

## CoCoALib - Design #272

### Forward declarations

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<b>Description</b>			
<p>The C++ STL offers a header file <code>&lt;iostfwd&gt;</code> which contains forward declarations of the types used for input/output (but without all the template code that is needed for the definitions).</p> <p>After the recent change regarding <code>ConstRefRingElem</code> (<a href="#">#261</a>), I noticed that a similar mechanism could be useful inside CoCoALib.</p> <p>The simplest solution is to have one file which gives forward declarations of as many types as possible; it may be better, though, to group the types more finely (<i>e.g.</i> rings and their elements, PP monoids and their elements, ...)</p> <p>We could start by looking to see which forward declarations we use most often.</p> <p>Ideas? Comments? Suggestions?</p>			

### History

#### #1 - 24 Oct 2012 18:25 - Anna Maria Bigatti

yes! I'm not sure how easy/difficult it is going to be to group them: looking at the documentation page:

PPMonoid

ring

PolyRing?

modules

numbers?

homomorphisms?

groebner?

#### #2 - 01 Apr 2014 17:37 - Anna Maria Bigatti

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#### #3 - 07 Apr 2014 18:14 - John Abbott

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