

SC1008 C and C++ Programming

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Week 12 Templates and Standard Template Library

Outline



- Templates
 - Class templates

- Standard Template Library (STL)
 - Container, iterator, algorithm
 - -STL vector
 - -STL list
 - STL map

Templates



- A template is a simple and yet very powerful tool in C++. The simple idea is to pass data type as a parameter so that we don't need to write the same code for different data types
- Two types of templates in C++:
 - Function Templates
 - Class Templates

How Do Templates Work?



- Templates are expanded at compiler time, which is like macros
- But different from macros, the compiler does type-checking before expanding templates
- The source code contains only function/class, but compiled code may contain multiple copies of the same function/class

```
The keyword "typename" can also be replaced by "class"
                                                                       Compiler internally generates
                                                                       and adds below code
                                                                           int myMax(int x, int y)
                      template <typename T>
                       T \text{ myMax}(T \times, T y)
                                                                               return (x > y)? x: y;
                          return (x > y)? x: y;
                      int main()
                         cout << myMax<int>(3, 7) << endl;</pre>
                         cout << myMax<char>('g', 'e') << endl;-
                         return 0;
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                                                                       and adds below code.
                                                                         char myMax(char x, char y)
                                                                            return (x > y)? x: y;
```

Class Templates

- Like function templates, class templates are useful when a class defines something that is independent of the data type.
- The example code implements a template Array class

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
template <typename T>
class Array {
private:
 T* ptr;
 int size;
public:
 Array(T arr[], int s);
 ~Array(); // Destructor to free memory
 void print():
};
template <typename T>
Array<T>::Array(T arr[], int s) {
 ptr = new T[s];
 size = s;
 for (int i = 0; i < size; i++)
 ptr[i] = arr[i];
template <typename T>
Array<T>::~Array() { delete[] ptr; }
template <typename T>
void Array<T>::print() {
 for (int i = 0; i < size; i++)
   cout << " " << *(ptr + i);
 cout << endl;
int main() {
 int arr[5] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };
 Array<int> a(arr, 5);
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- 1. Key points of defining member functions

```
2. Key point of using class templates
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 ptr = new T[s];
 size = s;
 for (int i = 0; i < size; i++)
 ptr[i] = arr[i];
     Remember to free allocated memory
template <typename T>
Array<T>::~Array() { delete[] ptr; }
template <typename T>
void Array<T>::print() {
 for (int i = 0; i < size; i++)
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Program output:

12345

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Class Templates with Multiple Paramete

We can pass more than one data type as arguments to class

templates

Syntax

```
template<class T1, class T2, ...>
class classname
};
```

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
// Class template with two parameters
template <class T1, class T2>
class Test {
 T1 a:
 T2 b:
public:
 Test(T1 x, T2 y) {
   a = x;
   b = v;
 void show() {
   cout << a << " and " << b << endl;
int main() {
 Test<float, int> test1(1.23, 123);
 Test<int, char> test2(100, 'W');
 test1.show();
 test2.show();
 return 0:
```

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This is how we define and use a class template with multiple data types

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C++'s Standard Library



C++'s Standard Library consists of four major pieces:

- 1) The entire C standard library
- 2) C++'s input/output stream library
 - std::cin, std::cout, stringstreams, fstreams, etc.
- 3) C++'s Standard Template Library (**STL**)
 - Containers, iterators, algorithms (sort, find, etc.)
- 4) C++'s miscellaneous library
 - Strings, exceptions, memory allocation, localization

C++ Standard Template Library (STL)



- STL: a library containing many templates for frequently used data structures and algorithms
- STL had three basic components:
 - Containers

Generic class templates for storing collection of data

Algorithms

Generic function templates for operating on containers

Iterators

Generalized 'smart' pointers that facilitate use of containers. They provide an interface that is needed for STL algorithms to operate on STL containers

Containers



- Containers: Data structures that hold anything (other objects)
- Two types of container classes in STL:
 - Sequence containers: organize and access data sequentially, as in an array. These include vector, dequeue, and list
 - Associative containers: use keys to allow data elements to be quickly accessed. These include set, multiset, map, and multimap

Containers



This class will mainly focus on vector, list and map

Container Name	Description
vector	An expandable array. Values may be added to or removed from the end or middle of a vector.
deque	Like a vector, but allows values to be added to or removed from the front.
list	A doubly linked list of data elements. Values may be inserted to or removed from any position. (You will learn more about linked lists in Chapter 17.)

Container Name	Description	
set	Stores a set of keys. No duplicate values are allowed.	
multiset	Stores a set of keys. Duplicates are allowed.	
map	Maps a set of keys to data elements. Only one key per data element is allowed. Duplicates are not allowed.	
multimap	Maps a set of keys to data elements. Many keys per data element are allowed. Duplicates are allowed.	

Note: The above tables are not an exhaustive list of all the containers in STL. More can be found here: https://cplusplus.com/reference/stl/

Iterators



- Each container class has an associated iterator class (e.g.
 - vector<int>::iterator) used to iterate through
 - elements of the container
 - https://cplusplus.com/reference/iterator/iterator/?kw=iterator
- end is not included!
- Iterator range is from begin up to end i.e., [begin, end]
 - end is the one past the last container element!
- Some container iterators support more operations than others
 - All can be incremented (++), copied, copy-constructed
 - Some can be dereferenced on right-hand side (e.g. x = *it;)
 - Some can be dereferenced on left-hand side (e.g. *it = x;)
 - Some can be decremented (--)
 - Some support random access ([], +, -, +=, -=, <, > operators)

Algorithms



- STL contains algorithms that are implemented as function templates to perform common tasks on containers
- Requires algorithm header file
- The common tasks include searching, sorting, comparing, and editing, etc. Thus, algorithm includes

```
binary_search count
for_each find
find_if max_element
min_element random_shuffle
sort and others
```

Algorithms



Algorithm	Description
binary_search	Performs a binary search for an object and returns true if the object is found.
	Example:
	binary_search(iter1, iter2, value); In this statement, iter1 and iter2 point to elements in a container. (iter1 points to the first element in the range, and iter2 points to the last element in the range.) The statement performs a binary search on the range of elements, searching for value. The binary_search function returns true if the element was found and false if the element was not found.
count	Returns the number of times a value appears in a range.
	<pre>Example: iter3 = count(iter1, iter2, value); In this statement, iter1 and iter2 point to elements in a container. (iter1 points to the first element in the range, and iter2 points to the last element in the range.) The statement returns the number of times value appears in the range of elements.</pre>
find	Finds the first object in a container that matches a value and returns an iterator to it.
	<pre>Example: iter3 = find(iter1, iter2, value); In this statement, iter1 and iter2 point to elements in a container. (iter1 points to the first element in the range, and iter2 points to the last element in the range.) The statement searches the range, of elements for value. If value is found, the function returns an iterator to the element containing it.</pre>

Algorithms



Algorithm	Description
for_each	Executes a function for each element in a container.
	Example:
	<pre>for_each(iter1, iter2, func);</pre>
	In this statement, iter1 and iter2 point to elements in a container. (iter1 points to the first element in the range, and iter2 points to the last element in the range.) The third argument, func, is the name of a function. The statement calls the function func for each element in the range, passing the element as an argument.
max_element	Returns an iterator to the largest object in a range.
_	Example:
	<pre>iter3 = max_element(iter1, iter2);</pre>
	In this statement, iter1 and iter2 point to elements in a container. (iter1 points to the first element in the range, and iter2 points to the last element in the range.) The statement returns an iterator to the element containing the largest value in the range.
min element	Returns an iterator to the smallest object in a range.
_	Example:
	iter3 = min_element(iter1, iter2); In this statement, iter1 and iter2 point to elements in a container. (iter1 points to the first element in the range, and iter2 points to the last element in the range.) The statement returns an iterator to the element containing the smallest value in the range.
random shuffle	Randomly shuffles the elements of a container.
_	Example:
	random_shuffle(iter1, iter2); In this statement, iter1 and iter2 point to elements in a container. (iter1 points to the first element in the range, and iter2 points to the last element in the range.) The statement randomly reorders the elements in the range.
sort	Sorts a range of elements.
	Example:
	sort(iter1, iter2); In this statement, iter1 and iter2 point to elements in a container. (iter1 points to the first element in the range, and iter2 points to the last element in the range.) The statement sorts the elements in the range in ascending order.



A generic, dynamically resizable array

- http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/stl/vector/vector/
- Elements are stored in contiguous memory locations
 - Elements can be accessed using pointer arithmetic if you'd like
 - Random access is O(1) time
- Adding/removing from the end is cheap (amortized constant time)
- Inserting/deleting from the middle or start is expensive (linear time)

You are recommended to use STL vector!



Defining a new vector

- Syntax: vector<of what>
- Remember to include the source file

```
#include <vector>
```

Examples:

```
vector<int> - vector of integers.
vector<string> - vector of strings.
vector<int *> - vector of pointers to integers.
vector<Shape> - vector of Shape objects. Shape is a user defined class.
```



Using vector

- There are two ways to use the vector type:
 - Array style
 - **STL style** (the recommended one!)



Array style: we mimic the use of the built-in array

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using namespace std;
int main() {
 const int N = 5;
 vector<int> ivec(N);
 // Input values into vector
 cout << "Enter 5 integers: ";</pre>
  for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i)
    cin >> ivec[i];
 // Display copied array values
 cout << "Array contents: ";</pre>
  for (int j = 0; j < N; ++j)
    cout << ivec[j] << " ";
 cout << endl;
  return 0;
```



 STL style: we can use the iterator and algorithm provided in STL

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using namespace std;
int main() {
 int input;
 vector<int> ivec;
 // Input values into vector using iterator
 cout << "Enter 5 integers: ";</pre>
                                                      While-loop stops until an invalid input (e.g.,
 while (cin >> input )
                                                      letters) is given, which results in an input failure.
   ivec.push back(input);
 // Display values using iterator
 cout << "Array contents: ";</pre>
 vector<int>::iterator it;
 for ( it = ivec.begin(); it != ivec.end(); ++it ) {
   cout << *it << " ";
 cout << endl;
 return 0;
```



 STL style: we can use the iterator and algorithm provided in STL

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using namespace std;
int main() {
 int input;
                                                       push_back(): Insert a value to the back of the
 vector<int> ivec;
                                                       vector
 // Input values into vector using iterator
 cout << "Enter 5 integers: ";</pre>
                                                        An iterator for vector of integer
 while (cin >> input )
   ivec.push back(input);
                                                       iterator range
 // Display values using iterator
 cout << "Array contents: ";</pre>
 vector<int>::iterator it;
 for ( it = ivec.begin(); it != ivec.end(); ++it ) {
   cout << *it << " ";
 cout << endl;
 return 0;
```

STL vector + algorithm



Sort a vector of integers

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using namespace std;
int main() {
 int input;
 vector<int> ivec;
 // Input values into vector using iterator
 cout << "Enter 5 integers: ";</pre>
 while (cin >> input )
                                                             Sort the whole vector of integers.
   ivec.push back(input);
 // sorting
 sort(ivec.begin(), ivec.end());
 // Display values using iterator
 cout << "Array contents: ";</pre>
 vector<int>::iterator it:
 for ( it = ivec.begin(); it != ivec.end(); ++it ) {
   cout << *it << " ";
 cout << endl;
 return 0:
```

STL vector + algorithm



sort()

Formal Definition:
 void sort(Iterator begin, Iterator end);

Example:

```
vector<int> ivec;
// Fill ivec with integers ...
sort(ivec.begin(), ivec.end())
```

STL vector - Member Functions



• More member functions can be found in the official documents

https://cplusplus.com/reference/vector/vector/?kw=vector

Member func	ctions	Element access:	
(constructor)	Construct vector (public member function)	operator[]	Access element (public member function)
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		<u>at</u>	Access element (public member function)
(destructor)	Vector destructor (public member function)	<u>front</u>	Access first element (public member function)
operator=	Assign content (public member function)	<u>back</u>	Access last element (public member function)
terators:		data	Access data (public member function)
<u>begin</u>	Return iterator to beginning (public member function)	Modifiers:	
<u>end</u>	Return iterator to end (public member function)	<u>assign</u>	Assign vector content (public member function)
<u>rbegin</u>	Return reverse iterator to reverse beginning (public member function)	push_back	Add element at the end (public member function)
<u>rend</u>	Return reverse iterator to reverse end (public member function)	pop_back	Delete last element (public member function)
<u>cbegin</u>	Return const_iterator to beginning (public member function)	insert	Insert elements (public member function)
cend	Return const_iterator to end (public member function)	<u>erase</u>	Erase elements (public member function)
<u>crbegin</u>	Return const_reverse_iterator to reverse beginning (public member function)	<u>swap</u>	Swap content (public member function)
crend	Return const_reverse_iterator to reverse end (public member function)	clear	Clear content (public member function)
		emplace	Construct and insert element (public member function)
apacity:		emplace_back	Construct and insert element at the end (public member function
<u>size</u>	Return size (public member function)		
max_size	Return maximum size (public member function)	Allocator:	
<u>resize</u>	Change size (public member function)	get_allocator	Get allocator (public member function)
<u>capacity</u>	Return size of allocated storage capacity (public member function)	<i>f</i> ≈ Non-member function overloads	
<u>empty</u>	Test whether vector is empty (public member function)		
reserve	Request a change in capacity (public member function)	relational operators	Relational operators for vector (function template)
shrink_to_fit	Shrink to fit (public member function)	<u>swap</u>	Exchange contents of vectors (function template)

vector<bool>

Vector of bool (class template specialization)

STL list



A generic doubly-linked list

- http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/stl/list/
- Elements are **not** stored in contiguous memory locations
 - Does not support random access (e.g. cannot do list[5])
- Some operations are much more efficient than vectors
 - lists is much quicker than vectors to insert or add elements to their front or their back, since lists do not need to shift the other elements and have pointers to the first and last element (no traversal required)
 - Can iterate forward or backwards
- Has a built-in sort member function
 - Doesn't copy! Manipulates list structure instead of element values

STL list - Member Functions



Member Function	Examples and Description
back	<pre>cout << list.back() << endl; The back member function returns a reference to the last element in the list.</pre>
empty	if (list.empty()) The empty member function returns true if the list is empty. If the list has elements, it returns false.
end	<pre>iter = list.end(); end returns a bidirectional iterator to the end of the list.</pre>
erase	<pre>list.erase(iter); list.erase(firstIter, lastIter) The first example causes the list element pointed to by the iterator iter to be removed. The second example causes all of the list elements from firstIter to lastIter to be removed.</pre>
front	<pre>cout << list.front() << endl; front returns a reference to the first element of the list.</pre>
insert	list.insert(iter, x) The insert member function inserts an element into the list. This example inserts an element with the value x, just before the element pointed to by iter.
merge	list1.merge(list2); merge inserts all the items in list2 into list1. list1 is expanded to accommodate the new elements plus any elements already stored in list1.merge expects both lists to be sorted. When list2 is inserted into list1, the elements are inserted into their correct position, so the resulting list is also sorted.
pop_back	<pre>list.pop_back(); pop_back removes the last element of the list.</pre>
pop_front	<pre>list.pop_front(); pop_front removes the first element of the list.</pre>
push_back	<pre>list.push_back(x); push_back inserts an element with value x at the end of the list.</pre>
push_front	<pre>list.push_front(x); push_front inserts an element with value x at the beginning of the list.</pre>

STL list - Member Functions



Member Function	Examples and Description
reverse	list.reverse(); reverse reverses the order in which the elements appear in the list.
size	Returns the number of elements in the list.
swap	list1.swap(list2) The swap member function swaps the elements stored in two lists. For example, assuming list1 and list2 are lists, this statement will exchange the values in the two lists.
unique	list.unique(); unique removes any element that has the same value as the element before it.

STL list



Example 1 of list

Program output:

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0

```
// This program demonstrates the STL list container.
#include <iostream>
#include t> // Include the list header.
using namespace std;
int main()
  // Define a list object.
  list<int> myList;
  // Define an iterator for the list.
  list<int>::iterator iter;
  // Add values to the list.
  for (int x = 0; x < 100; x += 10)
    myList.push back(x);
  // Display the values.
 for (iter = myList.begin(); iter != myList.end(); iter++)
    cout << *iter << " ";
 cout << endl;
 // Now reverse the order of the elements.
  myList.reverse();
 // Display the values again.
 for (iter = myList.begin(); iter != myList.end(); iter++)
    cout << *iter << " ";
 cout << endl;
  return 0;
```

STL list + algorithm



Example 2 of list

```
#include <iostream>
#include <list>
#include <algorithm> // for std::for_each
using namespace std;
// Function to print an element
void printElement(int x) {
  cout << x << " ";
int main() {
  // Create a list of integers
  list<int> myList;
  // Add values to the list.
  for (int x = 0; x < 100; x += 10)
    myList.push_back(x);
 // Use for each to apply printElement function to each element
  cout << "List elements: ";</pre>
  for_each(myList.begin(), myList.end(), printElement);
  cout << endl;
  return 0;
```

Program output:

List elements: 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90

STL list + algorithm



Algorithm	Description
for_each	Executes a function for each element in a container.
	Example:
	for_each(iter1, iter2, func);
	In this statement, iter1 and iter2 point to elements in a container. (iter1 points to the first element in the range, and iter2 points to the last element in the range.) The third argument, func, is the name of a function. The statement calls the function func for each element in the range, passing the element as an argument.

STL map



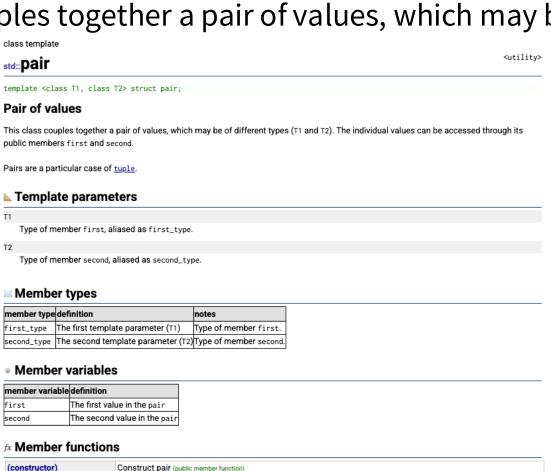
- One of C++'s associative containers: a key/value table, implemented as a search tree
 - http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/stl/map/
 - General form: map<key_type, value_type> name;
 - Keys must be unique
 - multimap allows duplicate keys
 - Efficient lookup (O(log n)) and insertion (O(log n))
 - Access value via name [key]
 - Elements are type pair<key_type, value_type> and are stored in sorted order (key is field first, value is field second)
 - Key type must support less-than operator (<)

STL map



- std:pair<key type, value type>
 - This class couples together a pair of values, which may be

of different types



pair::operator= pair::swap

Assign contents (public member function)

Swap contents (public member function)

STL map - Member Functions

Access element (public member function)

Access element (public member function)



fx Member functions

operator[]

(constructor)	Construct map (public member function)	Modifiers:	
(destructor)	Map destructor (public member function)	insert	Insert elements (public member function)
	Copy container content (public member function)	<u>erase</u>	Erase elements (public member function)
operator=	Copy Container Content (public member function)	<u>swap</u>	Swap content (public member function)
Iterators:	Iterators:		Clear content (public member function)
<u>begin</u>	Return iterator to beginning (public member function)	<u>emplace</u>	Construct and insert element (public member function)
<u>end</u>	Return iterator to end (public member function)	emplace_hint	Construct and insert element with hint (public member function)
<u>rbegin</u>	Return reverse iterator to reverse beginning (public member function)	Observers:	
<u>rend</u>	Return reverse iterator to reverse end (public member function)	key_comp	Return key comparison object (public member function)
<u>cbegin</u>	Return const_iterator to beginning (public member function)	value_comp	Return value comparison object (public member function)
cend	Return const_iterator to end (public member function)		
crbegin	Return const_reverse_iterator to reverse beginning (public member function)	Operations:	
crend	Return const_reverse_iterator to reverse end (public member function)	find	Get iterator to element (public member function)
<u>orena</u>	retain conserve serverse and public member functions	count	Count elements with a specific key (public member function)
Capacity:	Capacity:		Return iterator to lower bound (public member function)
<u>empty</u>	Test whether container is empty (public member function)	upper_bound	Return iterator to upper bound (public member function)
size	Return container size (public member function)	equal_range	Get range of equal elements (public member function)
max_size	Return maximum size (public member function)	Allocator:	
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Element access:		get_allocator	Get allocator (public member function)
Element access.			

STL map



Program output:

```
Student Grades:
Alice -> 90
Bob -> 85
Charlie -> 78
David -> 92

Charlie's Grade: 78

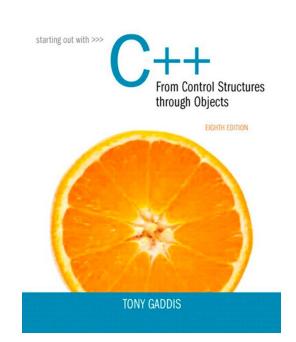
Updated Student Grades:
Alice -> 90
Charlie -> 78
David -> 92
```

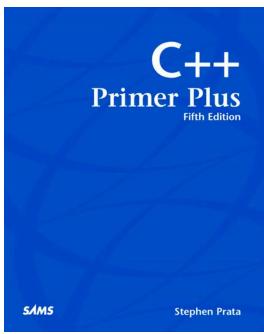
```
int main() {
 map<string, int> studentGrades;
 // Insert elements into the map
 studentGrades["Alice"] = 90;
 studentGrades["Bob"] = 85;
 studentGrades["Charlie"] = 78;
 studentGrades["David"] = 92;
 // Display all students and their grades
 cout << "Student Grades:\n";</pre>
 map<string, int>::iterator it;
 for (it = studentGrades.begin(); it != studentGrades.end();++it) {
   cout << it->first << " -> " << it->second << endl;
 // Searching for a student
 string name = "Charlie";
 map<string, int>::iterator search = studentGrades.find(name);
 if (search != studentGrades.end()) {
   cout << "\n" << name << "'s Grade: " << search->second << endl;</pre>
 } else {
   cout << "\nStudent not found!" << endl;</pre>
 // Removing a student
 studentGrades.erase("Bob");
 // Displaying updated map
 cout << "\nUpdated Student Grades:\n";</pre>
 for (it = studentGrades.begin(); it != studentGrades.end(); ++it) {
   cout << it->first << " -> " << it->second << endl;
return 0;
```

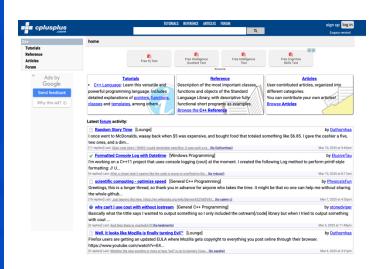
#include <iostream>
#include <map>

#include <string>
using namespace std;









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Questions?

Thank You!