

Data Structures Using C++: STL

- The STL is part of the standard C++ library
- The STL contains many class and function templates that may be used to store, search, and perform algorithms on data structures

Note: focussed on speed and optimisation of general purpose tasks.

- **The STL consists of:**
 - Container classes (data structures)
 - Iterators
 - Algorithms

Containers

- Sequence Containers - store sequences of values
 - ordinary C++ arrays
 - vector
 - deque
 - list
- Associative Containers - use "keys" to access data rather than position (Account #, ID, SSN, ...)
 - set
 - multiset
 - map
 - multimap
- Container Adapters - specialized interfaces to general containers
 - stack
 - queue
 - priority_queue

Iterators

- We need a way to iterate over the values stored in a container
- Iteration with C++ arrays:

```
const int SIZE = 10;
string names[SIZE];

for (int x=0; x < SIZE; ++x) {
    cout << names[x] << endl;
}

OR

string * end = names + SIZE;
for (string * cur = names; cur < end; ++cur) {
    cout << *cur << endl;
}
```

Iterators

- How do you iterate over the values stored in an STL container?
- For vectors and deques, you can iterate like this:

```
vector<string> names;

names.push_back("fred");
names.push_back("wilma");
names.push_back("barney");
names.push_back("betty");

for (int x=0; x < names.size(); ++x) {
    cout << names[x] << endl;
}
```

- This style of iteration doesn't work for the other container types

Iterators

- How do you know when you've reached the end of the container's values?
- All containers have a method named `end` that returns a special iterator value that represents the end of the container (similar to a null pointer)

```
set<string> names;

names.insert("fred");
names.insert("wilma");
names.insert("barney");
names.insert("betty");

set<string>::iterator it;
for (it = names.begin(); it != names.end(); ++it) {
    cout << *it << endl;
}
```

Iterators

- You can also traverse a container in reverse order using **reverse iterators** and the `rbegin` and `rend` container methods

```
set<string> names;

names.insert("fred");
names.insert("wilma");
names.insert("barney");
names.insert("betty");

set<string>::reverse_iterator rit;
for (rit = names.rbegin(); rit != names.rend(); ++rit) {
    cout << *rit << endl;
}
```

Algorithms

- The STL provides many functions that can operate on any STL container
- These functions are called **algorithms**
- Some STL algorithms only work on certain containers
- `#include <algorithm>`

```
vector<string> names;

names.push_back("fred");
names.push_back("wilma");
names.push_back("barney");
names.push_back("betty");

unique(names.begin(), names.end());
sort(names.begin(), names.end());

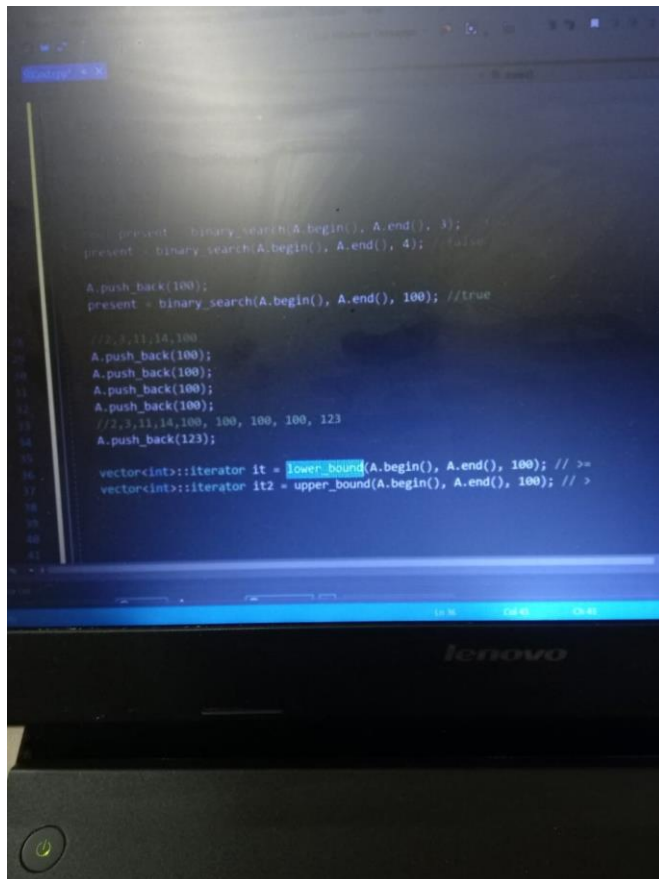
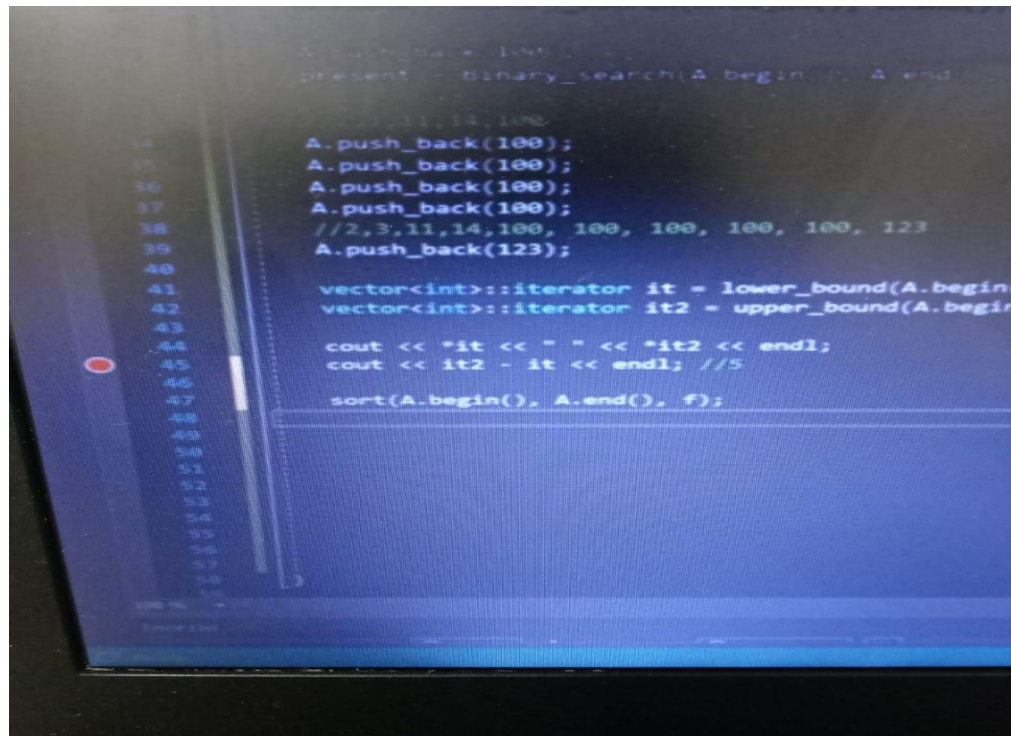
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5 #include <iostream>
6 #include <vector>
7 #include <algorithm>
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9 using namespace std;
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11 int main()
12 {
13     //C++ STL
14     vector<int> A = { 11,2,3,14 };
15
16     cout << A[1] << endl;
17
18     sort(A.begin(), A.end()); // O(NlogN)
19
20     //2,3,11,14
21     //O(logN)
22     bool present = binary_search(A.begin(), A.end(), 3); //true
23     present = binary_search(A.begin(), A.end(), 4); //false
24
25
26
```

```
14 int main()
15 {
16     stack<int> myStack;
17
18     myStack.push(5);
19     myStack.push(3);
20     myStack.push(2);
21
22     cout << "Number of ints on the stack " << myStack.size() << endl;
23
24     while(!myStack.empty())
25     {
26         cout << "popping " << myStack.top() << endl;
27         myStack.pop();
28
```

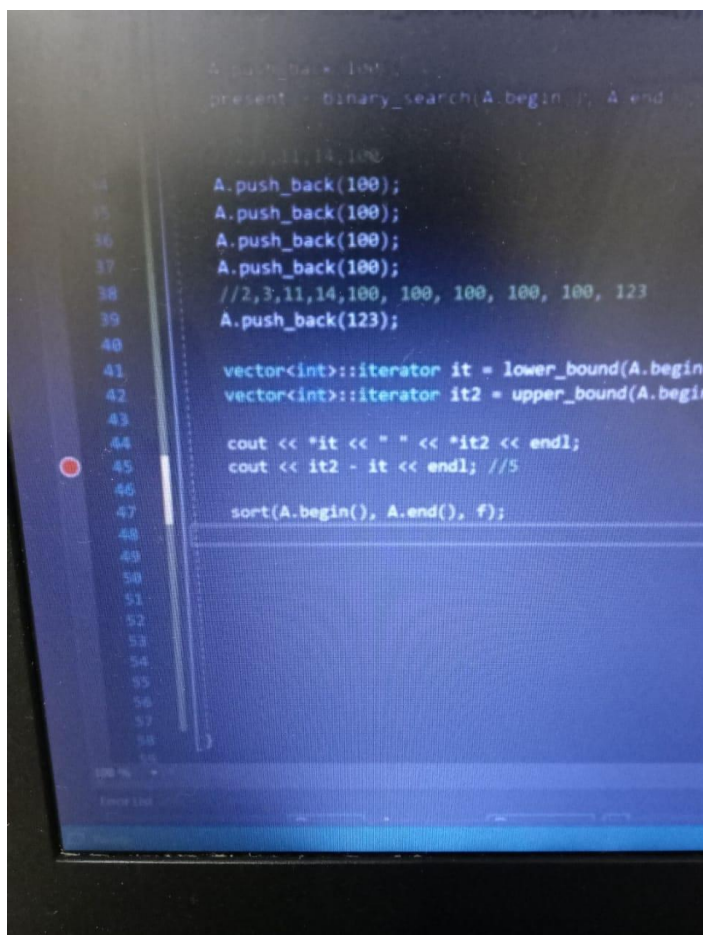
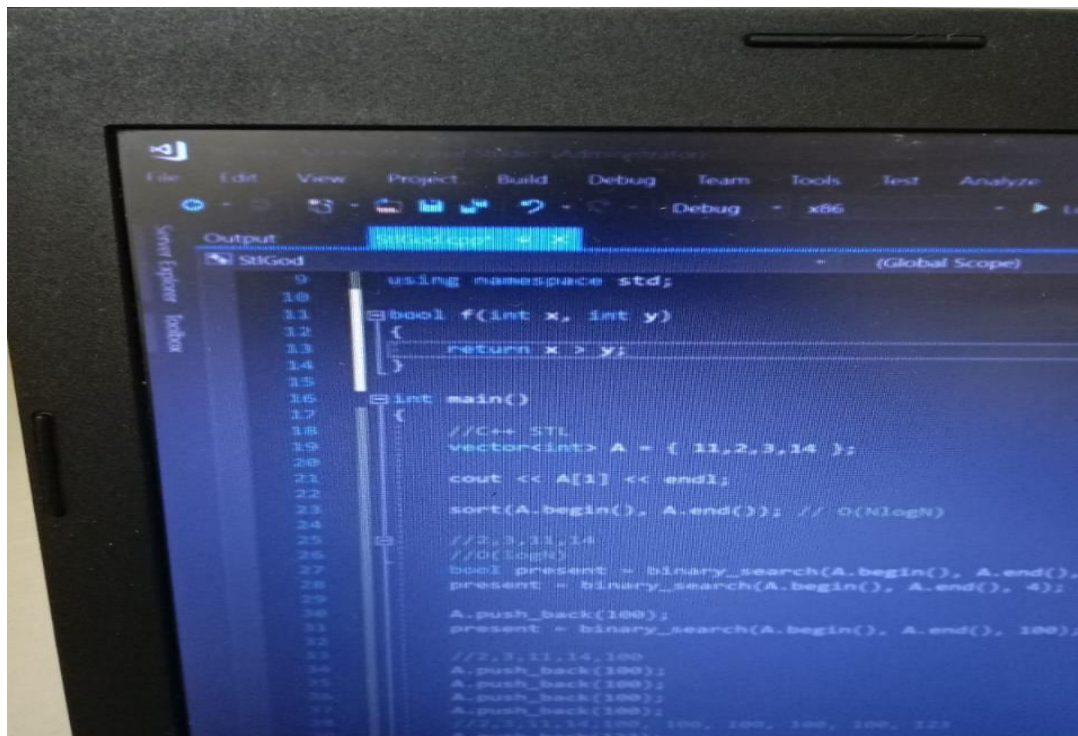


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The image shows a screenshot of a C++ IDE with a dark theme. The menu bar at the top includes View, Project, Build, Debug, Team, Tools, Test, Analyze, Window, and Help. Below the menu bar, there are icons for file operations and a status bar showing 'Debug' and 'x86'. The active window is titled 'SubGrid.cpp' and shows the following code:

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24
25     A.push_back(100);
26     present = binary_search(A.begin(), A.end(), 100); //true
27
28     //2,3,11,14,100
29
30
31
32
```

```

push_back(100);
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//2,3,11,14,100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 123
A.push_back(123);

vector<int>::iterator it = lower_bound(A.begin(), A.end(), 3);
vector<int>::iterator it2 = upper_bound(A.begin(), A.end(), 3);

cout << *it << " " << *it2 << endl;
cout << it2 - it << endl; //5

sort(A.begin(), A.end(), f);
vector<int>::iterator it3;

for (it3 = A.begin(); it3 != A.end(); it3++)
{
    cout << *it3 << " ";
}
cout << endl;

```

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