



Chapter 8

Strings and Vectors

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Overview

8.1 An Array Type for Strings

8.2 The Standard string Class

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An Array Type for Strings (C Style)

- In original C language, strings of characters are stored as **arrays of characters**
 - C-strings use the null character **'\0'** to end a string
 - The Null character is a single character (ASCII code = 0)
 - To declare a C-string variable, use the syntax:
`char Array_name[Maximum_cString_Size + 1];`
 - + 1 reserves the additional character needed by **'\0'**
 - Ex: `char s[11];`
 - Maximum 10 characters in this string



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C-string Details

- Declaring a C-string as `char s[10]` creates space for only nine characters
 - The null character terminator requires one space
- A C-string variable does not need a size variable
 - The null character immediately follows the last character of the string
- Example:

s[0]	s[1]	s[2]	s[3]	s[4]	s[5]	s[6]	s[7]	s[8]	s[9]
H	i		M	o	m	!	\0	?	?

- What is the actual length of this string? 7, 8, or 10??



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Initializing a C-string

- To initialize a C-string during declaration:
`char myMessage[20] = "Hi there.";`
 - The null character '\0' is added for you
- Another alternative:
`char shortString[] = "abc";`
 - Count the required size of the given string (including the null character) and fill in the empty bracket
- But not this:
`char shortString[] = {'a', 'b', 'c'};`
 - If you specify each character by yourself, the **null character** at the end is not automatically added



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Don't Change '\0'

- Do not to replace the null character when manipulating indexed variables in a C-string
 - If the null character is lost, the array cannot act like a C-string
 - Example:

```
int index = 0;
while (ourString[index] != '\0')
{
    ourString[index] = 'X';
    index++;
}
```
 - If the null character is missing, this code never stops!!
 - To prevent the case of missing '\0' character, add a size limiter in the loop condition
 - Example: `while (ourString[index] != '\0' && index < SIZE)`



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Assignment With C-strings

- This statement is **illegal** for C-string:
`aString = "Hello";`
 - This is an assignment statement, not an initialization
 - Assigning an entire array to another is not allowed in C
- A common method to assign a value to a C-string variable is to use `strcpy`, defined in the `<cstring>` library
 - Example:

```
#include <cstring>
...
char aString[ 11];
strcpy (aString, "Hello");
```

Places "Hello" followed by the null character in aString



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A Problem With strcpy

- `strcpy` can create problems if not used carefully
 - The declared length of the given array is not checked
 - It is possible for `strcpy` to write characters beyond the declared size of the array
- There is a safer version of `strcpy` named `strncpy`
 - `strncpy` uses a third argument representing the **maximum number** of characters to copy
 - Example:

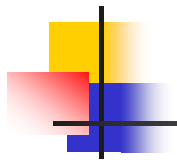
```
char anotherString[10];
strncpy(anotherString,
        aStringVariable, 9);
```

This code copies up to 9 characters into anotherString, leaving one space for '\0'



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== Alternative for C-strings

- The == operator does not work for C-strings, either
 - The function *strcmp* is used to compare C-string variables
 - Example:

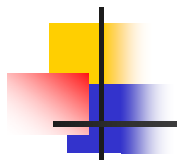
```
#include <cstring>

...
if (strcmp(cString1, cString2))
    cout << "Strings are not the same.";
else
    cout << "String are the same.";
```
- *strcmp* compares the ASCII codes of each character
 - If the first character is the same, compare the next until different character appears
 - If the two C-strings are the same, strcmp returns 0 (FALSE?)
 - Return a negative (positive) value if the numeric code in the first parameter is less (more) → interpreted as TRUE



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More C-string Functions (1/3)

- The <cstring> library includes other functions
 - *strlen* returns the number of characters in a string

```
int x = strlen( aString);
```
 - *strcat* concatenates two C-strings
 - The second argument is added to the end of the first
 - The result is placed in the first argument
 - Example:

```
char stringVar[20] = "The rain";
strcat(stringVar, "in Spain");
```

→ stringVar will contain "The rainin Spain"
 - *strncat* is a safer version of strcat with size limiter
 - Ex: *strncat*(stringVar, "in Spain", 11);



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More C-string Functions (2/3)

Some Predefined C-String Functions in <cstring> (part 1 of 2)

Function	Description	Cautions
<code>strcpy(Target_String_Var, Src_String)</code>	Copies the C-string value <i>Src_String</i> into the C-string variable <i>Target_String_Var</i> .	Does not check to make sure <i>Target_String_Var</i> is large enough to hold the value <i>Src_String</i> .
<code>strncpy(Target_String_Var, Src_String, Limit)</code>	The same as the two-argument <code>strcpy</code> except that at most <i>Limit</i> characters are copied.	If <i>Limit</i> is chosen carefully, this is safer than the two-argument version of <code>strcpy</code> . Not implemented in all versions of C++.
<code>strcat(Target_String_Var, Src_String)</code>	Concatenates the C-string value <i>Src_String</i> onto the end of the C string in the C-string variable <i>Target_String_Var</i> .	Does not check to see that <i>Target_String_Var</i> is large enough to hold the result of the concatenation.



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More C-string Functions (3/3)

Some Predefined C-String Functions in <cstring> (part 2 of 2)

<code>strncat(Target_String_Var, Src_String, Limit)</code>	The same as the two-argument <code>strcat</code> except that at most <i>Limit</i> characters are appended.	If <i>Limit</i> is chosen carefully, this is safer than the two-argument version of <code>strcat</code> . Not implemented in all versions of C++.
<code>strlen(Src_String)</code>	Returns an integer equal to the length of <i>Src_String</i> . (The null character, <code>'\0'</code> , is not counted in the length.)	
<code>strcmp(String_1, String_2)</code>	Returns 0 if <i>String_1</i> and <i>String_2</i> are the same. Returns a value < 0 if <i>String_1</i> is less than <i>String_2</i> . Returns a value > 0 if <i>String_1</i> is greater than <i>String_2</i> (that is, returns a nonzero value if <i>String_1</i> and <i>String_2</i> are different). The order is lexicographic.	If <i>String_1</i> equals <i>String_2</i> , this function returns 0, which converts to <code>false</code> . Note that this is the reverse of what you might expect it to return when the strings are equal.
<code>strncmp(String_1, String_2, Limit)</code>	The same as the two-argument <code>strcat</code> except that at most <i>Limit</i> characters are compared.	If <i>Limit</i> is chosen carefully, this is safer than the two-argument version of <code>strcmp</code> . Not implemented in all versions of C++.



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C-strings as Arguments and Parameters

- C-string variables are arrays
 - While passing C-string arguments to a function, they are **used just like arrays**
 - Watch for the null character to detect the end of string
 - **No size argument** is needed in typical cases

- C-strings can be output with the insertion operator

- Example:

```
char news[ ] = "C-strings";  
cout << news << " Wow." << endl;
```

- The extraction operator >> can fill a C-string

- Example:

```
char a[80], b[80];  
cout << "Enter input: " << endl;  
cin >> a >> b;
```



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Reading an Entire Line

- Using the extraction operator >>, it stops reading data at whitespace

- Example:

```
char a[80], b[80];  
cout << "Enter input: " << endl;  
cin >> a >> b;  
cout << a << b << "End of Output";
```

- The output:

```
Enter input:  
Do be do to you  
DobeEnd of Output
```

The string you entered (points to "Do be do to you")
Only output two words (points to "Dobe")

- Member function **getline** can read an entire line, including spaces

- Two input arguments: a **C-string variable** and an integer that specifies **the max number of element** allowed to fill (including the null character at the end)



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Using getline

- The following code is used to read an entire line including spaces into a single C-string variable

```
char a[80];  
cout << "Enter input:\n";  
cin.getline(a, 80);  
cout << a << End Of Output\n";
```

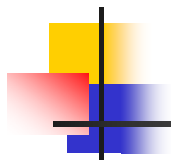
and could produce:

```
Enter some input:           The string you entered  
Do be do to you!  
Do be do to you!End of Output  
                           The whole string is printed
```



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getline Syntax

- Syntax for using getline is
`cin.getline(String_Var, Max_Characters + 1);`
 - `Max_Characters + 1` reserves one element for the null character
- getline stops reading when the specified number of characters have been placed in the C-string
 - Plus one character reserved for the null character
 - getline stops even if the **endline** has not been reached
- C-string input and output work the same way with file streams (**replace cin/cout with file stream**)
 - Example:

```
inStream.getline(cString, 80);  
out_stream << cString;
```



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C-String to Numbers

- "1234" is a string of characters
- 1234 is a number
- In some cases, it is useful to read input as a string of characters, then convert the string to a number
 - Reading money may involve a dollar sign
 - Reading percentages may involve a percent sign
- While reading an integer as characters
 - Remove unwanted characters first, then use the function *atoi* to convert the C-string to an int value
 - Example:
 - atoi*("1234") returns the integer 1234
 - atoi*("#123") returns 0 because # is not a digit



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Functions to Convert C-string

- Larger integers can be converted using the function *atol*
 - *atol* returns a value of type long
- C-strings can be converted to type double using the predefined function *atof*
 - *atof* returns a value of type double
 - Example: *atof*("9.99") returns 9.99
atof("\$9.99") returns 0.0 due to the \$
- Those conversion functions (*atoi*, *atoll*, *atof*) can be found in the library *<cstdlib>*
 - To use those functions, use directive *#include <cstdlib>*



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Code: Numeric Input

- We now know how to convert C-strings to numbers
- How do we deal with the input?
 - Reads a line of input
 - Discards all characters other than the digits '0' through '9'
 - Uses *atoi* to convert the "cleaned-up" C-string to integer



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//Uses iostream, cstdlib, and ctype:

```
void readAndClean(int& n)
{
    using namespace std;
    const int ARRAY_SIZE = 6;
    char digitString[ARRAY_SIZE];

    char next;
    cin.get(next);
    int index = 0;
    while (next != '\n')
    {
        if ( (isdigit(next)) && (index < ARRAY_SIZE - 1) )
        {
            digitString[index] = next;
            index++;
        }
        cin.get(next);
    }
    digitString[index] = '\0';
    n = atoi(digitString);
}
```

add null character
at the end

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Code: Confirming Input

- In function *getInt* :
 - Uses *readAndClean* to read the user's input
 - Allows the user to reenter the input until the user is satisfied with the number
- Function *newLine* reads all the characters remaining in the input line
- Discard what follows the first character of the user's response
 - The same as in Ch.6



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//Uses iostream and readAndClean:

```
void getInt(int& inputNumber)
{
    using namespace std;
    char ans;
    do
    {
        cout << "Enter input number: ";
        readAndClean(inputNumber);
        cout << "You entered "
              << inputNumber
              << " Is that correct? (yes/no): ";
        cin >> ans;
        newLine( );
    } while ((ans != 'y') && (ans != 'Y'));
}
```

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Test the Robust Input Function

//DISPLAY 8.3 Robust Input Function

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstdlib>
#include <cctype>
```

```
void readAndClean(int& n);
void newLine( );
void getInt(int& inputNumber);
```

```
int main( )
{
    using namespace std;
    int inputNumber;
    getInt(inputNumber);
    cout << "Final value read in = "
         << inputNumber << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Sample Dialogue

```
Enter input number: $57
You entered 57 Is that correct? (yes/no): no
Enter input number: $77*5xa
You entered 775 Is that correct? (yes/no): no
Enter input number: 77
You entered 77 Is that correct? (yes/no): no
Enter input number: $75
You entered 75 Is that correct? (yes/no): yes
Final value read in = 75
```



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Overview

8.1 An Array Type for Strings

8.2 *The Standard string Class*

8.3 Vectors



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The Standard string Class

- The **string class** allows the programmer to treat strings as a basic data type
 - No need to know the implementation as with C-strings
- The string class is defined in the **<string>** library and the names are in the **std** namespace
- By default, the string is initialized to an empty string
- Another string constructor takes a C-string argument
 - Example:

```
string phrase;           // empty string
string noun("ants");     // a string version of "ants"
```



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Assignment of Strings

- string variables can be assigned with **= operator**
 - Example:

```
string s1, s2, s3;
...
s3 = s2;
```
- Quoted strings are type cast to type string
 - Example:

```
string s1 = "Hello Mom!";
```
- string variables can be concatenated with **+ operator**
 - Example:

```
string s1, s2, s3;
...
s3 = s1 + s2;
```
 - If s3 is not large enough to contain s1 + s2, more space is allocated automatically



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I/O With Class string

- The insertion operator << can also be used to output objects of type string
 - Example:

```
string s = "Hello Mom!";  
cout << s;
```
- The extraction operator >> can be used to input data for objects of type string
 - Example:

```
string s1;  
cin >> s1;
```
 - >> stops on encountering whitespace



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Program Using the Class string

//DISPLAY 8.4: Demonstrates the standard class string

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
#include <string>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
int main( )
```

```
{
```

```
    string phrase;
```

Initialized to an empty string

```
    string adjective("fried"), noun("ants");
```

```
    string wish = "Bon appetit!";
```

Two ways of initializing
a string variable

```
    phrase = "I love " + adjective + " " + noun + "!";
```

```
    cout << phrase << endl
```

```
        << wish << endl;
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Sample Dialogue

I love fried ants!
Bon appetite!



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getline and Type string

- A *getline* function exists to read entire lines into a string variable
 - It is **NOT** a member of the *istream* class
 - Syntax for using this *getline* is different than that used with *cin.getline(...)*
- Syntax: `getline(Istream_Object, String_Object);`

- Example:

```
string line;
cout << "Enter a line of input:\n";
getline(cin, line);
cout << line << "END OF OUTPUT\n";
```

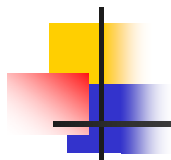
- Output:

```
Enter some input:
Do be do to you!
Do be do to you!END OF OUTPUT
```



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Demonstrate getline and cin

//DISPLAY 8.5

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
```

```
int main( )
{
    using namespace std;

    string firstName, lastName, recordName;
    string motto = "Your records are our records.";

    cout << "Enter your first and last name:\n";
    cin >> firstName >> lastName;
    newline( );
```

```
    recordName = lastName + ", " + firstName;
    cout << "Your name in our records is: ";
    cout << recordName << endl;

    cout << "Our motto is\n" << motto << endl;
    cout << "Please suggest a better (one-line) motto:\n";
    getline(cin, motto);
    cout << "Our new motto will be:\n";
    cout << motto << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Sample Dialogue

```
Enter your first and last name:
B'Elanna Torres
Your name in our records is: Torres, B'Elanna
Our motto is
Your records are our records.
Please suggest a better (one-line) motto:
Our records go where no records dared to go before.
Our new motto will be:
Our records go where no records dared to go before.
```



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Another Version of getline

- The versions of getline we have seen, stop reading at the **end of line** marker '\n'
- getline can stop reading at a character specified in the argument list
 - Ex: this code stops reading when a '?' is read

```
string line;  
cout << "Enter some input: \n";  
getline(cin, line, '?');
```



getline Returns a Reference

- getline returns a reference to its first argument
- This code will read in a line of text into s1 and a string of non-whitespace characters into s2:

```
string s1, s2;  
getline(cin, s1) >> s2;  
    |  
    | returns  
    | cin  
    v  
cin >> s2;
```

- Formal declaration of getline:
 - `istream& getline(istream& ins, string& strVar);`





Problem of Mixing cin and getline

- Using `cin >> n`, it stops reading when **whitespace or '\n'** is found
 - Leaves '\n' and whitespace in the input stream
- In the following example, the `getline` function after `cin` will read an empty line
 - The left '\n' immediately ends getline's reading
 - Example:

```
int n;  
string line;  
cin >> n;  
getline(cin, line);
```



- How to discard the extra symbol in last reading?

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ignore Member Function

- `ignore` is a member function of the istream
- `ignore` can be used to **read and discard** all the characters, including '\n' that remain in a line
 - Ignore takes two arguments
 - First, the maximum number of characters to discard
 - Second, the character that stops reading and discarding
 - The read characters are **missed** after this operation
 - Example:

```
cin.ignore(1000, '\n');  
// reads up to 1000 characters or to '\n'
```



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String Processing

- The string class allows the same operations we used with C-strings...and more
 - Characters in a string object can be accessed as if they are in an array
 - `last_name[i]` accesses a single character as in an array
 - Index values are not checked for validity!
- *at* is an alternative to using []'s to access characters in a string
 - *at* checks for valid index values
 - Example:

```
string str("Mary");
cout << str[6] << endl;
cout << str.at(6) << endl;
str[2] = 'X';
str.at(2) = 'X';
```



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Example: Behave like an Array

// DISPLAY 8.6: demonstrates using a string
// object as if it were an array.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;
```

```
int main( )
{
```

```
    string firstName, lastName;
```

```
    cout << "Enter your first and last name:\n";
    cin >> firstName >> lastName;
```

Sample Dialogue

```
Enter your first and last name:
John Crichton
Your last name is spelled:
C r i c h t o n
-----
Good day John
```

```
    cout << "Your last name is spelled:\n";
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < lastName.length( ); i++)
    {
        cout << lastName[i] << " ";
        lastName[i] = '-';
    }
    cout << endl;
```

```
    for (i = 0; i < lastName.length( ); i++)
        cout << lastName[i] << " ";
    //Places a "-" under each letter.
    cout << endl;
```

```
    cout << "Good day " << firstName << endl;
    return 0;
}
```



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string Member Functions

- The member function **length** obtains the number of characters in each string object
 - Not include the NULL character
- The member function **empty** returns true if the string is empty; otherwise, it returns false
- The member function **substr** returns a portion of a string as a string object
 - Two arguments: the first argument is the **starting position** of the sub-string; the second argument is the **number of characters** captured into the sub-string
 - Ex: substr(5,9) → starting from position 5, take 9 characters
 - One argument: obtains a substring starting from the specified index



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Demonstrate string Functions

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>

int main( )
{
    using namespace std;

    string s1("happy");
    string s2(" birthday");
    string s3, s4;

    cout << "Enter a line of text: ";
    getline(cin, s4);
    cout << "s1 length = " << s1.length()
         << "; s2 length = " << s2.length()
         << "; s3 length = " << s3.length()
         << "; s4 length = " << s4.length();

    if (s3.empty()) {
        cout << "s3 is empty. Assign s1 to s3.\n";
        s3 = s1;
        cout << "s3 is \"" << s3 << "\" ";
    }

    cout << "After +=, s1 is ";
    s1 += s2; // s1 = s1 + s2
    cout << s1 << endl;

    cout << "The substring with 11 characters is "
         << endl << s1.substr(0,11) << endl;
    cout << "The substring starting at location 12 is "
         << endl << s1.substr(12) << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Enter a line of text: **Using class string**
 s1 length = 5; s2 length = 9; s3 length = 0; s4 length = 18
 s3 is empty. Assign s1 to s3.
 s3 is "happy"
 After +=, s1 is happy birthday
 The substring with 11 characters is happy birth
 The substring starting at location 12 is day



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Comparison of strings

- Comparison operators work with string objects
 - Objects are compared using lexicographic order
 - Alphabetical order is determined by the **ASCII code value** for that symbol
 - **==** returns true if two string objects contain the same characters in the same order
 - Remember strcmp for C-strings?
 - **<, >, <=, >=** can be used to compare string objects
 - Compare each character one by one until difference is found
 - Larger or smaller is also determined by the ASCII code value



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More string Member Functions

Assignment/modifiers

`str1 = str2;`

Initializes `str1` to `str2`'s data,

`str1 += str2;`

Character data of `str2` is concatenated to the end of `str1`.

`str.empty()`

Returns *true* if `str` is an empty string; *false* otherwise.

`str1 + str2`

Returns a string that has `str2`'s data concatenated to the end of `str1`'s data.

`str.insert(pos, str2);`

Inserts `str2` into `str` beginning at position `pos`.

`str.remove(pos, length);`

Removes substring of size `length`, starting at position `pos`.

Comparison

`str1 == str2` `str1 != str2`

Compare for equality or inequality; returns a Boolean value.

`str1 < str2` `str1 > str2`

Four comparisons. All are lexicographical comparisons.

`str1 <= str2` `str1 >= str2`

Finds

`str.find(str1)`

Returns index of the first occurrence of `str1` in `str`.

`str.find(str1, pos)`

Returns index of the first occurrence of string `str1` in `str`; the search starts at position `pos`.

`str.find_first_of(str1, pos)`

Returns the index of the first instance in `str` of any character in `str1`, starting the search at position `pos`.

`str.find_first_not_of(str1, pos)`

Returns the index of the first instance in `str` of any character not in `str1`, starting the search at position `pos`.



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Example: Palindrome Testing

- A *palindrome* is a string that reads the same from front to back as it does from back to front
 - This program ignores spaces and punctuation
 - Upper and lowercase versions of letters are considered the same letter

- Examples:

Able was I 'ere I saw Elba.
Madam, I'm Adam.
A man, a plan, a canal, Panama.
Racecar



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Flow of this Program

```
//uses functions makeLower, removePunct
bool isPal(const string& s)
{
    string punct(",:;?!\"'");
    //includes a blank
    string str(s);
    str = makeLower(str);
    string lower_str = removePunct(str,punct);

    return (lower_str == reverse(lower_str));
}
```

- 4 key steps:
 - Turn all characters to lower case
 - Remove punctuation
 - Reverse the string
 - Compare two versions



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Palindrome Testing Program (part 4 of 4)

Sample Dialogues

Enter a candidate for palindrome test
followed by pressing Return.
Madam, I'm Adam.
"Madam, I'm Adam." is a palindrome.

Enter a candidate for palindrome test
followed by pressing Return.
Radar
"Radar" is a palindrome.

Enter a candidate for palindrome test
followed by pressing Return.
Am I a palindrome?
"Am I a palindrome?" is not a palindrome.

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Code: removePunct

- **removePunct** removes punctuation from a string
 - Compare each character to the characters in another string listing the punctuation characters and the space character
 - If a match is not found, the character is added to the string noPunct
 - After removing the unwanted characters, noPunct is returned

```
string removePunct(const string& s, const string& punct)
{
    string noPunct; //initialized to empty string
    int sLength = s.length( );
    int punctLength = punct.length( );

    for (int i = 0; i < sLength; i++)
    {
        string aChar = s.substr(i,1);
        //A one-character string
        int location = punct.find(aChar, 0);
        //Find location of successive characters
        //of src in punct.

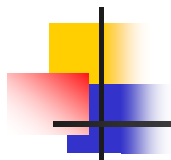
        if (location < 0 || location >= punctLength)
            noPunct = noPunct + aChar;
        //aChar not in punct, so keep it
    }

    return noPunct;
}
```



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Code: makeLower & Reverse

```
string reverse(const string& s)
{
    int start = 0;
    int end = s.length( );
    string temp(s);
    while (start < end)
    {
        end--;
        swap(temp[start], temp[end]);
        start++;
    }
    return temp;
}
```

```
void swap(char& v1, char& v2)
{
    char temp = v1;
    v1 = v2;
    v2 = temp;
}

//Uses <cctype> and <string>
string makeLower(const string& s)
{
    string temp(s);
    for (int i = 0; i < s.length( ); i++)
        temp[i] = tolower(s[i]);

    return temp;
}
```



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string Objects to C-strings

- C-string can be converted to string variable automatically
- string variable cannot be converted to C-string
- For example: `char aCString[] = "C-string";`
`stringVar = aCString;`
 - Both of these statements are **illegal**:
 - `aCString = stringVar;`
 - `strcpy(aCString, stringVar);`
- The string class member function `c_str` returns the C-string version of a string object
 - Ex: `strcpy(aCString, stringVar.c_str());`



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Overview

8.1 An Array Type for Strings

8.2 The Standard string Class

8.3 Vectors



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Vector as a "Better" Array

- C-style pointer-based arrays have great potential for errors and are not flexible
 - A program can easily "walk off" either end of an array, because C++ does not check the subscripts range
 - Two arrays cannot be meaningfully compared with equality operators or relational operators
 - The size of the array must be passed as an additional argument when an array is passed to another function
 - One array cannot be assigned to another with the assignment operator(s)
- C++ Standard class template **vector** represents a more robust type of array with additional capabilities



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Vectors

- Vectors look like arrays, but they can change size as your program runs
- To declare an empty vector with base type int:
`vector<int> v;`
 - `<int>` identifies vector as a template class
 - You can use any base type in a template class:
Ex: `vector<string> v;`
- vector class is included in the `<vector>` library
 - Vector names are placed in the standard namespace
`using namespace std;`



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Accessing vector Elements

- Vectors elements are indexed **starting with 0**
 - []'s are used to read or change the value of an item:

```
v[i] = 42;  
cout << v[i];
```
 - []'s cannot be used to initialize a vector element
- Elements are added to a vector using the member function **push_back()**
 - Adds an element in the next available position
 - Example:

```
vector<double> sample;  
sample.push_back(0.0);  
sample.push_back(1.1);  
sample.push_back(2.2);
```
- When a vector runs out of space, its capacity is automatically increased



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Constructor and Size Functions

- To initialize a specified number of elements in a vector, use its constructor function
 - Example:

```
vector<int> v(10);
```


→ initializes **10 elements** and set them to 0
 - []'s can now be used to assign elements 0 through 9
 - **push_back** will assign elements to the location after 9
- The member function **size** returns the number of elements in a vector
 - Ex: print each element of a vector after initialization:

```
for (int i= 0; i < sample.size( ); i++)  
    cout << sample[i] << endl;
```



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Example: Demonstrate vector Usage

//DISPLAY 8.9 Using a Vector

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using namespace std;

int main( )
{
    vector<int> v;
    cout << "Enter a list of positive numbers.\n"
          << "Place a negative number at the end.\n";

    int next;
    cin >> next;
    while (next > 0)
    {
        v.push_back(next);
        cout << next << " added. ";
        cout << "v.size( ) = " << v.size( ) << endl;
        cin >> next;
    }
```

```
    cout << "You entered:\n";
    for (unsigned int i = 0; i < v.size( ); i++)
        cout << v[i] << " ";
    cout << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Sample Dialogue

```
Enter a list of positive numbers.
Place a negative number at the end.
2 4 6 8 -1
2 added. v.size( ) = 1
4 added. v.size( ) = 2
6 added. v.size( ) = 3
8 added. v.size( ) = 4
You entered:
2 4 6 8
```



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Operations with vector Objects

- *vector* objects can be compared with another one using the **equality** (**==**) operators
- You can use the **assignment** (**=**) operator on vectors
 - Element by element copy of the right hand vector
- You can create a new vector object that is initialized with a copy of an existing vector
- As with C-style arrays, C++ does not perform **bound checking** while using **[]** to access vector elements
- Similar to string, vector provides **member function** *at* for bound checking. Ex: **v1[2]** → **v1.at(2)**
 - Throws an exception for invalid subscript



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Controlling vector Capacity

- A vector's capacity is the number of elements allocated in memory
 - Accessible using the *capacity()* member function
- **Size** is the number of elements initialized
 - The actual used memory locations
- When a vector runs out of space, the capacity is automatically increased
 - Member function *reserve()* increases the capacity manually
 - Example: `v.reserve(32);` // at least 32 elements
`v.reserve(v.size() + 10);` // at least 10 more
- Function *resize* can be used to shrink a vector
 - Example: `v.resize(24);` //elements beyond 24 are lost

