

# C++ Standard Library Introduction

## Outline Standard library

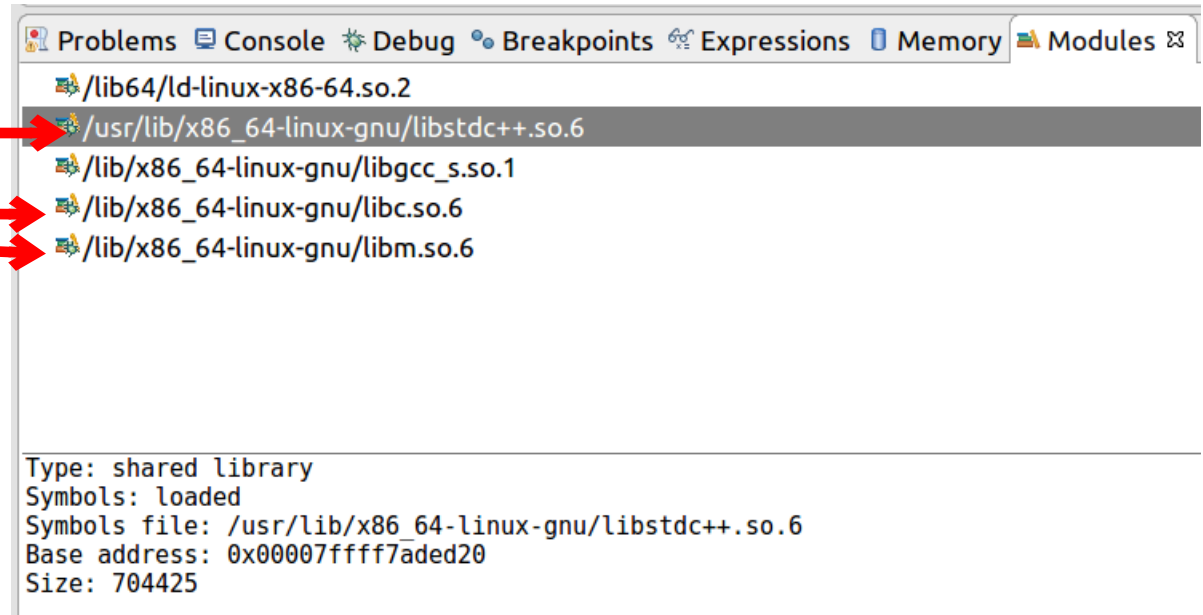
- Where is it?
- Why use it?
- What's in it?
- Choosing data structures
- Iterators

# Where is it (Linux)?

- Eclipse “Modules” view
  - Window->Show View-> Other...
  - Must be debugging to see

C++ library

C libraries

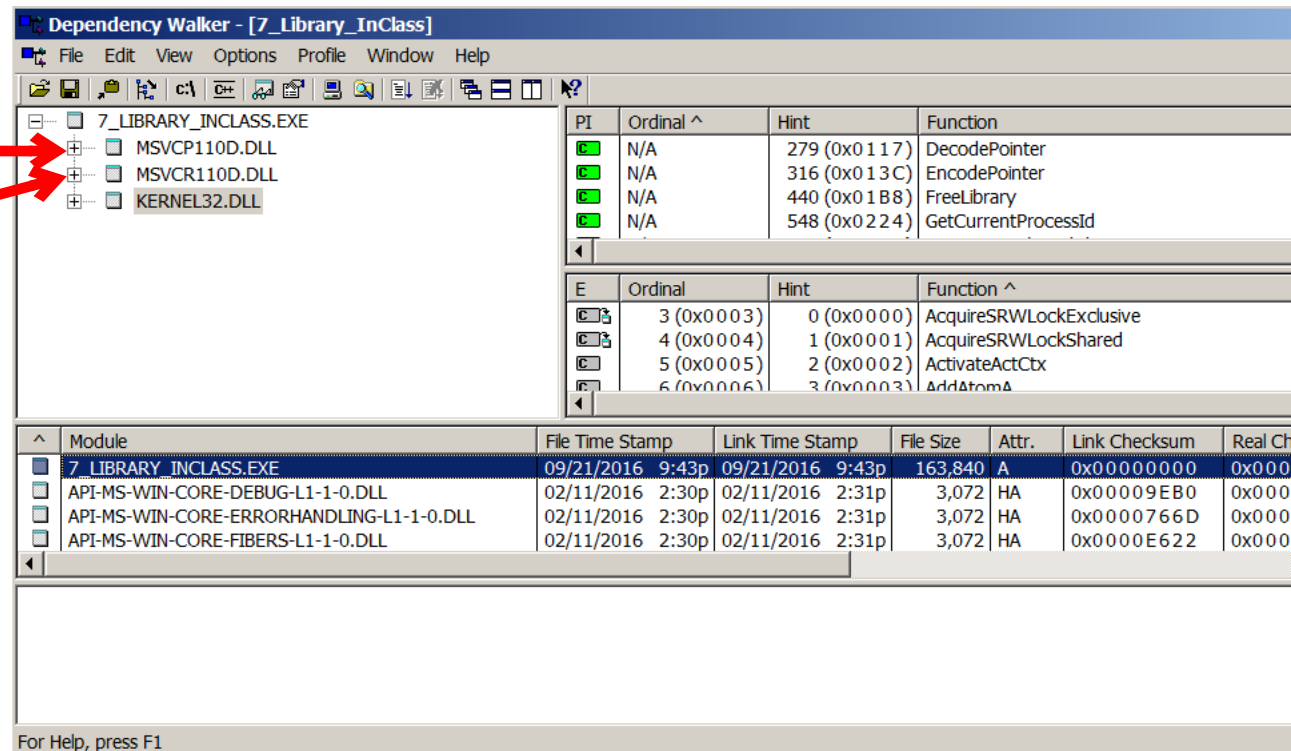


# Where is it (Windows)?

- Dependency Walker <http://www.dependencywalker.com/>

C++ library

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# Why use Standard Library

- Code Reuse (never reinvent the wheel)
- Fast efficient
- WELL DEBUGGED
- Terse Readable code (but advanced syntax)
- Guaranteed available with C++ compiler
- Standardized

# What is in Standard library

## Algorithms

sort

Find

80+ others, also  
Complex Numbers,  
Random number  
Generators, Ratios,  
Regular Expressions  
Swap, move

:

**Upshot: Before you  
implement an  
Algorithm check the  
Standard Library.**

## Iterators

Generic bridge  
between Algorithms  
and Containers

## Containers

string

vector

list

Also

map

deque

set

Slist

rope

hash\_set

hash\_map

# Containers

1. vector, string, deque...
2. list
3. set, map, hash\_set, hash\_map ...

# Containers

- Written by **Experts**
- Designed for specific situations
- Guaranteed performance (remember Big O?)
- **ALWAYS** Choose container based on your particular application.
- How?...



# Containers- Simplified Rules

1. Need random access? – vector
2. Need to insert/delete from middle? - list
3. Lookup speed critical – hash\_map, sorted vector ...
4. Need to insert/delete from beginning/end? deque
5. Are you lazy – (sigh... ) just choose vector

See <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/10699265/how-can-i-efficiently-select-a-standard-library-container-in-c11>

Also Effective STL, Scott Meyers

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- If deleting a lot from the middle then vector is not a good idea ( $O(n)$ ).
- A list may be better ( $O(1)$ ).

# Iterators

- Sequential **NOT** random access
- Used by containers to move between and examine each element
- Each container defines its own iterator
- Example vector and list iterators

```
//iterator for list
std::list<studentData>::iterator itr1;

//iterator for vector
std::vector<studentData>::iterator itr;
```

# Iterators - Using

**The [] way, does not work with most containers**

```
for ( int i = 0; i != myData.size()-1; ++i ){  
    myData[i].classgrade = 0.4 * myData[i].midterm + 0.6 * m  
}
```

**The iterator way, works with all containers**

```
std::vector<studentData>::iterator itr;  
for ( itr = myData.begin(); itr != myData.end(); ++itr ){  
    (*itr).classgrade = 0.4 * (*itr).midterm + 0.6 * (*itr).fin  
}
```



Pointers again

## Pointers again (will also see in memory allocation)

- Represents a memory address
- Refers to the location where an object resides in the computer's memory

- Initialize

```
//initialize to 0 (0 or NULL)
//unless setting it equal to an address
int      *ip      = NULL;
double   *dp      = 0;
char     *chp     = 0;
```

- Size of all pointers is the same (large enough to hold memory address)
- Setting pointer address

```
ip      = &myint;
```

- Dereference it to get the stored value

```
int NEWint = *ip;
```

# Pointers – Reminder

```
int myint      = 3;  
int *ip        = NULL;  
ip             = &myint;  
int NEWmyint   = *ip;
```

Address	Value	Variable Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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0x0012	3	myint
0x0016	0x0012	ip
0x002A	3	NEWmyint

# Pointers and References -Reminder

- Pointer can initially point to one object and later be made to point to another object
- References, once initialized, must always point to same thing
- Thus when declared references must be initialized.

```
//references
int& myintref = myint;    //must initialize at declaration
myintref     = &NEWint;  // ← Will not compile
```

- References cannot be null (0), pointers can and often are null.

```
const int MP_WAS_NULL = -1;
int myFunc(int& myint, int* mp){
    //dont have to check myint for null
    //MUST check pointer mp
    if (!mp)
        return MP_WAS_NULL;
```

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for ( itr = myData.begin(); itr != myData.end(); ++itr ){  
    (*itr).classgrade = 0.4 * (*itr).midterm + 0.6 * (*itr).fin  
}
```

This is a pointer that's dereferenced to view the underlying object. In this case a studentData Struct. Incidentally (\*itr).classgrade Is the same as iter->classgrade

# Iterators - Using

```
const double UNINITIALIZED = -1.0;
struct studentData{
    std::string name;
    double midterm,final;
    double classgrade;
    void clear(){name.clear();midterm=final=classgrade=UNINITIALIZED;}
};

void extractFailingStudents(vector<studentData> &allstudentData, vector<studentData> &failstudentData){
    const double FAILGRADE = 60.0;

    //iterate over allstudentData
    //using iterators
    std::vector<studentData>::iterator itr = allstudentData.begin();
    while (itr != allstudentData.end()){
        if ((*itr).classgrade<FAILGRADE){
            failstudentData.push_back(*itr);
            itr = allstudentData.erase(itr);    //erase returns updated itr pointing to next element
        }
        else
            ++itr;
    }
}
```

failstudentData

allstudentData

## Revisit container selection

`extractFailingStudents()` deleted from middle of vector `allstudentData`, so What is a good datastructure?

1. Need random access? – vector
2. Need to insert/delete from middle? - list
3. Lookup speed critical – `hash_map`, sorted vector ...
4. Need to insert/delete from beginning/end? Deque

From Rule 2, choose List

## Revise part of 4\_vector\_studentGrades

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What difference does this really make?

<u>File Size</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Vector</u>
735	0.1	0.1
7350	0.8	6.7
73500	8.8	597.1



# Can you swap one container for another?

- Usually - No
- Only sequence containers support `push_front` or `push_back` (array, vector, deque, list, forward\_list)
- Only associative containers support `count` and `lower_bound` (set, multiset, map, multimap)
- Contiguous-memory containers offer random-access iterators (vector, string, deque)
- node-based containers offer bidirectional iterators (list, set, map, hash\_set, hash\_map ...)

# Summary

- Don't Reinvent the wheel. The standard library is your first stop when designing a project.
  - Choose data structure (container) based on which one performs best for your needs
  - Look in Algorithms before you write anything
- Iterators are a standardized way to move through containers, element by element