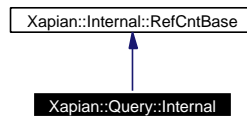
- `include/xapian/query.h`

## 7.20 Xapian::Query::Internal Class Reference

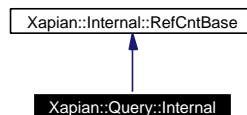
[Internal](#) class, implementing most of [Xapian::Query](#).

```
#include <query.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for Xapian::Query::Internal:



Collaboration diagram for Xapian::Query::Internal:



### Public Types

- typedef std::vector< [Internal](#) \* > [subquery\\_list](#)  
*The container type for storing pointers to subqueries.*
- typedef int [op\\_t](#)  
*Type storing the operation.*

### Public Member Functions

- [Internal](#) (const [Query::Internal](#) &copyme)  
*Copy constructor.*
- void [operator=](#) (const [Query::Internal](#) &copyme)  
*Assignment.*
- [Internal](#) (const std::string &tname\_, [Xapian::termcount](#) wqf\_=1, [Xapian::termpos](#) term\_pos\_=0)  
*A query consisting of a single term.*
- [Internal](#) ([op\\_t](#) op\_, [Xapian::termcount](#) parameter)  
*Create internals given only the operator and a parameter.*

- [~Internal](#) ()  
*Destructor.*
- void [add\\_subquery](#) (const [Query::Internal](#) &subq)  
*Add a subquery.*
- [Query::Internal](#) \* [end\\_construction](#) ()  
*Finish off the construction.*
- std::string [serialise](#) () const  
*Return a string in an easily parsed form which contains all the information in a query.*
- std::string [get\\_description](#) () const  
*Returns a string representing the query.*
- [Xapian::termcount](#) [get\\_length](#) () const  
*Get the length of the query, used by some ranking formulae.*
- [TermIterator](#) [get\\_terms](#) () const  
*Return an iterator over all the terms in the query, in order of termpos.*

## Static Public Member Functions

- static [Xapian::Query::Internal](#) \* [unserialise](#) (const std::string &s)

## Static Public Attributes

- static const int [OP\\_LEAF](#) = -1

## Friends

- class [::MultiMatch](#)
- class [::LocalSubMatch](#)
- struct [::SortPosName](#)
- std::string [serialise\\_qint\\_](#) (const [Xapian::Query::Internal](#) \*qint, [Xapian::termpos](#) &curpos)

### 7.20.1 Detailed Description

[Internal](#) class, implementing most of [Xapian::Query](#).

## 7.20.2 Member Typedef Documentation

### 7.20.2.1 typedef int [Xapian::Query::Internal::op\\_t](#)

Type storing the operation.

### 7.20.2.2 typedef std::vector<[Internal](#) \*> [Xapian::Query::Internal::subquery\\_list](#)

The container type for storing pointers to subqueries.

## 7.20.3 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

### 7.20.3.1 [Xapian::Query::Internal::Internal](#) (const [Query::Internal](#) & *copyme*)

Copy constructor.

### 7.20.3.2 [Xapian::Query::Internal::Internal](#) (const std::string & *tname\_*, [Xapian::termcount](#) *wqf\_* = 1, [Xapian::termpos](#) *term\_pos\_* = 0)

A query consisting of a single term.

### 7.20.3.3 [Xapian::Query::Internal::Internal](#) ([op\\_t](#) *op\_*, [Xapian::termcount](#) *parameter*)

Create internals given only the operator and a parameter.

### 7.20.3.4 [Xapian::Query::Internal::~~Internal](#) ()

Destructor.

## 7.20.4 Member Function Documentation

### 7.20.4.1 void [Xapian::Query::Internal::add\\_subquery](#) (const [Query::Internal](#) & *subq*)

Add a subquery.

### 7.20.4.2 [Query::Internal\\*](#) [Xapian::Query::Internal::end\\_construction](#) ()

Finish off the construction.

**7.20.4.3** `std::string Xapian::Query::Internal::get_description () const`

Returns a string representing the query.

Introspection method.

**7.20.4.4** `Xapian::termcount Xapian::Query::Internal::get_length () const`

Get the length of the query, used by some ranking formulae.

This value is calculated automatically - if you want to override it you can pass a different value to `Enquire::set_query()`.

**7.20.4.5** `TermIterator Xapian::Query::Internal::get_terms () const`

Return an iterator over all the terms in the query, in order of termpos.

If multiple terms have the same term position, their order is unspecified. Duplicates (same term and termpos) will be removed.

**7.20.4.6** `void Xapian::Query::Internal::operator= (const Query::Internal & copyme)`

Assignment.

**7.20.4.7** `std::string Xapian::Query::Internal::serialise () const`

Return a string in an easily parsed form which contains all the information in a query.

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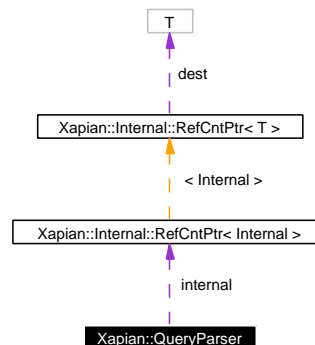
- `include/xapian/query.h`

## 7.21 Xapian::QueryParser Class Reference

Build a [Xapian::Query](#) object from a user query string.

```
#include <queryparser.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Xapian::QueryParser:



### Public Types

- enum [feature\\_flag](#) {  
[FLAG\\_BOOLEAN](#) = 1, [FLAG\\_PHRASE](#) = 2, [FLAG\\_LOVEHATE](#) = 4,  
[FLAG\\_BOOLEAN\\_ANY\\_CASE](#) = 8,  
[FLAG\\_WILDCARD](#) = 16 }  
*Enum of feature flags.*
- enum [stem\\_strategy](#) { [STEM\\_NONE](#), [STEM\\_SOME](#), [STEM\\_ALL](#) }

### Public Member Functions

- [QueryParser](#) (const [QueryParser](#) &o)  
*Copy constructor.*
- [QueryParser](#) & [operator=](#) (const [QueryParser](#) &o)  
*Assignment.*
- [QueryParser](#) ()  
*Default constructor.*
- [~QueryParser](#) ()  
*Destructor.*
- void [set\\_stemmer](#) (const [Xapian::Stem](#) &stemmer)

*Set the stemmer.*

- void [set\\_stemming\\_strategy](#) (stem\_strategy strategy)  
*Set the stemming strategy.*
- void [set\\_stopper](#) (const [Stopper](#) \*stop=NULL)  
*Set the stopper.*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEPRECATED](#) (void set\_stemming\_options(const std::string &lang, bool stem\_all=false, const [Stopper](#) \*stop=NULL))
- void [set\\_default\\_op](#) ([Query::op](#) default\_op)  
*Set the default boolean operator.*
- [Query::op](#) [get\\_default\\_op](#) () const  
*Get the default boolean operator.*
- void [set\\_database](#) (const [Database](#) &db)  
*Specify the database being searched.*
- [Query](#) [parse\\_query](#) (const std::string &query\_string, unsigned flags=FLAG\_PHRASE|FLAG\_BOOLEAN|FLAG\_LOVEHATE)  
*Parse a query.*
- void [add\\_prefix](#) (const std::string &field, const std::string &prefix)  
*Add a probabilistic term prefix.*
- void [add\\_boolean\\_prefix](#) (const std::string &field, const std::string &prefix)  
*Add a boolean term prefix allowing the user to restrict a search with a boolean filter specified in the free text query.*
- [TermIterator](#) [stoplist\\_begin](#) () const  
*Iterate over terms omitted from the query as stopwords.*
- [TermIterator](#) [stoplist\\_end](#) () const
- [TermIterator](#) [unstem\\_begin](#) (const std::string &term) const  
*Iterate over unstemmed forms of the given (stemmed) term used in the query.*
- [TermIterator](#) [unstem\\_end](#) (const std::string &) const
- std::string [get\\_description](#) () const  
*Return a string describing this object.*

## Public Attributes

- [Xapian::Internal::RefCntPtr](#)< [Internal](#) > **internal**

### 7.21.1 Detailed Description

Build a [Xapian::Query](#) object from a user query string.

### 7.21.2 Member Enumeration Documentation

#### 7.21.2.1 enum [Xapian::QueryParser::feature\\_flag](#)

Enum of feature flags.

**Enumerator:**

*FLAG\_BOOLEAN* Support AND, OR, etc and bracketted subexpressions.

*FLAG\_PHRASE* Support quoted phrases.

*FLAG\_LOVEHATE* Support + and -.

*FLAG\_BOOLEAN\_ANY\_CASE* Support AND, OR, etc even if they aren't in ALLCAPS.

*FLAG\_WILDCARD* Support right truncation (e.g. Xap\*).

NB: You need to tell the [QueryParser](#) object which database to expand wild-cards from using `set_database`.

### 7.21.3 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

#### 7.21.3.1 [Xapian::QueryParser::QueryParser](#) (const [QueryParser](#) & o)

Copy constructor.

#### 7.21.3.2 [Xapian::QueryParser::QueryParser](#) ()

Default constructor.

#### 7.21.3.3 [Xapian::QueryParser::~~QueryParser](#) ()

Destructor.

### 7.21.4 Member Function Documentation

#### 7.21.4.1 void [Xapian::QueryParser::add\\_boolean\\_prefix](#) (const std::string & *field*, const std::string & *prefix*)

Add a boolean term prefix allowing the user to restrict a search with a boolean filter specified in the free text query.

E.g. `qp.add_boolean_prefix("site", "H");`



Allows the user to restrict a search with site:xapian.org which will be converted to Hxapian.org combined with any probabilistic query with OP\_FILTER.

Multiple fields can be mapped to the same prefix (so you can e.g. make site: and domain: aliases for each other).

**Parameters:**

*field* The user visible field name

*prefix* The term prefix to map this to

#### 7.21.4.2 void Xapian::QueryParser::add\_prefix (const std::string & *field*, const std::string & *prefix*)

Add a probabilistic term prefix.

E.g. qp.add\_prefix("author", "A");

Allows the user to search for author:orwell which will search for the term "Aorwel" (assuming English stemming is in use). Multiple fields can be mapped to the same prefix (so you can e.g. make title: and subject: aliases for each other).

**Parameters:**

*field* The user visible field name

*prefix* The term prefix to map this to

#### 7.21.4.3 Query::op Xapian::QueryParser::get\_default\_op () const

Get the default boolean operator.

#### 7.21.4.4 std::string Xapian::QueryParser::get\_description () const

Return a string describing this object.

#### 7.21.4.5 QueryParser& Xapian::QueryParser::operator= (const QueryParser & *o*)

Assignment.

#### 7.21.4.6 Query Xapian::QueryParser::parse\_query (const std::string & *query\_string*, unsigned *flags* = FLAG\_PHRASE|FLAG\_BOOLEAN|FLAG\_LOVEHATE)

Parse a query.

**Parameters:**

*query\_string* A free-text query as entered by a user

*flags* Zero or more `Query::feature_flag` specifying what features the `QueryParser` should support. Combine multiple values with bitwise-or (`|`).

**7.21.4.7 void Xapian::QueryParser::set\_database (const Database & db)**

Specify the database being searched.

**7.21.4.8 void Xapian::QueryParser::set\_default\_op (Query::op default\_op)**

Set the default boolean operator.

**7.21.4.9 void Xapian::QueryParser::set\_stemmer (const Xapian::Stem & stemmer)**

Set the stemmer.

**7.21.4.10 void Xapian::QueryParser::set\_stemming\_strategy (stem\_strategy strategy)**

Set the stemming strategy.

**7.21.4.11 void Xapian::QueryParser::set\_stopper (const Stopper \* stop = NULL)**

Set the stopper.

**7.21.4.12 TermIterator Xapian::QueryParser::stoplist\_begin () const**

Iterate over terms omitted from the query as stopwords.

**7.21.4.13 TermIterator Xapian::QueryParser::unstem\_begin (const std::string & term) const**

Iterate over unstemmed forms of the given (stemmed) term used in the query.

**7.21.4.14 Xapian::QueryParser::XAPIAN\_DEPRECATED (void set\_stemming\_options(const std::string &lang, bool stem\_all=false, const Stopper \*stop=NULL))**

**Deprecated**

Deprecated method for backward compatibility.

Use `set_stemmer`, `set_stemming_strategy` and/or `set_stopper` instead.

`set_stemming_options("") -> set_stemming_strategy(Xapian::QueryParser::STEM_NONE)`

`set_stemming_options("none") -> set_stemming_strategy(Xapian::QueryParser::STEM_NONE)`

`set_stemming_options(LANG) -> set_stemmer(Xapian::Stem(LANG); set_stemming_strategy(Xapian::QueryParser::STEM_SOME)`

`set_stemming_options(LANG, false) -> set_stemmer(Xapian::Stem(LANG); set_stemming_strategy(Xapian::QueryParser::STEM_SOME)`

`set_stemming_options(LANG, true) -> set_stemmer(Xapian::Stem(LANG); set_stemming_strategy(Xapian::QueryParser::STEM_ALL)`

If a third parameter is passed, `set_stopper(PARAM3)` and treat the first two parameters as above.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [include/xapian/queryparser.h](#)

## 7.22 Xapian::Internal::RefCntBase Class Reference

Reference counted internal classes should inherit from [RefCntBase](#).

```
#include <base.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for Xapian::Internal::RefCntBase:



### Public Types

- typedef unsigned int `ref_count_t`

### Public Member Functions

- [RefCntBase](#) ()

*The constructor, which initialises the ref\_count to 0.*

### Public Attributes

- `ref_count_t` [ref\\_count](#)

*The actual reference count.*

### Protected Member Functions

- [RefCntBase](#) (const [RefCntBase](#) &)

*The copy constructor.*

#### 7.22.1 Detailed Description

Reference counted internal classes should inherit from [RefCntBase](#).

This gives the object a reference count used by [RefCntPtr](#).

## 7.22.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

### 7.22.2.1 Xapian::Internal::RefCntBase::RefCntBase (const [RefCntBase](#) &) [inline, protected]

The copy constructor.

This is protected since it'll only be used by derived classes, which should only rarely need copying (this is, after all, a refcount implementation). Sometimes it's needed, though, since we need to zero `ref_count` in the copy.

### 7.22.2.2 Xapian::Internal::RefCntBase::RefCntBase () [inline]

The constructor, which initialises the `ref_count` to 0.

## 7.22.3 Member Data Documentation

### 7.22.3.1 `ref_count_t` [Xapian::Internal::RefCntBase::ref\\_count](#) [mutable]

The actual reference count.

It's mutable so we can have reference counting work with const pointers.

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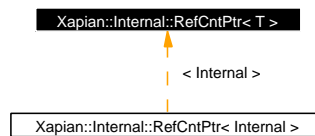
- `include/xapian/base.h`

## 7.23 Xapian::Internal::RefCntPtr< T > Class Template Reference

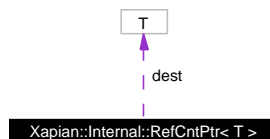
A reference-counted pointer.

```
#include <base.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for Xapian::Internal::RefCntPtr< T >:



Collaboration diagram for Xapian::Internal::RefCntPtr< T >:



### Public Member Functions

- **T \* operator** → () const
- **T & operator** \* () const
- **T \* get** () const
- **RefCntPtr** (T \*dest\_)

*Make a [RefCntPtr](#) for an object which may already have reference counted pointers.*

- **RefCntPtr** (const [RefCntPtr](#) &other)
- void **operator=** (const [RefCntPtr](#) &other)
- void **operator=** (T \*dest\_)
- template<class U> **RefCntPtr** (const [RefCntPtr](#)< U > &other)

### 7.23.1 Detailed Description

```
template<class T> class Xapian::Internal::RefCntPtr< T >
```

A reference-counted pointer.

Can be used with any class derived from [RefCntBase](#), as long as it is allocated on the heap by new (not new[]!).

## 7.23.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

**7.23.2.1** `template<class T> Xapian::Internal::RefCntPtr< T >::RefCntPtr (T * dest_) [inline]`

Make a [RefCntPtr](#) for an object which may already have reference counted pointers.

You usually pass in a newly created object, or an object may pass in "this" to get a [RefCntPtr](#) to itself to pass to other classes. (e.g. a database might pass a newly created postlist a reference counted pointer to itself.)

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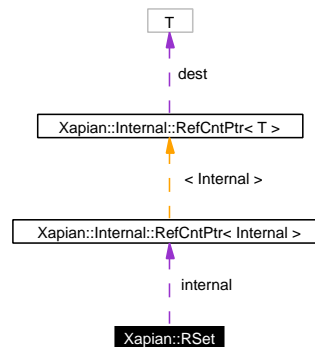
- include/xapian/base.h

## 7.24 Xapian::RSet Class Reference

A relevance set (R-Set).

```
#include <enquire.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Xapian::RSet:



### Public Member Functions

- [RSet](#) (const [RSet](#) &rset)  
*Copy constructor.*
- void [operator=](#) (const [RSet](#) &rset)  
*Assignment operator.*
- [RSet](#) ()  
*Default constructor.*
- [~RSet](#) ()  
*Destructor.*
- [Xapian::doccount size](#) () const  
*The number of documents in this R-Set.*
- bool [empty](#) () const  
*Test if this R-Set is empty.*
- void [add\\_document](#) (Xapian::docid did)  
*Add a document to the relevance set.*
- void [add\\_document](#) (const [Xapian::MSetIterator](#) &i)  
*Add a document to the relevance set.*



- void [remove\\_document](#) (Xapian::docid did)  
*Remove a document from the relevance set.*
- void [remove\\_document](#) (const Xapian::MSetIterator &i)  
*Remove a document from the relevance set.*
- bool [contains](#) (Xapian::docid did) const  
*Test if a given document in the relevance set.*
- bool [contains](#) (const Xapian::MSetIterator &i)  
*Test if a given document in the relevance set.*
- std::string [get\\_description](#) () const  
*Introspection method.*

## Public Attributes

- [Xapian::Internal::RefCntPtr](#)< Internal > **internal**

### 7.24.1 Detailed Description

A relevance set (R-Set).

This is the set of documents which are marked as relevant, for use in modifying the term weights, and in performing query expansion.

### 7.24.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

#### 7.24.2.1 Xapian::RSet::RSet (const [RSet](#) & rset)

Copy constructor.

#### 7.24.2.2 Xapian::RSet::RSet ()

Default constructor.

#### 7.24.2.3 Xapian::RSet::~~RSet ()

Destructor.

### 7.24.3 Member Function Documentation

**7.24.3.1** `void Xapian::RSet::add_document (const Xapian::MSetIterator & i)`  
[inline]

Add a document to the relevance set.

**7.24.3.2** `void Xapian::RSet::add_document (Xapian::docid did)`

Add a document to the relevance set.

**7.24.3.3** `bool Xapian::RSet::contains (const Xapian::MSetIterator & i)`  
[inline]

Test if a given document in the relevance set.

**7.24.3.4** `bool Xapian::RSet::contains (Xapian::docid did) const`

Test if a given document in the relevance set.

**7.24.3.5** `bool Xapian::RSet::empty () const`

Test if this R-Set is empty.

**7.24.3.6** `std::string Xapian::RSet::get_description () const`

Introspection method.

**Returns:**

A string representing this [RSet](#).

**7.24.3.7** `void Xapian::RSet::operator= (const RSet & rset)`

Assignment operator.

**7.24.3.8** `void Xapian::RSet::remove_document (const Xapian::MSetIterator & i)` [inline]

Remove a document from the relevance set.

**7.24.3.9** `void Xapian::RSet::remove_document (Xapian::docid did)`

Remove a document from the relevance set.

#### 7.24.3.10 [Xapian::doccount](#) Xapian::RSet::size () const

The number of documents in this R-Set.

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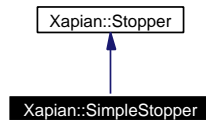
- [include/xapian/enquire.h](#)

## 7.25 Xapian::SimpleStopper Class Reference

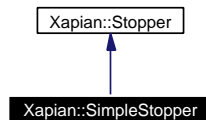
Simple implementation of [Stopper](#) class - this will suit most users.

```
#include <queryparser.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for Xapian::SimpleStopper:



Collaboration diagram for Xapian::SimpleStopper:



### Public Member Functions

- [SimpleStopper](#) ()  
*Default constructor.*
- `template<class Iterator>` [SimpleStopper](#) (Iterator begin, Iterator end)  
*Initialise from a pair of iterators.*
- `void` [add](#) (const std::string word)  
*Add a single stop word.*
- `virtual bool` [operator\(\)](#) (const std::string &term) const  
*Is term a stop-word?*
- `virtual` [~SimpleStopper](#) ()  
*Destructor.*
- `virtual std::string` [get\\_description](#) () const  
*Return a string describing this object.*

### 7.25.1 Detailed Description

Simple implementation of [Stopper](#) class - this will suit most users.

## 7.25.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

### 7.25.2.1 Xapian::SimpleStopper::SimpleStopper () [inline]

Default constructor.

### 7.25.2.2 template<class Iterator> Xapian::SimpleStopper::SimpleStopper (Iterator *begin*, Iterator *end*) [inline]

Initialise from a pair of iterators.

### 7.25.2.3 virtual Xapian::SimpleStopper::~SimpleStopper () [inline, virtual]

Destructor.

## 7.25.3 Member Function Documentation

### 7.25.3.1 void Xapian::SimpleStopper::add (const std::string *word*) [inline]

Add a single stop word.

### 7.25.3.2 virtual std::string Xapian::SimpleStopper::get\_description () const [virtual]

Return a string describing this object.

Reimplemented from [Xapian::Stopper](#).

### 7.25.3.3 virtual bool Xapian::SimpleStopper::operator() (const std::string & *term*) const [inline, virtual]

Is term a stop-word?

Implements [Xapian::Stopper](#).

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

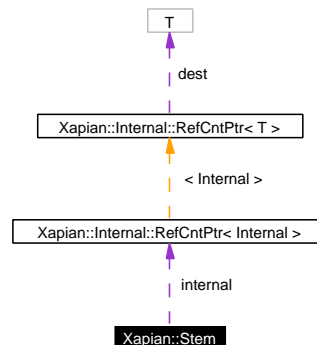
- [include/xapian/queryparser.h](#)

## 7.26 Xapian::Stem Class Reference

Class representing a stemming algorithm.

```
#include <stem.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Xapian::Stem:



### Public Member Functions

- **Stem** (const **Stem** &o)  
*Copy constructor.*
- void **operator=** (const **Stem** &o)  
*Assignment.*
- **Stem** ()  
*Construct a **Xapian::Stem** object which doesn't change terms.*
- **Stem** (const std::string &language)  
*Construct a **Xapian::Stem** object for a particular language.*
- **~Stem** ()  
*Destructor.*
- std::string **operator()** (const std::string &word) const  
***Stem** a word.*
- std::string **stem\_word** (const std::string &word) const  
*For compatibility with **Xapian** 0.8.5 and earlier.*
- std::string **get\_description** () const  
*Return a string describing this object.*

## Static Public Member Functions

- static std::string [get\\_available\\_languages](#) ()  
*Return a list of available languages.*

## Public Attributes

- [Xapian::Internal::RefCntPtr](#)< Internal > **internal**

### 7.26.1 Detailed Description

Class representing a stemming algorithm.

### 7.26.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

#### 7.26.2.1 Xapian::Stem::Stem (const [Stem](#) & o)

Copy constructor.

#### 7.26.2.2 Xapian::Stem::Stem ()

Construct a [Xapian::Stem](#) object which doesn't change terms.

Equivalent to [Stem](#)("none").

#### 7.26.2.3 Xapian::Stem::Stem (const std::string & language) [explicit]

Construct a [Xapian::Stem](#) object for a particular language.

#### Parameters:

*language* Either the English name for the language or the two letter ISO639 code.

The following language names are understood (aliases follow the name):

- none - don't stem terms
- danish (da)
- dutch (nl)
- english (en) - Martin Porter's 2002 revision of his stemmer
- english\_lovins (lovins) - Lovin's stemmer
- english\_porter (porter) - Porter's stemmer as described in his 1980 paper
- finnish (fi)

- french (fr)
- german (de)
- italian (it)
- norwegian (no)
- portuguese (pt)
- russian (ru)
- spanish (es)
- swedish (sv)

**Exceptions:**

*Xapian::InvalidArgumentError* is thrown if language isn't recognised.

**7.26.2.4 Xapian::Stem::~~Stem ()**

Destructor.

**7.26.3 Member Function Documentation****7.26.3.1 static std::string Xapian::Stem::get\_available\_languages ()**  
[static]

Return a list of available languages.

Each stemmer is only included once in the list (not once for each alias). The name included is the English name of the language.

The list is returned as a string, with language names separated by spaces. This is a static method, so a [Xapian::Stem](#) object is not required for this operation.

**7.26.3.2 std::string Xapian::Stem::get\_description () const**

Return a string describing this object.

**7.26.3.3 std::string Xapian::Stem::operator() (const std::string & word) const**

[Stem](#) a word.

**Parameters:**

*word* a word to stem.

**Returns:**

the stem



**7.26.3.4 void Xapian::Stem::operator= (const [Stem](#) & o)**

Assignment.

**7.26.3.5 std::string Xapian::Stem::stem\_word (const std::string & word) const  
[inline]**

For compatibility with [Xapian](#) 0.8.5 and earlier.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- include/xapian/[stem.h](#)

## 7.27 Xapian::Stopper Class Reference

Base class for stop-word decision functor.

```
#include <queryparser.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for Xapian::Stopper:



### Public Member Functions

- virtual bool [operator\(\)](#) (const std::string &term) const =0  
*Is term a stop-word?*
- virtual [~Stopper](#) ()  
*Class has virtual methods, so provide a virtual destructor.*
- virtual std::string [get\\_description](#) () const  
*Return a string describing this object.*

#### 7.27.1 Detailed Description

Base class for stop-word decision functor.

#### 7.27.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

##### 7.27.2.1 virtual Xapian::Stopper::~~Stopper () [inline, virtual]

Class has virtual methods, so provide a virtual destructor.

#### 7.27.3 Member Function Documentation

##### 7.27.3.1 virtual std::string Xapian::Stopper::get\_description () const [virtual]

Return a string describing this object.

Reimplemented in [Xapian::SimpleStopper](#).

### 7.27.3.2 virtual bool Xapian::Stopper::operator() (const std::string & *term*) const [pure virtual]

Is term a stop-word?

Implemented in [Xapian::SimpleStopper](#).

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

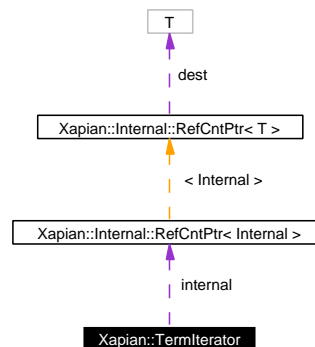
- [include/xapian/queryparser.h](#)

## 7.28 Xapian::TermIterator Class Reference

An iterator pointing to items in a list of terms.

```
#include <termiterator.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Xapian::TermIterator:



### Public Types

- typedef std::input\_iterator\_tag [iterator\\_category](#)  
*Allow use as an STL iterator.*
- typedef std::string **value\_type**
- typedef [Xapian::termcount\\_diff](#) **difference\_type**
- typedef std::string \* **pointer**
- typedef std::string & **reference**

### Public Member Functions

- **TermIterator** (Internal \*internal\_)
- [TermIterator](#) ()  
*Default constructor - for declaring an uninitialised iterator.*
- [~TermIterator](#) ()  
*Destructor.*
- [TermIterator](#) (const [TermIterator](#) &other)  
*Copying is allowed.*
- void **operator=** (const [TermIterator](#) &other)  
*Assignment is allowed.*
- std::string **operator \*** () const

*Return the current term.*

- [TermIterator](#) & **operator++** ()
- [TermNameWrapper](#) **operator++** (int)
- void [skip\\_to](#) (const std::string &tname)

*Skip the iterator to term tname, or the first term after tname if tname isn't in the list of terms being iterated.*

- [Xapian::termcount](#) [get\\_wdf](#) () const

*Return the wdf of the current term (if meaningful).*

- [Xapian::doccount](#) [get\\_termfreq](#) () const

*Return the term frequency of the current term (if meaningful).*

- [Xapian::termcount](#) [positionlist\\_count](#) () const

*Return length of positionlist for current term.*

- [PositionIterator](#) [positionlist\\_begin](#) () const

*Return [PositionIterator](#) pointing to start of positionlist for current term.*

- [PositionIterator](#) [positionlist\\_end](#) () const

*Return [PositionIterator](#) pointing to end of positionlist for current term.*

- std::string [get\\_description](#) () const

*Returns a string describing this object.*

## Public Attributes

- [Xapian::Internal::RefCntPtr](#)< Internal > **internal**

### 7.28.1 Detailed Description

An iterator pointing to items in a list of terms.

### 7.28.2 Member Typedef Documentation

#### 7.28.2.1 `typedef std::input_iterator_tag Xapian::TermIterator::iterator\_category`

Allow use as an STL iterator.

## 7.28.3 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

### 7.28.3.1 Xapian::TermIterator::TermIterator ()

Default constructor - for declaring an uninitialised iterator.

### 7.28.3.2 Xapian::TermIterator::~~TermIterator ()

Destructor.

### 7.28.3.3 Xapian::TermIterator::TermIterator (const [TermIterator](#) & other)

Copying is allowed.

The internals are reference counted, so copying is also cheap.

## 7.28.4 Member Function Documentation

### 7.28.4.1 std::string Xapian::TermIterator::get\_description () const

Returns a string describing this object.

Introspection method.

### 7.28.4.2 [Xapian::doccount](#) Xapian::TermIterator::get\_termfreq () const

Return the term frequency of the current term (if meaningful).

### 7.28.4.3 [Xapian::termcount](#) Xapian::TermIterator::get\_wdf () const

Return the wdf of the current term (if meaningful).

### 7.28.4.4 std::string Xapian::TermIterator::operator \* () const

Return the current term.

### 7.28.4.5 void Xapian::TermIterator::operator= (const [TermIterator](#) & other)

Assignment is allowed.

The internals are reference counted, so assignment is also cheap.

### 7.28.4.6 [PositionIterator](#) Xapian::TermIterator::positionlist\_begin () const

Return [PositionIterator](#) pointing to start of positionlist for current term.

**7.28.4.7** [Xapian::termcount](#) Xapian::TermIterator::positionlist\_count () const

Return length of positionlist for current term.

**7.28.4.8** [PositionIterator](#) Xapian::TermIterator::positionlist\_end () const  
[inline]

Return [PositionIterator](#) pointing to end of positionlist for current term.

**7.28.4.9** void Xapian::TermIterator::skip\_to (const std::string & *tname*)

Skip the iterator to term *tname*, or the first term after *tname* if *tname* isn't in the list of terms being iterated.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- include/xapian/[termiterator.h](#)

## 7.29 Xapian::TermNameWrapper Class Reference

A wrapper class for a termname which returns the termname if dereferenced with \*.

```
#include <termiterator.h>
```

### Public Member Functions

- **TermNameWrapper** (const std::string &tname\_)
- const std::string & **operator \*** () const

#### 7.29.1 Detailed Description

A wrapper class for a termname which returns the termname if dereferenced with \*.

We need this to implement input\_iterator semantics.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- include/xapian/[termiterator.h](#)



## 7.30 Xapian::TermPosWrapper Class Reference

A wrapper class for a termpos which returns the termpos if dereferenced with \*.

```
#include <positioniterator.h>
```

### Public Member Functions

- **TermPosWrapper** ([termpos](#) pos\_)
- [termpos](#) **operator** \* () const

#### 7.30.1 Detailed Description

A wrapper class for a termpos which returns the termpos if dereferenced with \*.

We need this to implement input\_iterator semantics.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

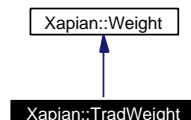
- include/xapian/[positioniterator.h](#)

## 7.31 Xapian::TradWeight Class Reference

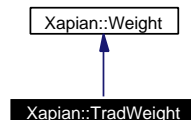
Traditional probabilistic weighting scheme.

```
#include <enquire.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for Xapian::TradWeight:



Collaboration diagram for Xapian::TradWeight:



### Public Member Functions

- [TradWeight](#) (double k)  
*Construct a [TradWeight](#).*
- [TradWeight \\* clone](#) () const  
*Return a new weight object of this type.*
- std::string [name](#) () const  
*Name of the weighting scheme.*
- std::string [serialise](#) () const  
*Serialise object parameters into a string.*
- [TradWeight \\* unserialise](#) (const std::string &s) const  
*Create object given string serialisation returned by [serialise\(\)](#).*
- [Xapian::weight get\\_sumpart](#) (Xapian::termcount wdf, [Xapian::doclength](#) len) const  
*Get a weight which is part of the sum over terms being performed.*
- [Xapian::weight get\\_maxpart](#) () const  
*Gets the maximum value that [get\\_sumpart\(\)](#) may return.*

- [Xapian::weight get\\_sumextra \(Xapian::doclength len\) const](#)  
*Get an extra weight for a document to add to the sum calculated over the query terms.*
- [Xapian::weight get\\_maxextra \(\) const](#)  
*Gets the maximum value that [get\\_sumextra\(\)](#) may return.*
- [bool get\\_sumpart\\_needs\\_doclength \(\) const](#)  
*return false if the weight object doesn't need doclength*

### 7.31.1 Detailed Description

Traditional probabilistic weighting scheme.

This class implements the Traditional Probabilistic Weighting scheme, as described by the early papers on Probabilistic Retrieval. BM25 generally gives better results.

The Traditional weighting scheme formula is

$$\sum_t \frac{f_{t,d}}{k \cdot L_d + f_{t,d}} \cdot w_t$$

where

- $w_t$  is the termweight of term  $t$
- $f_{t,d}$  is the within document frequency of term  $t$  in document  $d$
- $L_d$  is the normalised length of document  $d$
- $k$  is a user specifiable parameter

TradWeight( $k$ ) is equivalent to BM25Weight( $k, 0, 0, 1, 0$ ), except that the latter returns weights  $(k+1)$  times larger.

### 7.31.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

#### 7.31.2.1 Xapian::TradWeight::TradWeight (double $k$ ) [inline, explicit]

Construct a [TradWeight](#).

##### Parameters:

- $k$  parameter governing the importance of within document frequency and document length - any non-negative number (0 meaning to ignore wdf and doc length when calculating weights). Default is 1.

### 7.31.3 Member Function Documentation

#### 7.31.3.1 [TradWeight\\*](#) [Xapian::TradWeight::clone \(\) const](#) [virtual]

Return a new weight object of this type.

A subclass called `FooWeight` taking parameters `param1` and `param2` should implement this as:

```
virtual FooWeight * clone() const { return new FooWeight(param1, param2); }
```

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

#### 7.31.3.2 [Xapian::weight](#) [Xapian::TradWeight::get\\_maxextra \(\) const](#) [virtual]

Gets the maximum value that [get\\_sumextra\(\)](#) may return.

This is used in optimising searches.

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

#### 7.31.3.3 [Xapian::weight](#) [Xapian::TradWeight::get\\_maxpart \(\) const](#) [virtual]

Gets the maximum value that [get\\_sumpart\(\)](#) may return.

This is used in optimising searches, by having the postlist tree decay appropriately when parts of it can have limited, or no, further effect.

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

#### 7.31.3.4 [Xapian::weight](#) [Xapian::TradWeight::get\\_sumextra \(\[Xapian::doclength\]\(#\) \*len\*\) const](#) [virtual]

Get an extra weight for a document to add to the sum calculated over the query terms.

This returns a weight for a given document, and is used by some weighting schemes to account for influence such as document length.

##### Parameters:

*len* the (unnormalised) document length.

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

#### 7.31.3.5 [Xapian::weight](#) [Xapian::TradWeight::get\\_sumpart \(\[Xapian::termcount\]\(#\) \*wdf\*, \[Xapian::doclength\]\(#\) \*len\*\) const](#) [virtual]

Get a weight which is part of the sum over terms being performed.

This returns a weight for a given term and document. These weights are summed to give a total weight for the document.

**Parameters:**

*wdf* the within document frequency of the term.

*len* the (unnormalised) document length.

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

**7.31.3.6 bool Xapian::TradWeight::get\_sumpart\_needs\_doclength () const**  
[virtual]

return false if the weight object doesn't need doclength

Reimplemented from [Xapian::Weight](#).

**7.31.3.7 std::string Xapian::TradWeight::name () const** [virtual]

Name of the weighting scheme.

If the subclass is called FooWeight, this should return "Foo".

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

**7.31.3.8 std::string Xapian::TradWeight::serialise () const** [virtual]

Serialise object parameters into a string.

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

**7.31.3.9 TradWeight\* Xapian::TradWeight::unserialise (const std::string & s)**  
**const** [virtual]

Create object given string serialisation returned by [serialise\(\)](#).

Implements [Xapian::Weight](#).

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

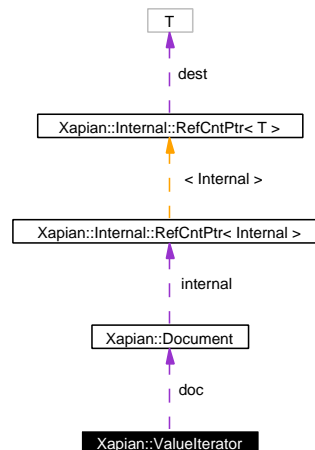
- include/xapian/enquire.h

## 7.32 Xapian::ValueIterator Class Reference

An iterator pointing to values associated with a document.

```
#include <valueiterator.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Xapian::ValueIterator:



### Public Types

- typedef std::input\_iterator\_tag [iterator\\_category](#)  
*Allow use as an STL iterator.*
- typedef std::string **value\_type**
- typedef [Xapian::valueno\\_diff](#) **difference\_type**
- typedef std::string \* **pointer**
- typedef std::string & **reference**

### Public Member Functions

- [ValueIterator](#) ()  
*Create an uninitialised iterator; this cannot be used, but is convenient syntactically.*
- [ValueIterator](#) (const [ValueIterator](#) &other)  
*Copying is allowed (and is cheap).*
- void [operator=](#) (const [ValueIterator](#) &other)  
*Assignment is allowed (and is cheap).*
- [ValueIterator](#) & [operator++](#) ()  
*Advance the iterator.*

- [ValueIterator operator++](#) (int)  
*Advance the iterator (postfix variant).*
- `const std::string & operator \* () const`  
*Get the value for the current position.*
- `const std::string * operator → () const`  
*Get the value for the current position.*
- [Xapian::valueno get\\_valueno](#) () const  
*Get the number of the value at the current position.*
- `std::string get\_description () const`  
*Returns a string describing this object.*

## Friends

- class **Document**
- `bool operator== (const ValueIterator &a, const ValueIterator &b)`
- `bool operator!= (const ValueIterator &a, const ValueIterator &b)`

### 7.32.1 Detailed Description

An iterator pointing to values associated with a document.

### 7.32.2 Member Typedef Documentation

#### 7.32.2.1 `typedef std::input_iterator_tag Xapian::ValueIterator::iterator\_category`

Allow use as an STL iterator.

### 7.32.3 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

#### 7.32.3.1 `Xapian::ValueIterator::ValueIterator () [inline]`

Create an uninitialised iterator; this cannot be used, but is convenient syntactically.

#### 7.32.3.2 `Xapian::ValueIterator::ValueIterator (const ValueIterator & other) [inline]`

Copying is allowed (and is cheap).

## 7.32.4 Member Function Documentation

### 7.32.4.1 `std::string Xapian::ValueIterator::get_description () const`

Returns a string describing this object.

Introspection method.

### 7.32.4.2 `Xapian::value_t Xapian::ValueIterator::get_valueno () const`

Get the number of the value at the current position.

### 7.32.4.3 `const std::string& Xapian::ValueIterator::operator * () const`

Get the value for the current position.

### 7.32.4.4 `ValueIterator Xapian::ValueIterator::operator++ (int) [inline]`

Advance the iterator (postfix variant).

### 7.32.4.5 `ValueIterator& Xapian::ValueIterator::operator++ () [inline]`

Advance the iterator.

### 7.32.4.6 `const std::string* Xapian::ValueIterator::operator → () const`

Get the value for the current position.

### 7.32.4.7 `void Xapian::ValueIterator::operator= (const ValueIterator & other) [inline]`

Assignment is allowed (and is cheap).

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- `include/xapian/valueiterator.h`

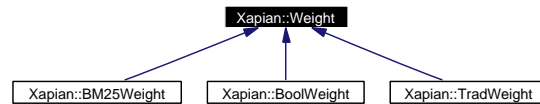


## 7.33 Xapian::Weight Class Reference

Abstract base class for weighting schemes.

```
#include <enquire.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for Xapian::Weight:



### Public Member Functions

- `Weight * create (const Internal *internal_, Xapian::doclength querysize_, Xapian::termcount wqf_, std::string tname_) const`  
*Create a new weight object of the same type as this and initialise it with the specified statistics.*
- `virtual std::string name () const =0`  
*Name of the weighting scheme.*
- `virtual std::string serialise () const =0`  
*Serialise object parameters into a string.*
- `virtual Weight * unserialise (const std::string &s) const =0`  
*Create object given string serialisation returned by `serialise()`.*
- `virtual Xapian::weight get_sumpart (Xapian::termcount wdf, Xapian::doclength len) const =0`  
*Get a weight which is part of the sum over terms being performed.*
- `virtual Xapian::weight get_maxpart () const =0`  
*Gets the maximum value that `get_sumpart()` may return.*
- `virtual Xapian::weight get_sumextra (Xapian::doclength len) const =0`  
*Get an extra weight for a document to add to the sum calculated over the query terms.*
- `virtual Xapian::weight get_maxextra () const =0`  
*Gets the maximum value that `get_sumextra()` may return.*
- `virtual bool get_sumpart_needs_doclength () const`  
*return false if the weight object doesn't need doclength*

## Protected Member Functions

- **Weight** (const [Weight](#) &)

## Protected Attributes

- const Internal \* **internal**
- [Xapian::doclength](#) **querysize**
- [Xapian::termcount](#) **wqf**
- std::string **tname**

## Friends

- class **Enquire**
- class **::RemoteServer**

### 7.33.1 Detailed Description

Abstract base class for weighting schemes.

### 7.33.2 Member Function Documentation

**7.33.2.1** [Weight](#)\* **Xapian::Weight::create** (const Internal \* *internal\_*,  
[Xapian::doclength](#) *querysize\_*, [Xapian::termcount](#) *wqf\_*, std::string  
*tname\_*) const [inline]

Create a new weight object of the same type as this and initialise it with the specified statistics.

You shouldn't call this method yourself - it's called by [Enquire](#).

#### Parameters:

*internal\_* Object to ask for collection statistics.

*querysize\_* [Query](#) size.

*wqf\_* Within query frequency of term this object is associated with.

*tname\_* Term which this object is associated with.

**7.33.2.2** virtual [Xapian::weight](#) **Xapian::Weight::get\_maxextra** () const  
[pure virtual]

Gets the maximum value that [get\\_sumextra\(\)](#) may return.

This is used in optimising searches.

Implemented in [Xapian::BoolWeight](#), [Xapian::BM25Weight](#), and [Xapian::TradWeight](#).

**7.33.2.3** `virtual Xapian::weight Xapian::Weight::get_maxpart () const` [pure virtual]

Gets the maximum value that `get_sumpart()` may return.

This is used in optimising searches, by having the postlist tree decay appropriately when parts of it can have limited, or no, further effect.

Implemented in [Xapian::BoolWeight](#), [Xapian::BM25Weight](#), and [Xapian::TradWeight](#).

**7.33.2.4** `virtual Xapian::weight Xapian::Weight::get_sumextra (Xapian::doclength len) const` [pure virtual]

Get an extra weight for a document to add to the sum calculated over the query terms.

This returns a weight for a given document, and is used by some weighting schemes to account for influence such as document length.

**Parameters:**

*len* the (unnormalised) document length.

Implemented in [Xapian::BoolWeight](#), [Xapian::BM25Weight](#), and [Xapian::TradWeight](#).

**7.33.2.5** `virtual Xapian::weight Xapian::Weight::get_sumpart (Xapian::termcount wdf, Xapian::doclength len) const` [pure virtual]

Get a weight which is part of the sum over terms being performed.

This returns a weight for a given term and document. These weights are summed to give a total weight for the document.

**Parameters:**

*wdf* the within document frequency of the term.

*len* the (unnormalised) document length.

Implemented in [Xapian::BoolWeight](#), [Xapian::BM25Weight](#), and [Xapian::TradWeight](#).

**7.33.2.6** `virtual bool Xapian::Weight::get_sumpart_needs_doclength () const` [inline, virtual]

return false if the weight object doesn't need doclength

Reimplemented in [Xapian::BoolWeight](#), [Xapian::BM25Weight](#), and [Xapian::TradWeight](#).

**7.33.2.7 virtual std::string Xapian::Weight::name () const** [pure virtual]

Name of the weighting scheme.

If the subclass is called FooWeight, this should return "Foo".

Implemented in [Xapian::BoolWeight](#), [Xapian::BM25Weight](#), and [Xapian::TradWeight](#).

**7.33.2.8 virtual std::string Xapian::Weight::serialise () const** [pure virtual]

Serialise object parameters into a string.

Implemented in [Xapian::BoolWeight](#), [Xapian::BM25Weight](#), and [Xapian::TradWeight](#).

**7.33.2.9 virtual [Weight](#)\* Xapian::Weight::unserialise (const std::string & s) const** [pure virtual]

Create object given string serialisation returned by [serialise\(\)](#).

Implemented in [Xapian::BoolWeight](#), [Xapian::BM25Weight](#), and [Xapian::TradWeight](#).

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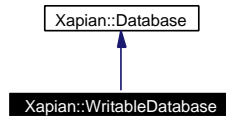
- [include/xapian/enquire.h](#)

## 7.34 Xapian::WritableDatabase Class Reference

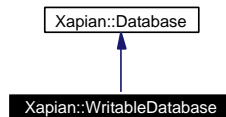
This class provides read/write access to a database.

```
#include <database.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for Xapian::WritableDatabase:



Collaboration diagram for Xapian::WritableDatabase:



### Public Member Functions

- virtual [~WritableDatabase](#) ()  
*Destroy this handle on the database.*
- [WritableDatabase](#) ()  
*Create an empty [WritableDatabase](#).*
- [WritableDatabase](#) (const std::string &path, int action)  
*Open a database for update, automatically determining the database backend to use.*
- **[WritableDatabase](#)** (Database::Internal \*internal)
- [WritableDatabase](#) (const [WritableDatabase](#) &other)  
*Copying is allowed.*
- void [operator=](#) (const [WritableDatabase](#) &other)  
*Assignment is allowed.*
- void [flush](#) ()  
*Flush to disk any modifications made to the database.*
- void [begin\\_transaction](#) (bool flushed=true)  
*Begin a transaction.*
- void [commit\\_transaction](#) ()

*Complete the transaction currently in progress.*

- void [cancel\\_transaction](#) ()  
*Abort the transaction currently in progress, discarding the potential modifications made to the database.*
- [Xapian::docid add\\_document](#) (const [Xapian::Document](#) &document)  
*Add a new document to the database.*
- void [delete\\_document](#) ([Xapian::docid](#) did)  
*Delete a document from the database.*
- void [delete\\_document](#) (const std::string &unique\_term)  
*Delete any documents indexed by a term from the database.*
- void [replace\\_document](#) ([Xapian::docid](#) did, const [Xapian::Document](#) &document)  
*Replace a given document in the database.*
- [Xapian::docid replace\\_document](#) (const std::string &unique\_term, const [Xapian::Document](#) &document)  
*Replace any documents matching a term.*
- std::string [get\\_description](#) () const  
*Introspection method.*

### 7.34.1 Detailed Description

This class provides read/write access to a database.

### 7.34.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

#### 7.34.2.1 virtual [Xapian::WritableDatabase::~~WritableDatabase](#) () [virtual]

Destroy this handle on the database.

If there are no copies of this object remaining, the database will be closed. If there are any transactions in progress these will be aborted as if [cancel\\_transaction](#) had been called.

#### 7.34.2.2 [Xapian::WritableDatabase::WritableDatabase](#) ()

Create an empty [WritableDatabase](#).

### 7.34.2.3 Xapian::WritableDatabase::WritableDatabase (const std::string & path, int action)

Open a database for update, automatically determining the database backend to use.

If the database is to be created, [Xapian](#) will try to create the directory indicated by path if it doesn't already exist (but only the leaf directory, not recursively).

#### Parameters:

*path* directory that the database is stored in.

*action* one of:

- [Xapian::DB\\_CREATE\\_OR\\_OPEN](#) open for read/write; create if no db exists
- [Xapian::DB\\_CREATE](#) create new database; fail if db exists
- [Xapian::DB\\_CREATE\\_OR\\_OVERWRITE](#) overwrite existing db; create if none exists
- [Xapian::DB\\_OPEN](#) open for read/write; fail if no db exists

### 7.34.2.4 Xapian::WritableDatabase::WritableDatabase (const WritableDatabase & other)

Copying is allowed.

The internals are reference counted, so copying is cheap.

## 7.34.3 Member Function Documentation

### 7.34.3.1 [Xapian::docid](#) Xapian::WritableDatabase::add\_document (const [Xapian::Document](#) & document)

Add a new document to the database.

This method adds the specified document to the database, returning a newly allocated document ID. Automatically allocated document IDs come from a per-database monotonically increasing counter, so IDs from deleted documents won't be reused.

If you want to specify the document ID to be used, you should call [replace\\_document\(\)](#) instead.

Note that changes to the database won't be immediately committed to disk; see [flush\(\)](#) for more details.

As with all database modification operations, the effect is atomic: the document will either be fully added, or the document fails to be added and an exception is thrown (possibly at a later time when flush is called or the database is closed).

#### Parameters:

*document* The new document to be added.

**Returns:**

The document ID of the newly added document.

**Exceptions:**

*Xapian::DatabaseError* will be thrown if a problem occurs while writing to the database.

*Xapian::DatabaseCorruptError* will be thrown if the database is in a corrupt state.

### 7.34.3.2 void Xapian::WritableDatabase::begin\_transaction (bool *flushed* = true)

Begin a transaction.

In [Xapian](#) a transaction is a group of modifications to the database which are linked such that either all will be applied simultaneously or none will be applied at all. Even in the case of a power failure, this characteristic should be preserved (as long as the filesystem isn't corrupted, etc).

A transaction is started with [begin\\_transaction\(\)](#) and can either be committed by calling [commit\\_transaction\(\)](#) or aborted by calling [cancel\\_transaction\(\)](#).

By default, a transaction implicitly calls flush before and after so that the modifications stand and fall without affecting modifications before or after.

The downside of this flushing is that small transactions cause modifications to be frequently flushed which can harm indexing performance in the same way that explicitly calling flush frequently can.

If you're applying atomic groups of changes and only wish to ensure that each group is either applied or not applied, then you can prevent the automatic flush before and after the transaction by starting the transaction with [begin\\_transaction\(false\)](#). However, if [cancel\\_transaction](#) is called (or if [commit\\_transaction](#) isn't called before the [WritableDatabase](#) object is destroyed) then any changes which were pending before the transaction began will also be discarded.

Transactions aren't currently supported by the InMemory backend.

**Exceptions:**

*Xapian::UnimplementedError* will be thrown if transactions are not available for this database type.

*Xapian::InvalidOperationError* will be thrown if this is called at an invalid time, such as when a transaction is already in progress.

### 7.34.3.3 void Xapian::WritableDatabase::cancel\_transaction ()

Abort the transaction currently in progress, discarding the potential modifications made to the database.

If an error occurs in this method, an exception will be thrown, but the transaction will be cancelled anyway.



**Exceptions:**

*Xapian::DatabaseError* will be thrown if a problem occurs while modifying the database.

*Xapian::DatabaseCorruptError* will be thrown if the database is in a corrupt state.

*Xapian::InvalidOperationError* will be thrown if a transaction is not currently in progress.

*Xapian::UnimplementedError* will be thrown if transactions are not available for this database type.

**7.34.3.4 void Xapian::WritableDatabase::commit\_transaction ()**

Complete the transaction currently in progress.

If this method completes successfully and this is a flushed transaction, all the database modifications made during the transaction will have been committed to the database.

If an error occurs, an exception will be thrown, and none of the modifications made to the database during the transaction will have been applied to the database.

In all cases the transaction will no longer be in progress.

**Exceptions:**

*Xapian::DatabaseError* will be thrown if a problem occurs while modifying the database.

*Xapian::DatabaseCorruptError* will be thrown if the database is in a corrupt state.

*Xapian::InvalidOperationError* will be thrown if a transaction is not currently in progress.

*Xapian::UnimplementedError* will be thrown if transactions are not available for this database type.

**7.34.3.5 void Xapian::WritableDatabase::delete\_document (const std::string &unique\_term)**

Delete any documents indexed by a term from the database.

This method removes any documents indexed by the specified term from the database.

The intended use is to allow UIDs from another system to easily be mapped to terms in [Xapian](#), although this method probably has other uses.

**Parameters:**

*unique\_term* The term to remove references to.

**Exceptions:**

*Xapian::DatabaseError* will be thrown if a problem occurs while writing to the database.

*Xapian::DatabaseCorruptError* will be thrown if the database is in a corrupt state.

#### 7.34.3.6 void Xapian::WritableDatabase::delete\_document (Xapian::docid did)

Delete a document from the database.

This method removes the document with the specified document ID from the database.

Note that changes to the database won't be immediately committed to disk; see [flush\(\)](#) for more details.

As with all database modification operations, the effect is atomic: the document will either be fully removed, or the document fails to be removed and an exception is thrown (possibly at a later time when flush is called or the database is closed).

##### Parameters:

*did* The document ID of the document to be removed.

##### Exceptions:

*Xapian::DatabaseError* will be thrown if a problem occurs while writing to the database.

*Xapian::DatabaseCorruptError* will be thrown if the database is in a corrupt state.

#### 7.34.3.7 void Xapian::WritableDatabase::flush ()

Flush to disk any modifications made to the database.

For efficiency reasons, when performing multiple updates to a database it is best (indeed, almost essential) to make as many modifications as memory will permit in a single pass through the database. To ensure this, [Xapian](#) batches up modifications.

Flush may be called at any time to ensure that the modifications which have been made are written to disk: if the flush succeeds, all the preceding modifications will have been written to disk.

If any of the modifications fail, an exception will be thrown and the database will be left in a state in which each separate addition, replacement or deletion operation has either been fully performed or not performed at all: it is then up to the application to work out which operations need to be repeated.

It's not valid to call flush within a transaction.

Beware of calling flush too frequently: this will have a severe performance cost.

Note that flush need not be called explicitly: it will be called automatically when the database is closed, or when a sufficient number of modifications have been made.

##### Exceptions:

*Xapian::DatabaseError* will be thrown if a problem occurs while modifying the database.

*Xapian::DatabaseCorruptError* will be thrown if the database is in a corrupt state.

*Xapian::DatabaseLockError* will be thrown if a lock couldn't be acquired on the database.

#### 7.34.3.8 `std::string Xapian::WritableDatabase::get_description () const` [virtual]

Introspection method.

**Returns:**

A string describing this object.

Reimplemented from [Xapian::Database](#).

#### 7.34.3.9 `void Xapian::WritableDatabase::operator= (const WritableDatabase & other)`

Assignment is allowed.

The internals are reference counted, so assignment is cheap.

Note that only an [WritableDatabase](#) may be assigned to an [WritableDatabase](#): an attempt to assign a [Database](#) is caught at compile-time.

#### 7.34.3.10 `Xapian::docid Xapian::WritableDatabase::replace_document (const std::string & unique_term, const Xapian::Document & document)`

Replace any documents matching a term.

This method replaces any documents indexed by the specified term with the specified document. If any documents are indexed by the term, the lowest document ID will be used for the document, otherwise a new document ID will be generated as for `add_document`.

The intended use is to allow UIDs from another system to easily be mapped to terms in [Xapian](#), although this method probably has other uses.

Note that changes to the database won't be immediately committed to disk; see [flush\(\)](#) for more details.

As with all database modification operations, the effect is atomic: the document(s) will either be fully replaced, or the document(s) fail to be replaced and an exception is thrown (possibly at a later time when `flush` is called or the database is closed).

**Parameters:**

*unique\_term* The "unique" term.

*document* The new document.

**Returns:**

The document ID that document was given.

**Exceptions:**

*Xapian::DatabaseError* will be thrown if a problem occurs while writing to the database.

*Xapian::DatabaseCorruptError* will be thrown if the database is in a corrupt state.

#### 7.34.3.11 void Xapian::WritableDatabase::replace\_document ([Xapian::docid](#) *did*, const [Xapian::Document](#) & *document*)

Replace a given document in the database.

This method replaces the document with the specified document ID. If document ID *did* isn't currently used, the document will be added with document ID *did*.

Note that changes to the database won't be immediately committed to disk; see [flush\(\)](#) for more details.

As with all database modification operations, the effect is atomic: the document will either be fully replaced, or the document fails to be replaced and an exception is thrown (possibly at a later time when flush is called or the database is closed).

**Parameters:**

*did* The document ID of the document to be replaced.

*document* The new document.

**Exceptions:**

*Xapian::DatabaseError* will be thrown if a problem occurs while writing to the database.

*Xapian::DatabaseCorruptError* will be thrown if the database is in a corrupt state.

The documentation for this class was generated from the following file:

- [include/xapian/database.h](#)

## Chapter 8

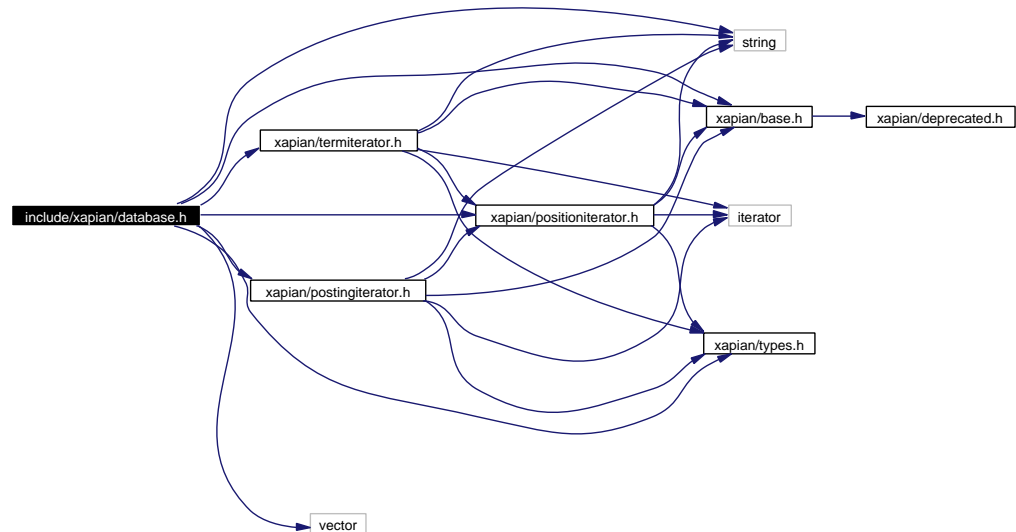
# xapian-core File Documentation

### 8.1 include/xapian/database.h File Reference

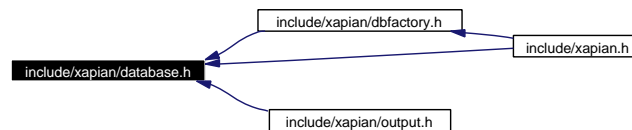
API for working with [Xapian](#) databases.

```
#include <string>
#include <vector>
#include <xapian/base.h>
#include <xapian/types.h>
#include <xapian/positioniterator.h>
#include <xapian/postingiterator.h>
#include <xapian/termiterator.h>
```

Include dependency graph for database.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



## Namespaces

- namespace [Xapian](#)

## Classes

- class [Xapian::Database](#)

*This class is used to access a database, or a group of databases.*

- class [Xapian::WritableDatabase](#)

*This class provides read/write access to a database.*

## Variables

- const int [Xapian::DB\\_CREATE\\_OR\\_OPEN](#) = 1

*Open for read/write; create if no db exists.*

- const int `Xapian::DB_CREATE` = 2  
*Create a new database; fail if db exists.*
- const int `Xapian::DB_CREATE_OR_OVERWRITE` = 3  
*Overwrite existing db; create if none exists.*
- const int `Xapian::DB_OPEN` = 4  
*Open for read/write; fail if no db exists.*

### 8.1.1 Detailed Description

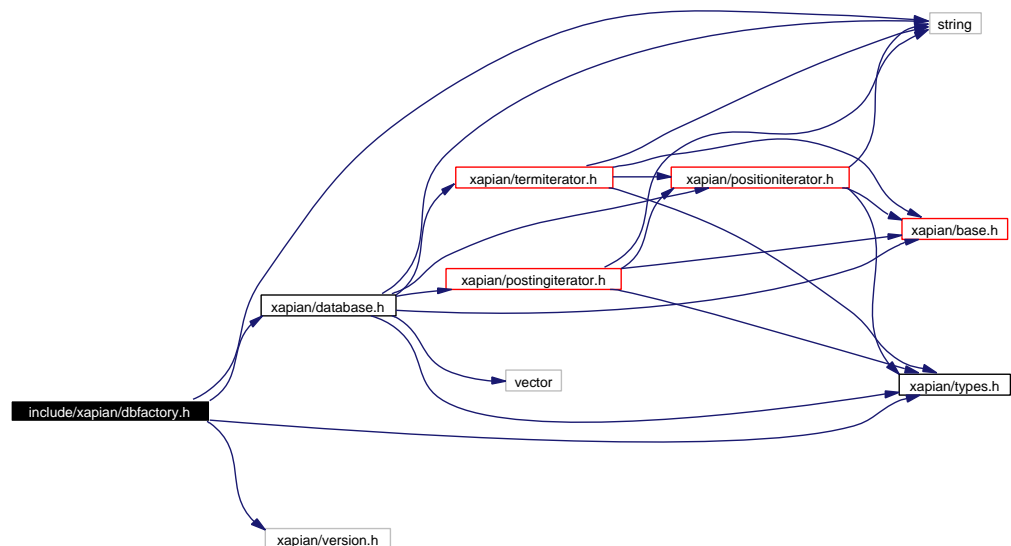
API for working with `Xapian` databases.

## 8.2 include/xapian/dbfactory.h File Reference

Factory functions for constructing Database and WritableDatabase objects.

```
#include <string>
#include <xapian/types.h>
#include <xapian/database.h>
#include <xapian/version.h>
```

Include dependency graph for dbfactory.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



## Namespaces

- namespace [Xapian](#)
- namespace **Xapian::Auto**
- namespace **Xapian::InMemory**
- namespace **Xapian::Quartz**
- namespace **Xapian::Flint**
- namespace **Xapian::Remote**



- Database [Xapian::Remote::open](#) (const std::string &host, unsigned int port, [Xapian::timeout](#) timeout, [Xapian::timeout](#) connect\_timeout)  
*Construct a [Database](#) object for read-only access to a remote database accessed via a TCP connection.*
- Database **Xapian::Remote::open** (const std::string &host, unsigned int port, [Xapian::timeout](#) timeout=10000)
- WritableDatabase **Xapian::Remote::open\_writable** (const std::string &host, unsigned int port, [Xapian::timeout](#) timeout, [Xapian::timeout](#) connect\_timeout)
- WritableDatabase **Xapian::Remote::open\_writable** (const std::string &host, unsigned int port, [Xapian::timeout](#) timeout=10000)

## Functions

- Database [Xapian::Auto::open\\_stub](#) (const std::string &file)  
*Construct a [Database](#) object for a stub database file.*
- [Xapian::Auto::XAPIAN\\_DEPRECATED](#) (Database open(const std::string &path))  
*Construct a [Database](#) object for read-only access to a database.*
- Database [Xapian::Auto::open](#) (const std::string &path)  
*Construct a [Database](#) object for read-only access to a Flint database.*
- [Xapian::Auto::XAPIAN\\_DEPRECATED](#) (WritableDatabase open(const std::string &path, int action))  
*Construct a [WritableDatabase](#) object for update access to a database.*
- WritableDatabase **Xapian::Auto::open** (const std::string &path, int action)
- WritableDatabase [Xapian::InMemory::open](#) ()  
*Construct a [Database](#) object for update access to an InMemory database.*
- Database [Xapian::Quartz::open](#) (const std::string &dir)  
*Construct a [Database](#) object for read-only access to a Quartz database.*
- WritableDatabase [Xapian::Quartz::open](#) (const std::string &dir, int action, int block\_size=8192)  
*Construct a [Database](#) object for update access to a Quartz database.*
- Database [Xapian::Flint::open](#) (const std::string &dir)  
*Construct a [Database](#) object for read-only access to a Flint database.*
- WritableDatabase [Xapian::Flint::open](#) (const std::string &dir, int action, int block\_size=8192)

Construct a *Database* object for update access to a Flint database.

- Database `Xapian::Remote::open` (const std::string &program, const std::string &args, `Xapian::timeout timeout=10000`)

Construct a *Database* object for read-only access to a remote database accessed via a program.

- WritableDatabase `Xapian::Remote::open_writable` (const std::string &program, const std::string &args, `Xapian::timeout timeout=10000`)

Construct a *WritableDatabase* object for update access to a remote database accessed via a program.

### 8.2.1 Detailed Description

Factory functions for constructing Database and WritableDatabase objects.

## 8.3 include/xapian/document.h File Reference

API for working with documents.

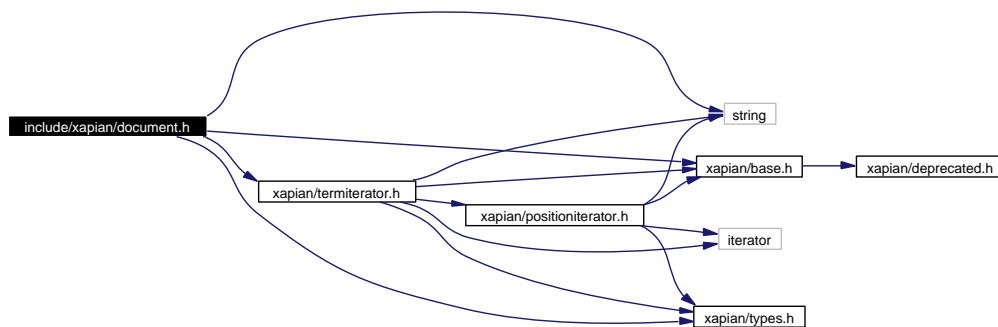
```
#include <string>
```

```
#include <xapian/base.h>
```

```
#include <xapian/types.h>
```

```
#include <xapian/termiterator.h>
```

Include dependency graph for document.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



### Namespaces

- namespace [Xapian](#)

### Classes

- class [Xapian::Document](#)

*A document in the database - holds data, values, terms, and postings.*

#### 8.3.1 Detailed Description

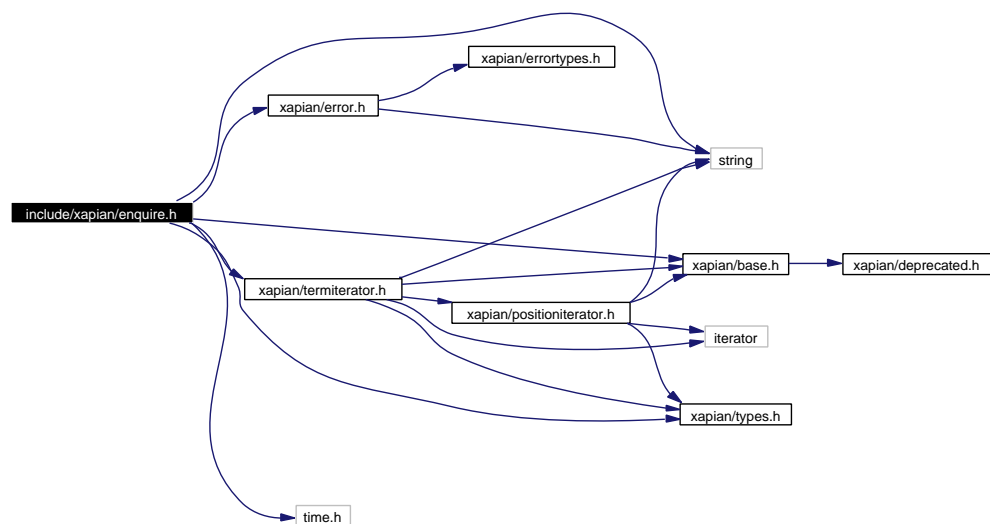
API for working with documents.

## 8.4 include/xapian/enquire.h File Reference

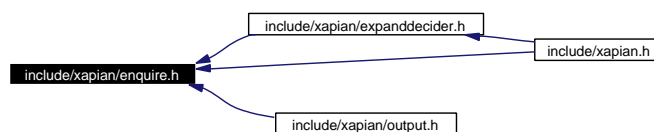
API for running queries.

```
#include <string>
#include <time.h>
#include <xapian/base.h>
#include <xapian/error.h>
#include <xapian/types.h>
#include <xapian/terminator.h>
```

Include dependency graph for enquire.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



### Namespaces

- namespace [Xapian](#)

### Classes

- class [Xapian::MSet](#)

A match set (*MSet*).

- class [Xapian::MSetIterator](#)  
An iterator pointing to items in an *MSet*.
- class [Xapian::ESet](#)  
Class representing an ordered set of expand terms (an *ESet*).
- class [Xapian::ESetIterator](#)  
Iterate through terms in the *ESet*.
- class [Xapian::RSet](#)  
A relevance set (*R-Set*).
- class [Xapian::MatchDecider](#)  
Base class for matcher decision functor.
- class [Xapian::ExpandDecider](#)  
Base class for expand decision functor.
- class [Xapian::Enquire](#)  
This class provides an interface to the information retrieval system for the purpose of searching.
- class [Xapian::Weight](#)  
Abstract base class for weighting schemes.
- class [Xapian::BoolWeight](#)  
Boolean weighting scheme (everything gets 0).
- class [Xapian::BM25Weight](#)  
BM25 weighting scheme.
- class [Xapian::TradWeight](#)  
Traditional probabilistic weighting scheme.

## Functions

- bool [Xapian::operator==](#) (const MSetIterator &a, const MSetIterator &b)
- bool [Xapian::operator!=](#) (const MSetIterator &a, const MSetIterator &b)
- bool [Xapian::operator==](#) (const ESetIterator &a, const ESetIterator &b)
- bool [Xapian::operator!=](#) (const ESetIterator &a, const ESetIterator &b)

### 8.4.1 Detailed Description

API for running queries.

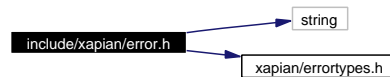
## 8.5 include/xapian/error.h File Reference

Hierarchy of classes which [Xapian](#) can throw as exceptions.

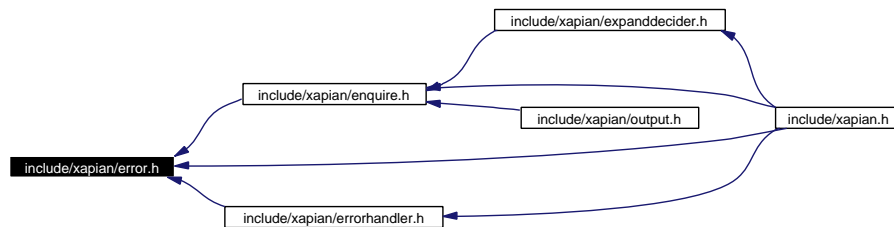
```
#include <string>
```

```
#include <xapian/errortypes.h>
```

Include dependency graph for error.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



## Namespaces

- namespace [Xapian](#)

## Classes

- class [Xapian::Error](#)

*All exceptions thrown by [Xapian](#) are subclasses of [Xapian::Error](#).*

## Defines

- #define **XAPIAN\_EXCEPTION\_EXPORT**
- #define **XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_BASECLASS**(CLASS, PARENT)

*For internal use only.*

*Macro to define an abstract [Xapian::Error](#) subclass.*

- #define **XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_CLASS**(CLASS, PARENT)

*For internal use only.*

*Macro to define a concrete [Xapian::Error](#) subclass.*

### 8.5.1 Detailed Description

Hierarchy of classes which [Xapian](#) can throw as exceptions.

### 8.5.2 Define Documentation

#### 8.5.2.1 #define XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_BASECLASS(CLASS, PARENT)

**Value:**

```
class XAPIAN_EXCEPTION_EXPORT CLASS : public PARENT { \
protected: \ \
    CLASS(const std::string &msg_, const std::string &context_, \
          const char * type_, int errno_) \
        : PARENT(msg_, context_, type_, errno_) {} \
}
```

**For internal use only.**

Macro to define an abstract [Xapian::Error](#) subclass.

#### 8.5.2.2 #define XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_CLASS(CLASS, PARENT)

**Value:**

```
class XAPIAN_EXCEPTION_EXPORT CLASS : public PARENT { \
public: \ \
    CLASS(const std::string &msg_, const std::string &context_ = "", \
          int errno_ = 0) \
        : PARENT(msg_, context_, #CLASS, errno_) {} \ \
    CLASS(const std::string &msg_, int errno_) \
        : PARENT(msg_, "", #CLASS, errno_) {} \
protected: \ \
    CLASS(const std::string &msg_, const std::string &context_, \
          const char * type_, int errno_) \
        : PARENT(msg_, context_, type_, errno_) {} \
}
```

**For internal use only.**

Macro to define a concrete [Xapian::Error](#) subclass.

## 8.6 include/xapian/errorhandler.h File Reference

Decide if a [Xapian::Error](#) exception should be ignored.

```
#include <xapian/error.h>
```

Include dependency graph for errorhandler.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



### Classes

- class [Xapian::ErrorHandler](#)

*Decide if a [Xapian::Error](#) exception should be ignored.*

### 8.6.1 Detailed Description

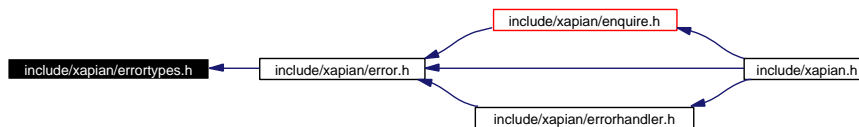
Decide if a [Xapian::Error](#) exception should be ignored.



## 8.7 include/xapian/errortypes.h File Reference

Exception subclasses.

This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



### Functions

- [XAPIAN\\_DEFINE\\_ERROR\\_BASECLASS](#) (LogicError, Error)  
*Base class for errors due to programming errors.*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEFINE\\_ERROR\\_BASECLASS](#) (RuntimeError, Error)  
*Base class for errors due to run time problems.*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEFINE\\_ERROR\\_CLASS](#) (AssertionError, LogicError)  
*Thrown if an internal consistency check fails.*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEFINE\\_ERROR\\_CLASS](#) (UnimplementedError, LogicError)  
*Thrown when an attempt to use an unimplemented feature is made.*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEFINE\\_ERROR\\_CLASS](#) (InvalidArgumentError, LogicError)  
*Thrown when an invalid argument is supplied to the API.*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEFINE\\_ERROR\\_CLASS](#) (InvalidOperationError, LogicError)  
*Thrown when API calls are made in an invalid way.*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEFINE\\_ERROR\\_CLASS](#) (DocNotFoundError, RuntimeError)  
*Thrown when an attempt is made to access a document which is not in the database.*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEFINE\\_ERROR\\_CLASS](#) (RangeError, RuntimeError)  
*thrown when an element is out of range.*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEFINE\\_ERROR\\_CLASS](#) (InternalError, RuntimeError)  
*thrown when really weird stuff happens.*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEFINE\\_ERROR\\_CLASS](#) (DatabaseError, RuntimeError)  
*thrown for miscellaneous database errors.*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEFINE\\_ERROR\\_CLASS](#) (FeatureUnavailableError, RuntimeError)  
*Thrown if a feature is unavailable - usually due to not being compiled in.*

- [XAPIAN\\_DEFINE\\_ERROR\\_CLASS](#) (NetworkError, RuntimeError)  
*thrown when there is a communications problem with a remote database.*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEFINE\\_ERROR\\_CLASS](#) (NetworkTimeoutError, NetworkError)  
*Thrown when a network timeout is exceeded.*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEFINE\\_ERROR\\_CLASS](#) (DatabaseCorruptError, DatabaseError)  
*thrown if the database is corrupt.*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEFINE\\_ERROR\\_CLASS](#) (DatabaseCreateError, DatabaseError)  
*Thrown when creating a database fails.*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEFINE\\_ERROR\\_CLASS](#) (DatabaseOpeningError, DatabaseError)  
*Thrown when opening a database fails.*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEFINE\\_ERROR\\_CLASS](#) (DatabaseLockError, DatabaseError)  
*Thrown when gaining a lock on a database fails.*
- [XAPIAN\\_DEFINE\\_ERROR\\_CLASS](#) (DatabaseModifiedError, DatabaseError)  
*Thrown when a database has been modified whilst being read.*

### 8.7.1 Detailed Description

Exception subclasses.

### 8.7.2 Function Documentation

#### 8.7.2.1 XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_BASECLASS (RuntimeError, Error)

Base class for errors due to run time problems.

An exception derived from RuntimeError is thrown when an error is caused by problems with the data or environment rather than a programming mistake.

#### 8.7.2.2 XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_BASECLASS (LogicError, Error)

Base class for errors due to programming errors.

An exception derived from LogicError is thrown when a misuse of the API is detected.

**8.7.2.3 XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_CLASS (DatabaseModifiedError, DatabaseError)**

Thrown when a database has been modified whilst being read.

**8.7.2.4 XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_CLASS (DatabaseLockError, DatabaseError)**

Thrown when gaining a lock on a database fails.

**8.7.2.5 XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_CLASS (DatabaseOpeningError, DatabaseError)**

Thrown when opening a database fails.

**8.7.2.6 XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_CLASS (DatabaseCreateError, DatabaseError)**

Thrown when creating a database fails.

**8.7.2.7 XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_CLASS (DatabaseCorruptError, DatabaseError)**

thrown if the database is corrupt.

**8.7.2.8 XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_CLASS (NetworkTimeoutError, NetworkError)**

Thrown when a network timeout is exceeded.

**8.7.2.9 XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_CLASS (NetworkError, RuntimeError)**

thrown when there is a communications problem with a remote database.

**8.7.2.10 XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_CLASS (FeatureUnavailableError, RuntimeError)**

Thrown if a feature is unavailable - usually due to not being compiled in.

**8.7.2.11 XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_CLASS (DatabaseError, RuntimeError)**

thrown for miscellaneous database errors.

**8.7.2.12 XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_CLASS (InternalError, RuntimeError)**

thrown when really weird stuff happens.

If this is thrown something has gone badly wrong.

**8.7.2.13 XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_CLASS (RangeError, RuntimeError)**

thrown when an element is out of range.

**8.7.2.14 XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_CLASS (DocNotFoundError, RuntimeError)**

Thrown when an attempt is made to access a document which is not in the database.

This could occur either due to a programming error, or because the database has changed since running the query.

**8.7.2.15 XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_CLASS (InvalidOperationError, LogicError)**

Thrown when API calls are made in an invalid way.

**8.7.2.16 XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_CLASS (InvalidArgumentError, LogicError)**

Thrown when an invalid argument is supplied to the API.

**8.7.2.17 XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_CLASS (UnimplementedError, LogicError)**

Thrown when an attempt to use an unimplemented feature is made.

**8.7.2.18 XAPIAN\_DEFINE\_ERROR\_CLASS (AssertionError, LogicError)**

Thrown if an internal consistency check fails.

This represents a bug in [Xapian](#).

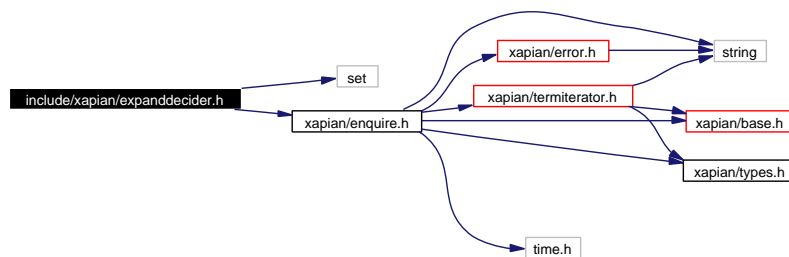
## 8.8 include/xapian/expanddecider.h File Reference

Classes for filtering which terms returned by expand.

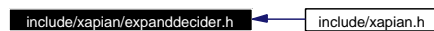
```
#include <set>
```

```
#include <xapian/enquire.h>
```

Include dependency graph for expanddecider.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



### Namespaces

- namespace [Xapian](#)

### Classes

- class [Xapian::ExpandDeciderFilterTerms](#)  
*One useful expand decision functor, which provides a way of filtering out a fixed list of terms from the expand set.*
- class [Xapian::ExpandDeciderAnd](#)  
*An expand decision functor which can be used to join two functors with an AND operation.*

#### 8.8.1 Detailed Description

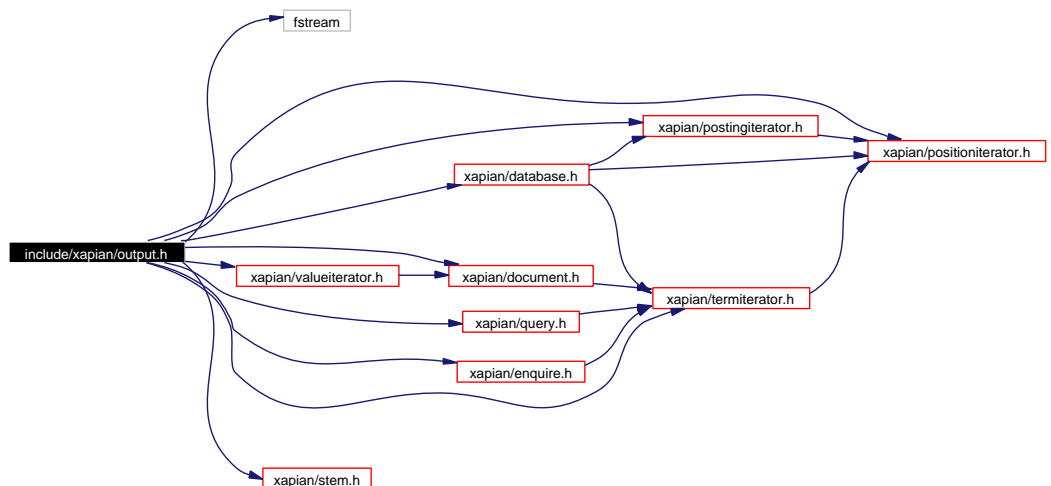
Classes for filtering which terms returned by expand.

## 8.9 include/xapian/output.h File Reference

Functions for output of strings describing [Xapian](#) objects.

```
#include <fstream>
#include <xapian/database.h>
#include <xapian/document.h>
#include <xapian/query.h>
#include <xapian/enquire.h>
#include <xapian/stem.h>
#include <xapian/postingiterator.h>
#include <xapian/positioniterator.h>
#include <xapian/termiterator.h>
#include <xapian/valueiterator.h>
```

Include dependency graph for output.h:



### Defines

- #define `XAPIAN_OUTPUT_FUNCTION(CLASS)`

*For internal use only.*

*Helper macro for defining stream output of [Xapian](#) class.*

### 8.9.1 Detailed Description

Functions for output of strings describing [Xapian](#) objects.

## 8.9.2 Define Documentation

### 8.9.2.1 #define XAPIAN\_OUTPUT\_FUNCTION(CLASS)

**Value:**

```
inline std::ostream & \
operator<<(std::ostream & os, const CLASS & object) { \
    return os << object.get_description(); \
}
```

**For internal use only.**

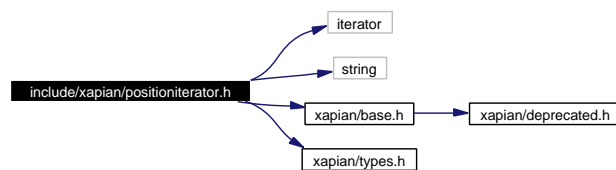
Helper macro for defining stream output of [Xapian](#) class.

## 8.10 include/xapian/positioniterator.h File Reference

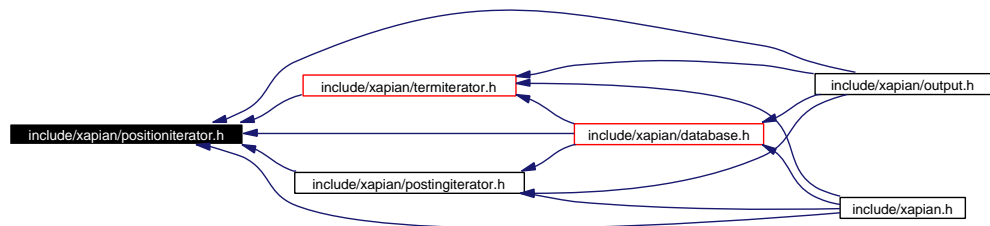
Classes for iterating through position lists.

```
#include <iterator>
#include <string>
#include <xapian/base.h>
#include <xapian/types.h>
```

Include dependency graph for positioniterator.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



## Namespaces

- namespace [Xapian](#)

## Classes

- class [Xapian::TermPosWrapper](#)

*A wrapper class for a termpos which returns the termpos if dereferenced with \*.*

- class [Xapian::PositionIterator](#)

*An iterator pointing to items in a list of positions.*



## Functions

- bool [Xapian::operator==](#) (const PositionIterator &a, const PositionIterator &b)  
*Test equality of two PositionIterators.*
- bool [Xapian::operator!=](#) (const PositionIterator &a, const PositionIterator &b)  
*Test inequality of two PositionIterators.*

### 8.10.1 Detailed Description

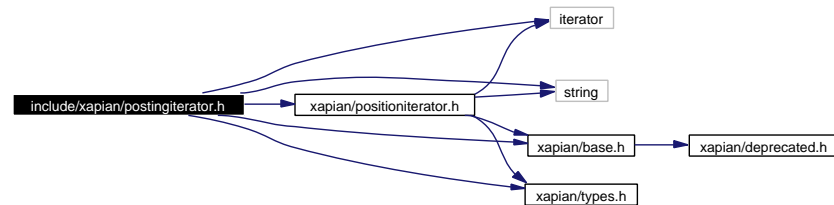
Classes for iterating through position lists.

## 8.11 include/xapian/postingiterator.h File Reference

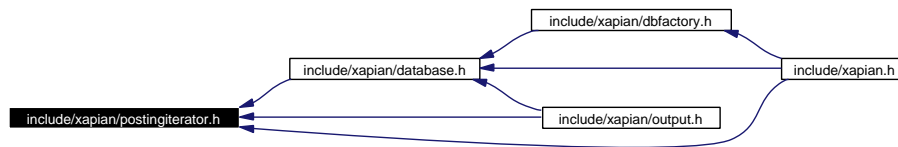
Classes for iterating through posting lists.

```
#include <iterator>
#include <string>
#include <xapian/base.h>
#include <xapian/types.h>
#include <xapian/positioniterator.h>
```

Include dependency graph for postingiterator.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



## Namespaces

- namespace [Xapian](#)

## Classes

- class [Xapian::DocIDWrapper](#)

*A wrapper class for a docid which returns the docid if dereferenced with \*.*

- class [Xapian::PostingIterator](#)

*An iterator pointing to items in a list of postings.*

## Functions

- bool [Xapian::operator==](#) (const PostingIterator &a, const PostingIterator &b)  
*Test equality of two PostingIterators.*
- bool [Xapian::operator!=](#) (const PostingIterator &a, const PostingIterator &b)  
*Test inequality of two PostingIterators.*

### 8.11.1 Detailed Description

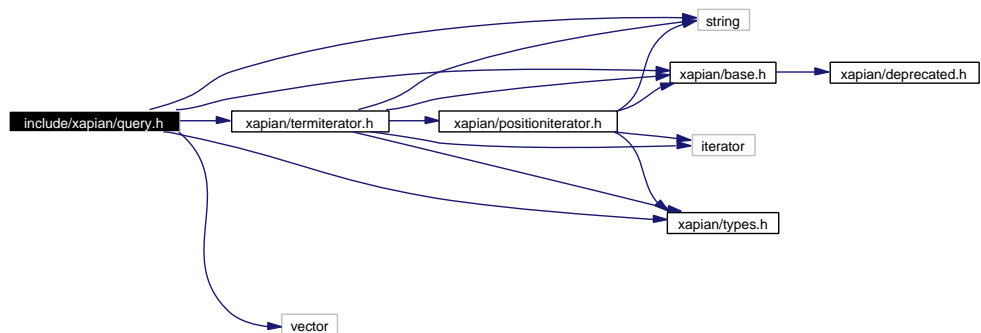
Classes for iterating through posting lists.

## 8.12 include/xapian/query.h File Reference

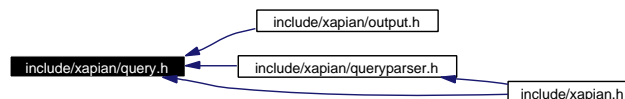
Classes for representing a query.

```
#include <string>
#include <vector>
#include <xapian/base.h>
#include <xapian/types.h>
#include <xapian/termiterator.h>
```

Include dependency graph for query.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



## Namespaces

- namespace [Xapian](#)

## Classes

- class [Xapian::Query](#)  
*Class representing a query.*
- class [Xapian::Query::Internal](#)

*Internal class, implementing most of [Xapian::Query](#).*

## Functions

- `std::string Xapian::serialise_qint_ (const Xapian::Query::Internal *qint, Xapian::termpos &curpos)`

### 8.12.1 Detailed Description

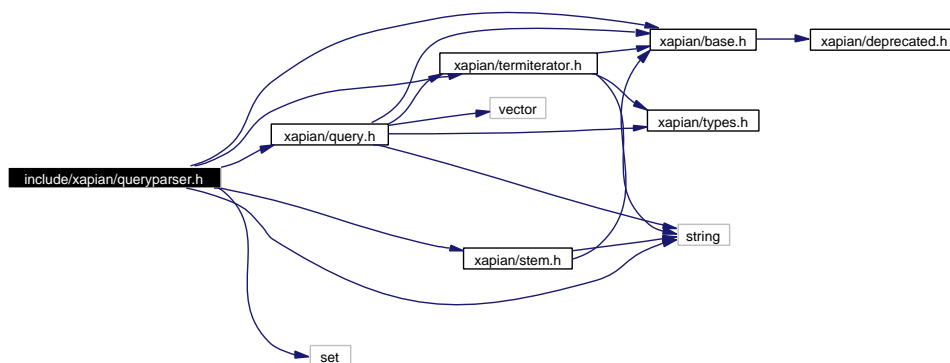
Classes for representing a query.

## 8.13 include/xapian/queryparser.h File Reference

parsing a user query string to build a [Xapian::Query](#) object

```
#include <xapian/base.h>
#include <xapian/query.h>
#include <xapian/stem.h>
#include <xapian/terminator.h>
#include <set>
#include <string>
```

Include dependency graph for queryparser.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



### Namespaces

- namespace [Xapian](#)

### Classes

- class [Xapian::Stopper](#)  
*Base class for stop-word decision functor.*
- class [Xapian::SimpleStopper](#)  
*Simple implementation of [Stopper](#) class - this will suit most users.*
- class [Xapian::QueryParser](#)

*Build a [Xapian::Query](#) object from a user query string.*

### 8.13.1 Detailed Description

parsing a user query string to build a [Xapian::Query](#) object

## 8.14 include/xapian/stem.h File Reference

stemming algorithms

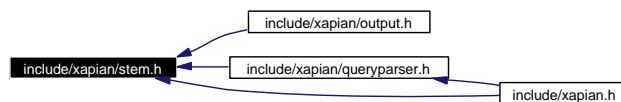
```
#include <xapian/base.h>
```

```
#include <string>
```

Include dependency graph for stem.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



### Namespaces

- namespace [Xapian](#)

### Classes

- class [Xapian::Stem](#)  
*Class representing a stemming algorithm.*

#### 8.14.1 Detailed Description

stemming algorithms

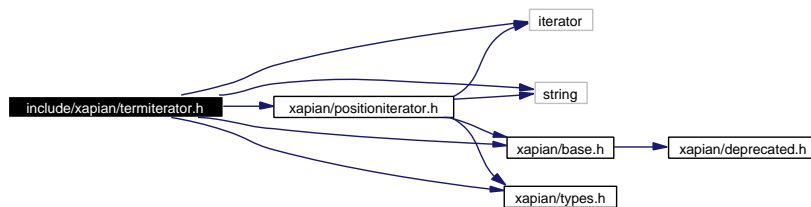


## 8.15 include/xapian/termiterator.h File Reference

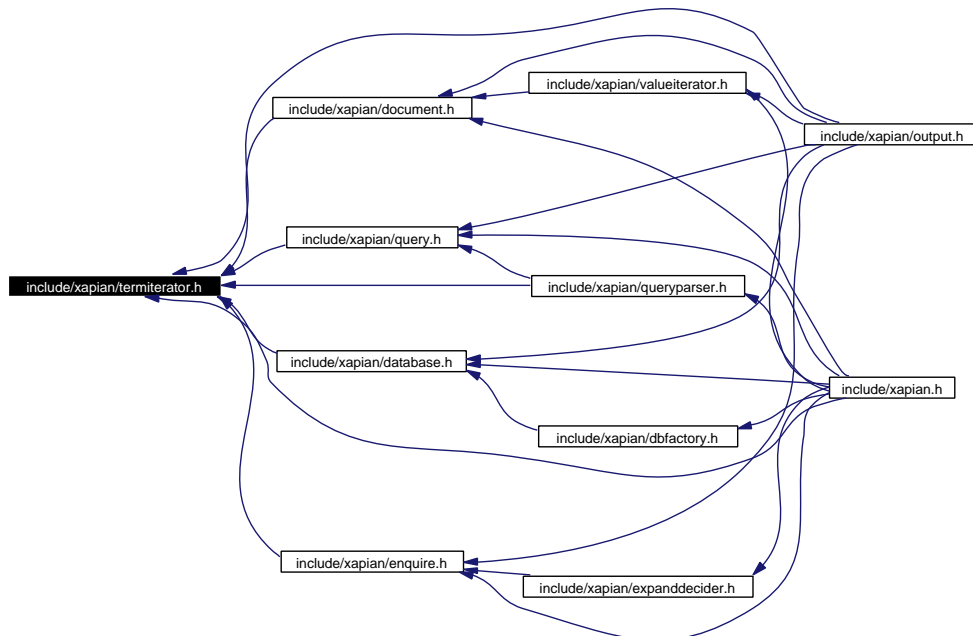
Classes for iterating through term lists.

```
#include <iterator>
#include <string>
#include <xapian/base.h>
#include <xapian/types.h>
#include <xapian/positioniterator.h>
```

Include dependency graph for termiterator.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



## Namespaces

- namespace [Xapian](#)

## Classes

- class [Xapian::TermNameWrapper](#)  
*A wrapper class for a termname which returns the termname if dereferenced with \*.*
- class [Xapian::TermIterator](#)  
*An iterator pointing to items in a list of terms.*

## Functions

- bool **Xapian::operator==** (const TermIterator &a, const TermIterator &b)
- bool **Xapian::operator!=** (const TermIterator &a, const TermIterator &b)

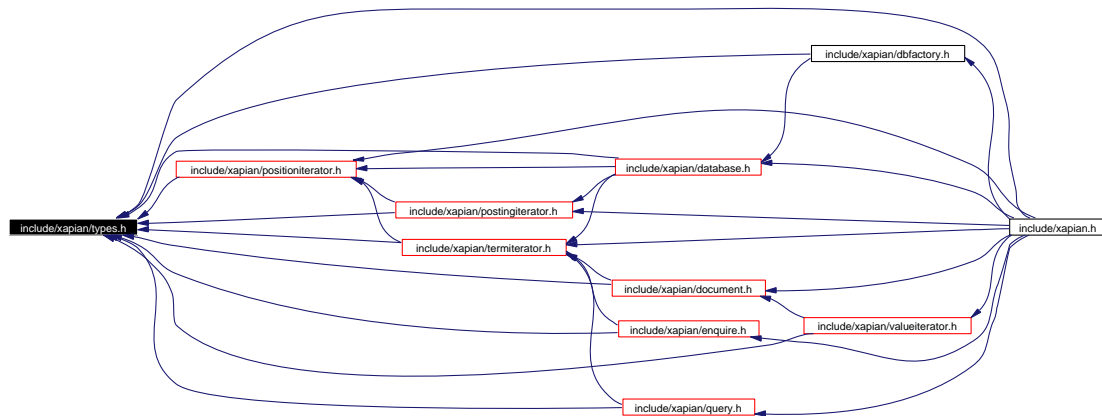
### 8.15.1 Detailed Description

Classes for iterating through term lists.

## 8.16 include/xapian/types.h File Reference

Common types used.

This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



### Typedefs

- typedef unsigned int [docid](#)  
*A unique id for a document.*
- typedef [docid](#) [doccount](#)  
*Type for counts of documents.*
- typedef int [doccount\\_diff](#)  
*Type for signed difference between counts of documents.*
- typedef unsigned int [termcount](#)  
*Type for counts of terms (eg, wdf, wqf).*
- typedef int [termcount\\_diff](#)  
*Type for signed difference between counts of terms.*
- typedef unsigned int [termpos](#)  
*Type for term positions within documents.*
- typedef int [termpos\\_diff](#)  
*Type for signed difference between term positions.*
- typedef double [doclength](#)  
*Type for (normalised) lengths of documents.*

- typedef unsigned int [valueno](#)  
*Type for referring to the number of a value in document.*
- typedef int [valueno\\_diff](#)  
*Type for signed difference between two valueno-s.*
- typedef double [weight](#)  
*A calculated weight, for a term or document.*
- typedef int [percent](#)  
*A percentage weight, for a term or document.*
- typedef unsigned int [timeout](#)  
*Type for specifying a timeout.*

### 8.16.1 Detailed Description

Common types used.

### 8.16.2 Typedef Documentation

#### 8.16.2.1 typedef [docid](#) [doccount](#)

Type for counts of documents.

#### 8.16.2.2 typedef int [doccount\\_diff](#)

Type for signed difference between counts of documents.

#### 8.16.2.3 typedef unsigned int [docid](#)

A unique id for a document.

Document ids start at 1. A zero docid isn't valid, and may be used to indicate "no document".

#### 8.16.2.4 typedef double [doclength](#)

Type for (normalised) lengths of documents.

#### 8.16.2.5 typedef int [percent](#)

A percentage weight, for a term or document.

**8.16.2.6 typedef unsigned int [termcount](#)**

Type for counts of terms (eg, wdf, wqf).

**8.16.2.7 typedef int [termcount\\_diff](#)**

Type for signed difference between counts of terms.

**8.16.2.8 typedef unsigned int [termpos](#)**

Type for term positions within documents.

These start at 1. A value of 0 means that the positional information is not available for that term.

**8.16.2.9 typedef int [termpos\\_diff](#)**

Type for signed difference between term positions.

**8.16.2.10 typedef unsigned int [timeout](#)**

Type for specifying a timeout.

This refers to a time in microseconds: ie. a timeout value of 1000000 corresponds to a timeout of 1 second.

**8.16.2.11 typedef unsigned int [valueno](#)**

Type for referring to the number of a value in document.

**8.16.2.12 typedef int [valueno\\_diff](#)**

Type for signed difference between two valueno-s.

**8.16.2.13 typedef double [weight](#)**

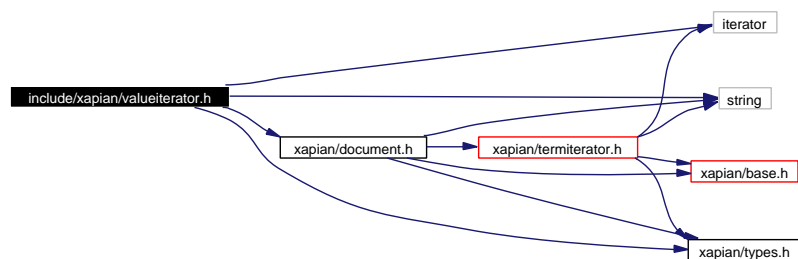
A calculated weight, for a term or document.

## 8.17 include/xapian/valueiterator.h File Reference

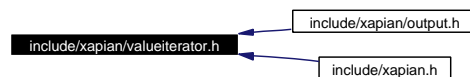
classes for iterating through values

```
#include <iterator>
#include <string>
#include <xapian/types.h>
#include <xapian/document.h>
```

Include dependency graph for valueiterator.h:



This graph shows which files directly or indirectly include this file:



### Namespaces

- namespace [Xapian](#)

### Classes

- class [Xapian::ValueIterator](#)

*An iterator pointing to values associated with a document.*

### Functions

- bool **Xapian::operator==** (const ValueIterator &a, const ValueIterator &b)
- bool **Xapian::operator!=** (const ValueIterator &a, const ValueIterator &b)

### **8.17.1 Detailed Description**

classes for iterating through values





## Chapter 9

# xapian-core Page Documentation

### 9.1 Deprecated List

**Member [Xapian::Document::XAPIAN\\_DEPRECATED](#)(void add\_term\_nopos(const std::string &term, [Xapian::term](#)**

This method is deprecated and present only for backward compatibility. Use add\_term() instead.

**Member [Xapian::Enquire::XAPIAN\\_DEPRECATED](#)(void set\_sorting([Xapian::value](#)no sort\_key, int sort\_bands, bool**

This method is now deprecated, use set\_sort\_by\_relevance(), set\_sort\_by\_value(), or set\_sort\_by\_value\_then\_relevance() instead.

**Member [Xapian::Enquire::XAPIAN\\_DEPRECATED](#)(void set\_sort\_forward(bool sort\_forward))**

This method is now deprecated, use set\_docid\_order() instead - set\_sort\_forward(true) -> set\_docid\_order(ASCENDING) and set\_sort\_forward(false) -> set\_docid\_order(DSCENDING).

**Member [Xapian::Query::XAPIAN\\_DEPRECATED](#)(bool is\_empty() const)**

Deprecated alias for empty()

**Member [Xapian::QueryParser::XAPIAN\\_DEPRECATED](#)(void set\_stemming\_options(const std::string &lang, bool**

Deprecated method for backward compatibility.

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