

# C++ Streams

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C++ Stream library is the primary means by which a C++ program can interact with its environment, namely the user and the file system.

The basic unit of comm<sup>n</sup> b/w a prog. and its environment is a stream.

A stream is a channel b/w a source and dest<sup>n</sup> which allows source to push formatted data to the destination.

The type of source and dest<sup>n</sup> varies from stream to stream.

When using the streams library to read and write data, you don't need to read or write all of the data at once. It is perfectly legal and common to read data one piece at a time.

cout, cout for (character output) is a stream connected to the console, a text window that displays plain text data.

Stream

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
int main() {
```

```
    cout << "I'm good" << endl;
```

```
    return 0; }
```

→ endl → end line and it prints a new line character to cout stream.

→ << operator is called the stream insertion operator and is C++ operator that is used to push ~~the special object~~ data into stream object.

Streams are very versatile and can write any data types to stream object.  
Ex:

```
cout << 137 << endl // integer
```

```
cout << 2.718 << endl // real number
```

```
cout << "Here its good" << endl // string
```



→ we provide the `<stdio.h>` header file, which exports the I/O functions `getline`, `getInteger`, `getReal`, and `getLong`. These are not part of C++.

→ Streams library has stream objects called `cin` (character input) which read values from user.

→ `>>` ⇒ stream extraction operator.

ex:

```
int n;
```

```
cin >> n; // hit
```

provide integer and enter, stored in `n` variable and ready to use for prog.

→ Multiple values can be read from `cin`.

```
cin >> n >> y;
```

~~as~~ `n` & `y` can be of same or different type.

→ Can't be used with `endl` i.e.

```
cin >> n >> endl;
```

↳ generate error.

Reading data from keyboard :- cin, cout

Reading & Writing Files :-

C++ provides a header file called `<fstream>` that support `ifstream` & `ofstream` that perform input file & output file stream respectively.

Reading in File:

⇒ `ifstream myStream("myFile.txt");`  
reads from file.

⇒ Reading data from `myStream`.

```
ifstream myStream("myFile.txt");  
int myInt;
```

```
myStream >> myInt; // Read integer from  
// myFile.txt.
```

↳ `myStream` variable instead of `ifstream`.

Also:

```
ifstream myStream;
```

```
myStream.open("myFile.txt");
```



## Writing in File:

ofstream myStream("myFile.txt");

- if writing to non-existing file then new file will be created.
- if it opens an existing file then it will overwrite the file.

## Stream Manipulator:-

ex:- endl — stream manipulator, object that can be inserted into a stream to change some sort of stream property.

ex:-

① boolalpha — cout << boolalpha << true << endl  
↳ weather of not stream output value true or false.

② setw(n) — cout << setw(n) << 10 << endl  
↳ sets minimum width of  
op for next stream operation.  $\Rightarrow \frac{10}{\text{width}}$

③ hex, dec, oct — cout << hex << 10 << endl  $\rightarrow 10$   
cout << dec << 10 << endl  $\rightarrow 10$   
cout << oct << 10 << endl  $\rightarrow 12$   
cin >> hex >> n  $\rightarrow$  Read hex value for x.

④ ws — myStream >> ws >> value;  
skip whitespace stored in the stream.

## Alternative :

① `getline` → `string mystr;`  
`getline (cin, mystr);`

② A string Buffer: `stringstream` — exported by the header `<sstream>`.

- `stringstream` store data in temporary string buffers.
- insert data into a `stringstream` to convert data to string.
- and extract data from a `stringstream` to convert string data into a different format.

Ex: `stringstream myConverter;`  
`int myInt;`

`double myDouble;`

`string myString;`

// Insert string data

`myConverter << "37 Hello 2.71828";`

// Extract mixed data

`myConverter >> myInt >> myString >> myDouble;`



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Get Integer:- the user enters an Integer and  
accepts only after the user enters  
valid i/p.

- \* If ever discover a linker error, always check to make sure that you have implemented all func<sup>n</sup> you have prototyped and that these implementations match the prototypes.

## C++ Across Multiple Files:-

- (1) Split a program
- (2) Best way to split a program.

Abstraction using headerfiles which do complicated functions and write ~~different~~ just show and do it in main function.

\* #include → used to import library code into prog.  
 ↳ #include "genlib.h" } 2 form of using #include  
 ↳ #include <iostream>

(1) #include "\_\_\_\_.h" → Preprocessor will look in the same directory for file.

(2) #include <\_\_\_\_> → Preprocessor will look in the compiler specific directory containing C++ stdlib



#include is preprocessor directive, not C++ statement.

\* #define phrase replacement

After encountering #define directive, whenever preprocessor find phrase it replace with replacement.

ex: #define PIE 3.14

phrase → it should be a single word without spaces.

replacement → anything that follows phrase and also it can be nothing. ~~in~~ in prog. phrase means nothing when encountered.

if #define terminated with ";" then #preprocessor treat it as part of replacement.

ex: #define CNT 3;  
(int x = CNT \* 3)

→ preprocessed as

$x = (3;) * 3$   
↓  
error.

⇒ Strongly preferred to define constants using const keyword.

Any header file contains ~~include guards~~ include guards.

include guards:

```
#ifndef File_Included
```

```
#define File_Included
```

```
#endif
```

⇒ If 2 same headers are included in the prog. then there is error this is easy to solve in small prog but for large program it may not be easy to solve this 2 same header problem.

for C++ we have conditional statements for preprocessor also.

```
#if, #elif, #else, #endif
```



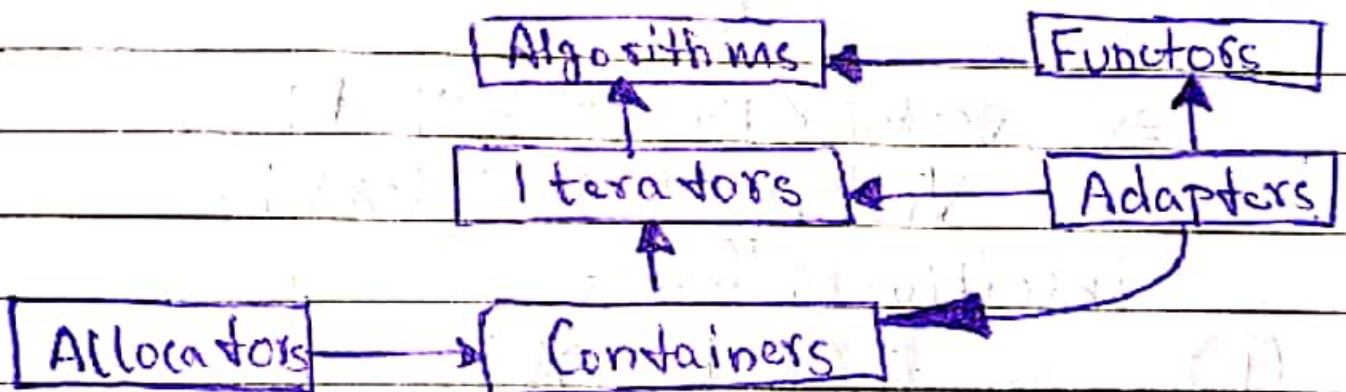
ex: inline int Max(int a, int b) {  
    return a > b ? a : b;  
}

## STL

6 parts:

- Container
- Iterator
- Algorithms
- Adapters
- Functors
- Allocators

Rel<sup>n</sup>:



## Vectors:

- access a variable number of objects.
- vector is an object that rep. a seq. of elements.

ex: `vector<int> myVector;`

- Can store own custom structs in a vector;

ex: `struct MyStruct {  
    int myInt;  
    double myDouble;  
    string myString;  
};`

⇒ `vector<MyStruct> Vec1;`

⇒ ~~`Vec1.push_back(n);`~~

inserting element:-

(1)

`int n;`

`n = GetInteger(1);`

`vector.push_back(n);`

it append sequentially in the vector.

(2)

`vector.insert(vector.begin()+n, e);`

ex: `v.insert(v.begin()+5, 42);`

↳ new 6<sup>th</sup> element is 42 in v.



Operations: -

→ `vec: vector<int> myVec(20, 10);`

but this is not possible!

no of element  
in vector      ↓  
default  
value  
of each  
element

`vector<int> myVec;`

`myVec(20, 10);` → not possible

Error occurs.

→ if `vector<int> myVec(20)` then it automatically make default value 0 to it.

Can resize length of vector: -

`vector<int> myVec(2);`

`myVec.resize(5);` // 00000

`myVec.resize(7, 1);` // 0000011

`myVec.resize(1, 7);` // 0

↳ second parameter is ignored

Erase / Delete elements: -

remove a single element from a random point in vector,

→ `myVec.erase(myVec.begin() + n);`

→ erase the vector content; `myVec.clear();`

`myVec.erase(myVec.begin() + a, myVec.begin() + b);`

→ erase element from a to b.

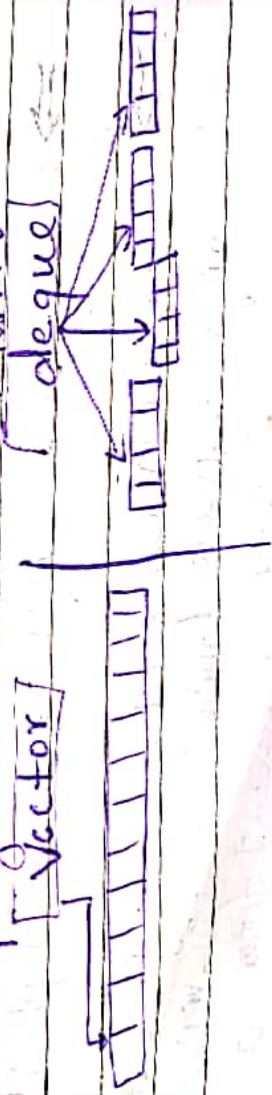
→ `myVec.back() = 5`  
 or `int lastElem = myVec.back()`  
 return reference to the last element in `vec`  
 vector.  
 → `myVec.pop_back();`  
 remove the last element from vector.

## Deque :

→ Vector cannot extend and shrink on both side this can be problem for many cases.  
 → Deque expand and shrink on both side.

Vector stores element in contiguous order in memory.

Deque maintain a list of different pages that store info.





deque <int> values;

values.insert(values.begin() + n, e)

↳ insert  $e$  at  $n^{\text{th}}$  index.

push\_front() — push elements into a deque from the front.

push\_back() — element at the back.

pop\_front() or pop\_back() — remove from front & back.

front() & back() — reference to front & back element.

Valarray: similar to vector but specially for numerical computations.

support of mathematical operators.

ex: myValArr \* 2; multiply all elements of valarrays by 2.

# STL Associative Containers & Iterators.

→ map, set, multimap & multiset.

Tip:- You will need to roll an  $n$  sided die roughly  $\sqrt{n}$  times before the same no. will come up twice.

Set — unordered sequence of elements, content of elements are more important than its actual sequence those elements are in.

Set < int > generated; insert(n); O(1)

→ insert in an unordered manner without ordering the if.

→ tracking if element exist in set:- generated.count(n):

return true if n exist or false if not.  
complexity —  $O(\log n)$



- set doesn't allow duplicate elements.
- set can store all primitive types, strings and other STL containers.  
But cannot store custom struct inside set.

i.e. struct Point {

double x, y;  
};

set<Point> mySet;  
↳ illegal

\* Set is structured on top of balanced binary tree.

- erase —  $\text{mySet.erase}(n);$   
if  $n$  exist,  
complexity —  $O(1)$

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Iterator - provide way for  
accessing data stored in  
containers.