## A simple workaround for the fact that std::equal takes its predicate by value

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The versions of the **std::equal** function that takes a binary predicate accepts the predicate by value, which means that if you are using a functor, it will be copied, which may be unnecessary or unwanted.

In my case, the functor had a lot of state, and I didn't want to copy it.

```
class comparer
{
  . . .
  template<typename R>
  bool ranges_equiv(R const& left, R const& right)
  {
    using T = typename std::decay_t<decltype(*begin(left))>;
    return std::equal(
      begin(left), end(left),
      begin(right), end(right),
      equiv<T>);
  }
  template<typename T>
  bool equiv(T const& left, T const& right) = delete;
  template<>
  bool equiv(Doodad const& left, Doodad const& right)
  {
    return (!check_names || equiv(left.Name(), right.Name())) &&
           (!check_children || ranges_equiv(left.Children(), right.Children()));
  }
  ... other overloads omitted ...
};
```

The idea behind the **comparer** is that you configure it with information about what you care about and what you don't, and then you call **equiv** and let it walk the object hierarchy comparing the things you asked for according to the rules you specified.

This works great, except that std::equal copies its predicate, and our comparer is
somewhat expensive to copy, since it may have lots of configuration std::string s and
stuff. What we're looking for is a version that takes the predicate by reference, so that we can
use the same comparer all the way down.

The workaround is to replace the predicate with something that is cheap to copy.

```
template<typename R>
bool ranges_equiv(R const& left, R const& right)
{
    return std::equal(
        begin(left), end(left),
        begin(right), end(right),
        [this](auto&& l, auto&& r) { return equiv(l, r); });
}
```

Instead of passing a full **comparer** object, we pass a lambda that captures the **comparer** 's **this** pointer. This lambda is cheap to copy, and it allows us to reuse the same **comparer** all the way down the object hierarchy.

This solution looks obvious in retrospect, but I got all hung up trying to create a cheap copyable object, like a nested type called compare\_forwarder that kept a std::reference\_wrapper to the comparer , before realizing that I was just writing a verbose version of a lambda.

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