

# Enchaining

Enchaining is the process of selecting a subset of Chunks (or Belts) based on a certain Filter criteria. Once enchained Belts and Chunks become locked, the structural changes become minimized for the sake of consistent iterating.

## C++ Workflow

That's pretty basic, really. You don't create (instantiate) Chains manually but those are actually managed by the `Machine` class. Assuming you've already assembled the needed `Filter` all you have to do is call a global (static) Machine method named `Enchain` passing it a filter and a reference for a unique Chain identifier to be filled.

```
int32 ChainId;  
UMachine::Enchain(Filter, ChainId);
```

You are now ready to `obtain` the chain designated by this unique identifier and use its methods later:

```
FChain& Chain = UMachine::ObtainChain(ChainId);
```

Make sure you're actually assigning it to a reference (&), and not copying an entire chain.

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