

# List

Lists are sequence containers that allow **non-contiguous** memory allocation. As compared to the vector, the list has slow traversal, but once a position has been found, insertion and deletion are quick (constant time). Normally, when we say a list, we talk about a doubly linked list.

1. To use a list, include the list header file:

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#include <list>
```

2. The syntax to define a list is:

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std::list <data-type> name_of_list;
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3. It is mostly similar to vectors in terms of initialization and functions.

## Functions

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Most of the functions are same as vectors in list and work the same way.

There are some extra functions like **emplace\_front()**, **push\_front()** and **pop\_front()** which perform their operations on the front element.

## Points to remember about list

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- It is generally implemented using a dynamic doubly linked list with traversal in both directions.
- Faster insert and delete operation as compared to arrays and vectors.
- It provides only sequential access. Random Access to any middle element is not possible
- It is defined as a template so it is able to hold any data type.
- It operates as an unsorted list would, which implies that by default, the list's order is not preserved. However, there are techniques for sorting.