

**NAME**

TAP::Parser::Iterator - Base class for TAP source iterators

**VERSION**

Version 3.36

**SYNOPSIS**

```
# to subclass:
use TAP::Parser::Iterator ();
use base 'TAP::Parser::Iterator';
sub _initialize {
# see TAP::Object...
}

sub next_raw { ... }
sub wait { ... }
sub exit { ... }
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This is a simple iterator base class that defines TAP::Parser's iterator API. Iterators are typically created from TAP::Parser::SourceHandlers.

**METHODS****Class Methods**

*new*

Create an iterator. Provided by TAP::Object.

**Instance Methods**

*next*

```
while ( my $item = $iter->next ) { ... }
```

Iterate through it, of course.

*next\_raw*

**Note:** this method is abstract and should be overridden.

```
while ( my $item = $iter->next_raw ) { ... }
```

Iterate raw input without applying any fixes for quirky input syntax.

*handle\_unicode*

If necessary switch the input stream to handle unicode. This only has any effect for I/O handle based streams.

The default implementation does nothing.

*get\_select\_handles*

Return a list of filehandles that may be used upstream in a *select()* call to signal that this Iterator is ready. Iterators that are not handle-based should return an empty list.

The default implementation does nothing.

*wait*

**Note:** this method is abstract and should be overridden.

```
my $wait_status = $iter->wait;
```

Return the wait status for this iterator.

*exit*

**Note:** this method is abstract and should be overridden.

```
my $wait_status = $iter->exit;
```

Return the `exit` status for this iterator.

## SUBCLASSING

Please see “SUBCLASSING” in [TAP::Parser](#) for a subclassing overview.

You must override the abstract methods as noted above.

### Example

[TAP::Parser::Iterator::Array](#) is probably the easiest example to follow. There’s not much point repeating it here.

## SEE ALSO

[TAP::Object](#), [TAP::Parser](#), [TAP::Parser::Iterator::Array](#), [TAP::Parser::Iterator::Stream](#),  
[TAP::Parser::Iterator::Process](#),