C++ Standard Library

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In the C++ programming language, the C++ Standard Library is a collection of classes and functions, which are written in the core language and part of the C++ ISO Standard itself.^[1] The C++ Standard Library provides several generic containers, functions to utilize and manipulate these containers, function objects, generic strings and streams (including interactive and file I/O), support for some language features, and everyday functions for tasks such as finding the square root of a number. The C++ Standard Library also incorporates 18 headers of the ISO C90 C standard library ending with ".h", but their use is deprecated.^[2] No other headers in the C++ Standard Library end in ".h". Features of the C++ Standard Library are declared within the std namespace.

The C++ Standard Library is based upon conventions introduced by the Standard Template Library (STL), and has been influenced by research in generic programming and developers of the STL such as Alexander Stepanov and Meng Lee. [3][4] Although the C++ Standard Library and the STL share many features, neither is a strict superset of the other.

A noteworthy feature of the C++ Standard Library is that it not only specifies the syntax and semantics of generic algorithms, but also places requirements on their performance. [5] These performance requirements often correspond to a well-known algorithm, which is expected but not required to be used. In most cases this requires linear time O(n) or linearithmic time $O(n \log n)$, but in some cases higher bounds are allowed, such as quasilinear time $O(n \log^2 n)$ for stable sort (to allow in-place merge sort). Previously sorting was only required to take $O(n \log n)$ on average, allowing the use of quicksort, which is fast in practice but has poor worst-case performance, but introsort was introduced to allow both fast average performance and optimal worst-case complexity, and as of C++11, sorting is guaranteed to be at worst linearithmic. In other cases requirements remain laxer, such as selection, which is only required to be linear on average (as in quicksort), O(n) not requiring worst-case linear as in introselect.

The C++ Standard Library underwent ISO standardization as part of the C++ ISO Standardization effort, and is undergoing further work^[7] regarding standardization of expanded functionality.

Lo standard C++ prevede la definizione di:

- Template di classi collezione: contenitori
- Template di funzione: algoritmi generici





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Containers

Standard Containers

A container is a holder object that stores a collection of other objects (its elements). They are implemented as class templates, which allows a great flexibility in the types supported as elements.

The container manages the storage space for its elements and provides member functions to access them, either directly or through iterators (reference objects with similar properties to pointers).

Containers replicate structures very commonly used in programming: dynamic arrays (vector), queues (queue), stacks (stack), heaps (priority_queue), linked lists (list), trees (set), associative arrays (map)...

Many containers have several member functions in common, and share functionalities. The decision of which type of container to use for a specific need does not generally depend only on the functionality offered by the container, but also on the efficiency of some of its members (complexity). This is especially true for sequence containers, which offer different trade-offs in complexity between inserting/removing elements and accessing them.

stack, queue and priority_queue are implemented as container adaptors. Container adaptors are not full container classes, but classes that provide a specific interface relying on an object of one of the container classes (such as deque or list) to handle the elements. The underlying container is encapsulated in such a way that its elements are accessed by the members of the container adaptor independently of the underlying container class used.



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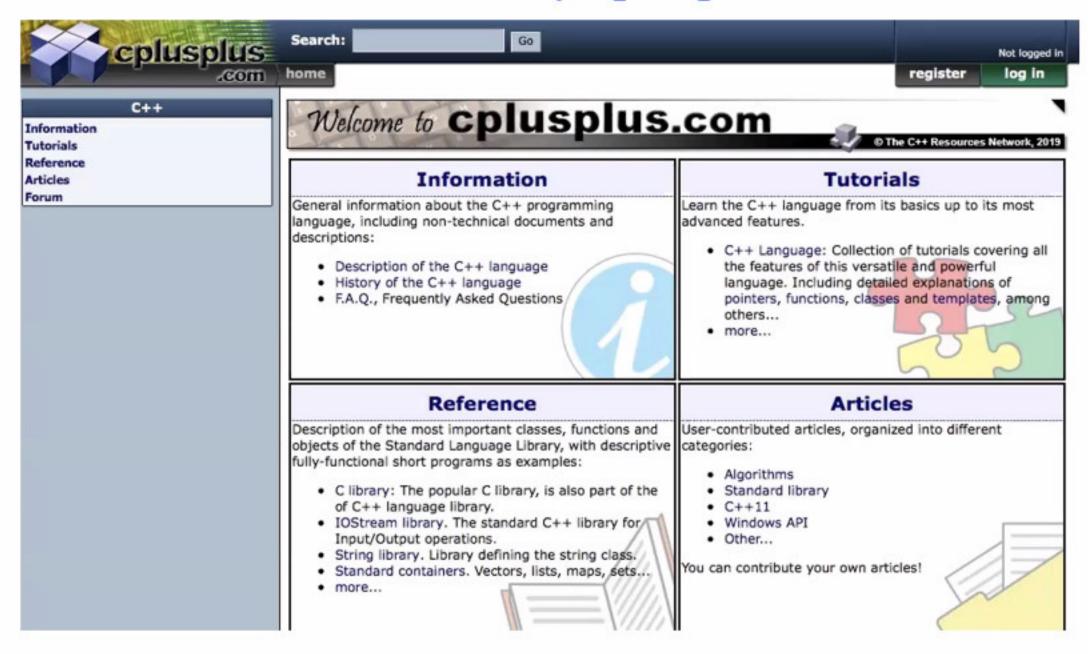
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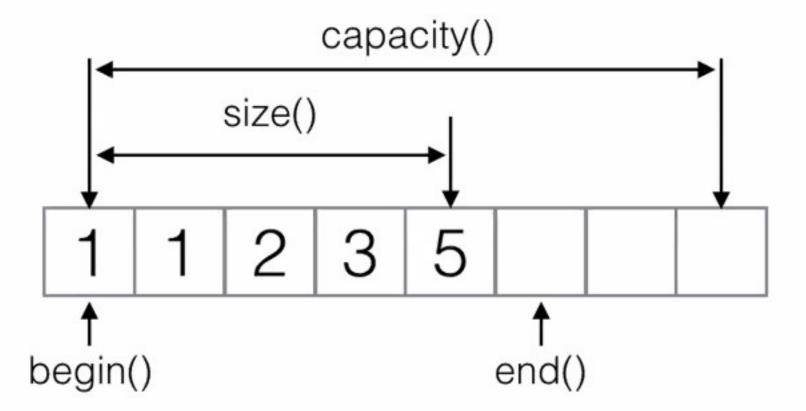


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vector



vector è il più semplice contenitore di STL e per la maggioranza delle applicazioni è il più efficiente. È un template di classe che generalizza gli array dinamici.

Caratteristiche di vector:

- 1) è un contenitore che supporta l'accesso casuale agli elementi (accesso in posizione arbitraria in tempo costante)
- 2) inserimento e rimozione in **coda** in **tempo ammortizzato costante**
- 3) inserimento e rimozione arbitraria in tempo lineare ammortizzato
- 4) la capacità di un vector può variare dinamicamente
- 5) la gestione della memoria è automatica

Operation	Capacity	Cost														
push_back(1)	1	1	1													
push_back(2)	2	1+1	1	2												
push_back(3)	4	2 + 1	1	2	3											
push_back(4)	4	1	1	2	3	4			ď.	ď.						
push_back(5)	8	4 + 1	1	2	3	4	5									
push_back(6)	8	1	1	2	3	4	5	6								
push_back(7)	8	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7							
push_back(8)	8	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	2 3			100		
push_back(9)	16	8 + 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9					

Cost for the *i*-th push_back

$$c_i = \begin{cases} 1 + 2^k & \text{if } i - 1 = 2^k \text{ for some } k \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Thus, n push_back operations cost

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i \le n + \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor \lg n \rfloor} 2^i = n + 2n - 1 = 3n - 1.$$

Amortized costs: T(n)/n = (3n-1)/n < 3.

```
template <class _Tp, class _Alloc = __STL_DEFAULT_ALLOCATOR(_Tp) >
class vector : protected _Vector_base<_Tp, _Alloc>
{
    ...
}
```

vector è un template di classe con due parametri di tipo ed un parametro di default per il secondo parametro di tipo. Ci sono due modi diversi di usare un **vector**: lo stile array ereditato dal C e lo stile STL più consono al C++.

Si può accedere agli elementi di un vector con l'operatore di indicizzazione operator[]

```
int n = 5;
vector <int> v(n);
int a[n] = {2,4,5,2,-2};
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
 v[i] = a[i] + 1;</pre>
```

Il metodo size() ritorna il numero di elementi contenuti nel vector.
Il metodo capacity() ritorna invece la capacità del vector.

```
invariante: v.size() <= v.capacity() == true</pre>
```

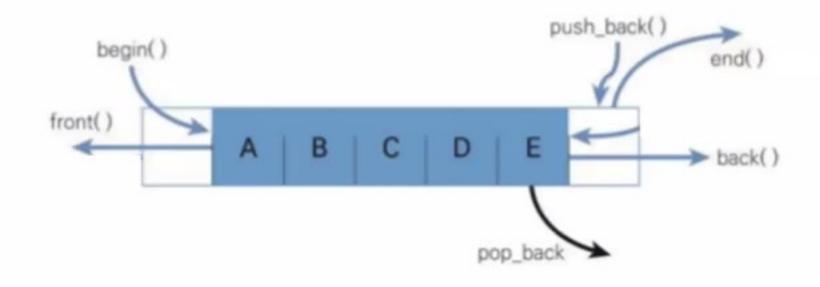
```
template <class T>
void stampa(const vector<T>& v) {
  for (int i = 0; i < v.size(); i++)
    cout << v[i] << endl;
}</pre>
```

Il costruttore vector (size_type) costruisce un vector i cui elementi sono inizializzati con il costruttore di default. Il costruttore vector (size_type n, const T& t) permette invece di specificare un valore iniziale t da cui sono costruiti di copia tutti gli elementi

```
vector <int> ivec(10,-1);
```

In C++03 **non** è possibile inizializzare un vector con una data sequenza di valori, diventa invece possibile in C++11.

std::vector



void push_back(const T&): principale metodo di inserimento in (coda ad) un vector, il nuovo elemento inserito è creato con il costruttore di copia

```
void push_back (const value_type& val);
```

Add element at the end

Adds a new element at the end of the vector, after its current last element. The content of val is copied (or moved) to the new element.

This effectively increases the container size by one, which causes an automatic reallocation of the allocated storage space if -and only if- the new vector size surpasses the current vector capacity.

```
int main() {
  vector<string> sv; string x;
  while (cin >> x) sv.push_back(x);
  // legge stringhe da cin, separate da spazi, tab o enter
  // fino a end_of_file e le inserisce in coda a sv.
  // Da tastiera end_of_file si invia con una
  // combinazione di tasti particolare:
  // normalmente <Ctrl>+<d>
  cout << endl << "Abbiamo letto:" << endl;
  for (int i = 0; i < sv.size(); i++)
     cout << sv[i] << endl;
}</pre>
```

size vs capacity

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>

int main () {
   std::vector<int> myvector;

for (int i=0; i<100; i++) myvector.push_back(i);

std::cout << "size: " << myvector.size() << '\n';
   std::cout << "capacity: " << myvector.capacity() << '\n';
}</pre>
```

In modo analogo leggiamo le stringhe di un file separate da spazi, tab o enter e memorizzarle in un vector.

```
int main() {
  vector<string> sv;
  string x;
  ifstream file("dati.txt",ios:in);
  while (file >> x) sv.push_back(x);

cout << "Abbiamo letto:" << endl;
  vector<string>::iterator it;
  for (it = sv.begin(); it != sv.end(); it++)
     cout << *it << endl;
}</pre>
```

sv.begin() e sv.end() sono degli oggetti della classe

iteratore su vector.

```
t
v.begin() v.end()
```

Ad ogni classe contenitore **C** della STL sono associati due tipi iteratore

C::iterator

C::const_iterator

Si usa iterator quando si necessita un accesso agli elementi del contenitore come lvalue (in lettura e scrittura), se basta un accesso come rvalue (in sola lettura) si preferisce la protezione di const_iterator.

Si tratta di cosiddetti *iteratori bidirezionali*.

vector<int>::iterator

vector<int>::const iterator

```
template <class T>
T& vector<T>::iterator::operator*() const;
template <class T>
vector<T>::iterator vector<T>::begin();
template <class T>
vector<T>::iterator vector<T>::end();
template <class T>
const T& vector<T>::const iterator::operator*() const;
template <class T>
vector<T>::const iterator vector<T>::begin() const;
template <class T>
vector<T>::const iterator vector<T>::end() const;
```

Su ogni tipo iteratore (anche const) di qualche istanza di contenitore cont<Tipo>::[const_]iterator sono sempre disponibili le seguenti funzionalità:

```
Cont<Tipo> x;
Cont<Tipo>::[const ]iterator i;
x.begin(); // iteratore che punta al primo elemento
x.end(); // particolare iteratore che non punta ad
          // alcun elemento, e' "un puntatore
          // all'ultimo elemento + 1"
   // elemento puntato da i
i++; ++i; // puntatore all'elemento successivo. Se
         // i punta all'ultimo elemento di x
        // allora ++i == x.end()
i--; --i; // puntatore all'elemento precedente. Se
          // i punta al primo elemento di x
          // allora i-- è indefinito (x.begin()-1)
          // (v.end())-- punta all'ultimo elemento
```

Gli iteratori per i contenitori vector e deque (contenitori ad accesso casuale) permettono di avanzare e di retrocedere di un numero arbitrario di elementi in tempo costante. Sono inoltre disponibili gli operatori di confronto per questi iteratori. Si tratta degli iteratori ad accesso casuale.

```
vector<Tipo> v;
                             // oppure deque<Tipo>
vector<Tipo>::iterator i,j;
int k:
```

Tipicamente gli iteratori vengono usati per scorrere gli elementi di un contenitore.

```
Cont<Tipo> x;
...
for(Cont<Tipo>::iterator i = x.begin(); i != x.end(); i++)
{...}
```

I metodi empty () e size () sono comuni a tutti i contenitori.

```
x.empty(); // true se x è vuoto, false altrimenti
x.size(); // numero di elementi contenuti in x
```

È possibile inizializzare un vector con un segmento di un array o di un vector tramite il template di costruttore:

Metodi di inserimento in un vector:

```
string s;
vector<string> vs, vs1;
vector<string>::iterator i;
vs.push back(s); // aggiunge s in coda al vector
vs.insert(i,s); // aggiunge s subito prima di *i
vs.insert(i,5,s); // aggiunge 5 s subito prima di *i
i = vs.begin() + vs.size()/2;
vs.insert(i, vs1.begin(), vs1.end());
// inserisce tutti gli elementi di vs1 nella
// posizione mediana di vs
  In generale: v.insert(it1,it2,it3) inserisce
// [it2,it3) in v subito prima di it1
```

```
vs.insert(i,s);
i = vs.begin() + vs.size()/2;
vs.insert(i, vsl.begin(), vsl.end());
```

Attenzione: le operazioni di insert () possono risultare piuttosto inefficienti e ciò dipende dall'implementazione della classe vector

Insert elements

The vector is extended by inserting new elements before the element at the specified *position*, effectively increasing the container size by the number of elements inserted.

This causes an automatic reallocation of the allocated storage space if -and only if- the new vector size surpasses the current vector capacity.

Because vectors use an array as their underlying storage, inserting elements in positions other than the vector end causes the container to relocate all the elements that were after *position* to their new positions. This is generally an inefficient operation compared to the one performed for the same operation by other kinds of sequence containers (such as list or forward_list).