

Standard Template Library Basic



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C++ Standard Template Library

- The Standard Template Library defines powerful, template-based, reusable components
 - That implements common data structures and algorithms
- STL extensively uses *generic programming* based on *templates*
- Divided into three components:
 - Containers: data structures that store objects of any type
 - Iterators: used to manipulate container elements
 - Algorithms: searching, sorting and many others

Generic Programming

◆ Generalize algorithms

- Sometimes called “lifting an algorithm”

◆ The aim (for the end user) is:

- Increase correctness
 - Thought better specification
- Greater range of uses
 - Possibilities for re-use
- Better performance
 - Through wider use of tuned libraries
 - Unnecessarily slow code will eventually be thrown away

Lifting example (concrete algorithms)

```
double sum(double array[], int n)    // one concrete algorithm (doubles in array)  
{  
    double s = 0;  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) s = s + array[i];  
    return s;  
}
```

```
struct Node { Node* next; int data; };
```

```
int sum(Node* first)                // another concrete algorithm (ints in list)  
{  
    int s = 0;  
    while (first) {                  // terminates when expression is false or zero  
        s += first->data;  
        first = first->next;  
    }  
    return s;  
}
```

Lifting example (abstract the data structure)

// pseudo-code for a more general version of both algorithms

```
int sum(data)           // somehow parameterize with the data structure  
{  
    int s = 0;           // initialize  
    while (not at end) {  // loop through all elements  
        s = s + get value; // compute sum  
        get next data element;  
    }  
    return s;           // return result  
}
```

- We need three operations (on the data structure):
 - not at end
 - get value
 - get next data element

Lifting example (STL version)

// Concrete STL-style code for a more general version of both algorithms

```
template<class Iter, class T>           // Iter should be an Input_iterator  
                                         // T should be something we can + and =  
T sum(Iter first, Iter last, T s)      // T is the "accumulator type"  
{  
    while (first!=last) {  
        s = s + *first;  
        ++first;  
    }  
    return s;  
}
```

- Let the user initialize the accumulator
 float a[] = { 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8};
 double d = 0;
 d = sum(a,a+sizeof(a)/sizeof(*a),d);

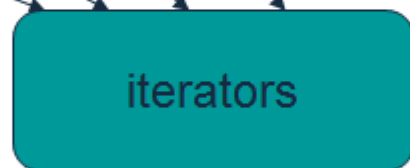
Lifting example

- Almost the standard library accumulate
 - I simplified a bit for terseness
- Works for
 - arrays
 - **vectors**
 - **lists**
 - **istreams**
 - ...
- Runs as fast as “hand-crafted” code
 - Given decent inlining
- The code’s requirements on its data has become explicit
 - We understand the code better

Basic model

■ Algorithms

sort, find, search, copy, ...



■ Containers

vector, list, map, unordered_map, ...

- Separation of concerns
 - Algorithms manipulate data, but don't know about containers
 - Containers store data, but don't know about algorithms
 - Algorithms and containers interact through iterators
 - Each container has its own iterator types

Basic Model (cont.)

◆ A pair of iterators defines a sequence

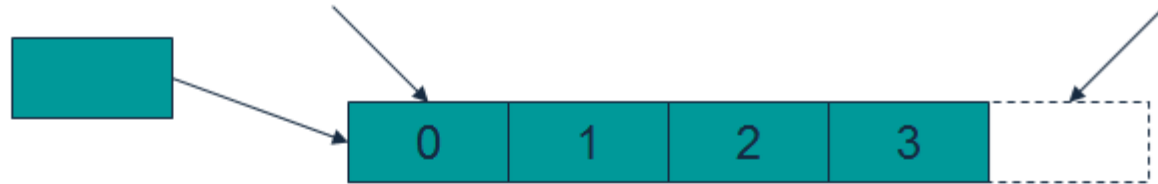
- The beginning (points to the first element, if any)
- The end (points to the one-beyond-the-last)



Containers

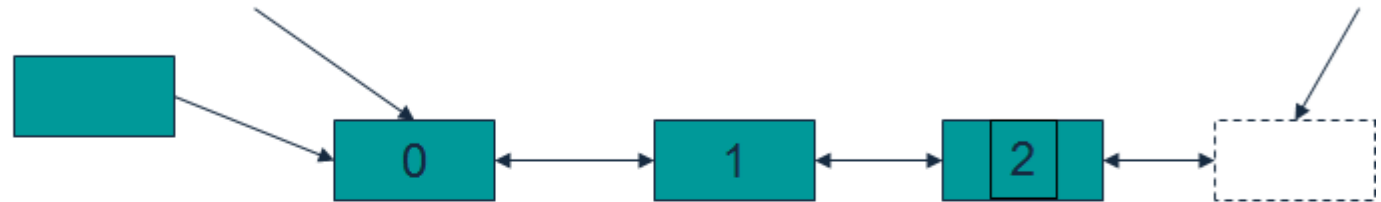
(holds sequences in different ways)

■ vector



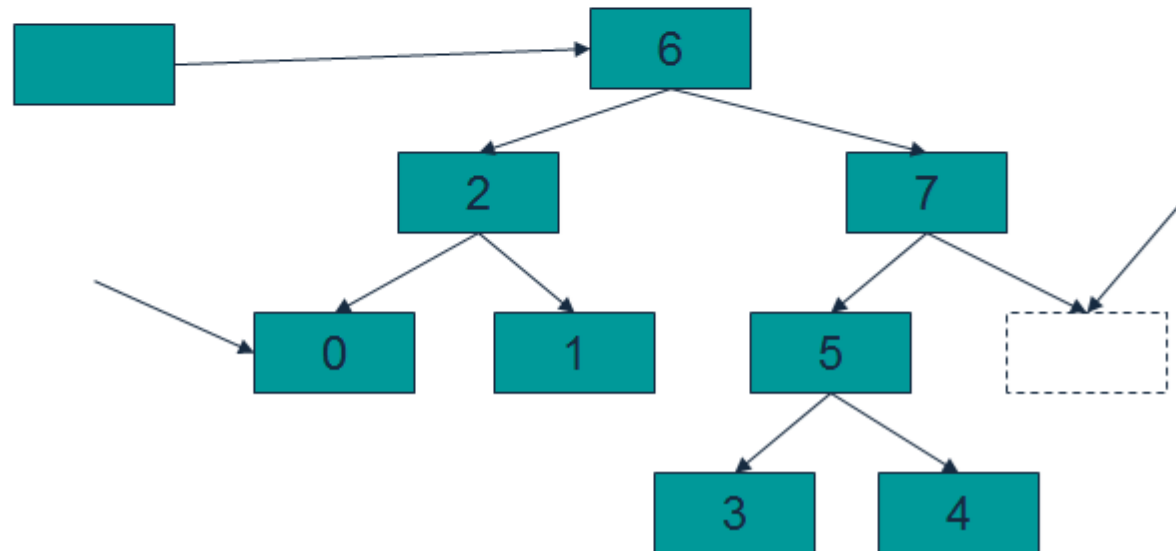
■ list

(doubly linked)



■ set

(a kind of tree)



Containers (cont.)

◆ Three types of containers

- Sequence containers:

 - linear data structures such as vectors and linked lists

- Associative containers:

 - non-linear containers such as hash tables

- Container adapters:

 - constrained sequence containers such as stacks and queues

◆ Sequence and associative containers are also called first-class containers

◆ Iterators are pointers to elements of first-class containers

- Type **const_iterator** defines an iterator to a container element that *cannot* be modified
- Type **iterator** defines an iterator to a container element that *can* be modified

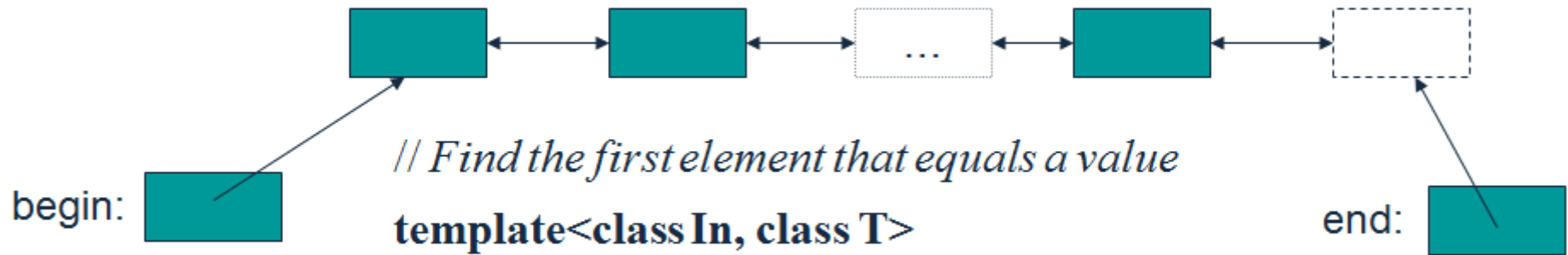
◆ All first-class containers provide the members functions **begin()** and **end()**

- return iterators pointing to the first and one-past-the-last element of the container

Iterators (cont.)

- ◆ If the iterator **it** points to a particular element, then
 - ▣ **-it++ (or ++it)** points to the next element and
 - ▣ ***it** refers to the value of the element pointed to by **it**
- ◆ The iterator resulting from **end()** can only be used to detect whether the iterator has reached the end of the container
- ◆ We will see how to use **begin()** and **end()** in the next slides

The simplest algorithm: **find()**



// Find the first element that equals a value

```
template<class In, class T>
```

```
In find(In first, In last, const T& val)
```

```
{
```

```
    while (first!=last && *first != val) ++first;
```

```
    return first;
```

```
}
```

```
void f(vector<int>& v, int x)      // find an int in a vector
```

```
{
```

```
    vector<int>::iterator p = find(v.begin(),v.end(),x);
```

```
    if (p!=v.end()) { /* we found x */ }
```

```
    // ...
```

```
}
```

We can ignore (“abstract away”) the differences between containers

find()

generic for both element type and container type

```
void f(vector<int>& v, int x) // works for vector of ints
```

```
{  
    vector<int>::iterator p = find(v.begin(),v.end(),x);  
    if (p!=v.end()) { /* we found x */ }  
    // ...  
}
```

```
void f(list<string>& v, string x) // works for list of strings
```

```
{  
    list<string>::iterator p = find(v.begin(),v.end(),x);  
    if (p!=v.end()) { /* we found x */ }  
    // ...  
}
```

```
void f(set<double>& v, double x) // works for set of doubles
```

```
{  
    set<double>::iterator p = find(v.begin(),v.end(),x);  
    if (p!=v.end()) { /* we found x */ }  
    // ...  
}
```



How to Use C++ template

STL is a template library. Templates are used for generic programming in C++.

- You can specify a type (= a class) in `< >`.
- Both functions or classes can be templated.
- We will learn how to make templated functions or classes later. Now just need to understand how to use them.

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```
template <class T>
const T& max(const T& a, const T& b) {
    return (a < b) ? b : a;
}

int main() {
    int a = 10;
    int ma = max(a, 0);           // Same as max<int>(a, 0) .
    double b = 0.9, mb;
    mb = max(b, 1);               // Compile error: (double, int).
    mb = max(b, 1.0);             // Okay: both are double.
    mb = max<double>(b, 1);       // Okay.
    return 0;
}
```

How to Use C++ template

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```
template <class T>
struct Complex {
    T real, imag;
    Complex(const T& r, const T& i) : real(r), imag(i) {}
    Complex(const Complex& c) : real(c.real), image(c.imag) {}
    void Print() const;
    Complex Multiply(const Complex& c) const;
}

int main() {
    Complex<int> ci(0, 1);
    Complex<double> cr(1.0, 2.0);
    Complex<double> cr2 = cr.Multiply(Complex<double>(2.0, 0.0));
    return 0;
}
```

C++ :: and namespace

:: is used to specify the namespace or the class membership.

- A::B means B is in a namespace/class A.
- ::B means B belongs the global namespace (most C library).

```
#include <math.h>
namespace my_namespace {

class MyClass {
    void FunctionA(int i);
    // ...
};

void MyClass::FunctionA(int i) { /* ... */ }
void FunctionB(double v, MyClass* a) { /* ... */ }

} // namespace my_namespace

int main() {
    my_namespace::MyClass a;
    my_namespace::FunctionB(1.25, &a);
    double v = ::cos(0.0);
    return 0;
}
```

vector - a resizable array

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

vector<int> va;                                // Make an empty array: va = []
                                              // push_back(v)
va.push_back(10);                             // va = [10]
va.push_back(20);                             // va = [10, 20]
assert(va.size() == 2);                       // size()
assert(va.empty() == false);                  // empty()
assert(va.front() == 10);                     // front()
assert(va.back() == 20);                      // back()
va.pop_back();                                // pop_back()
va.clear();                                    // clear()

vector<double> vb(10, 0.0);                    // vb = [0.0, 0.0, ..., 0.0]
vb.resize(20);                                // resize(sz)
for (int i = 0; i < vb.size(); ++i) vb[i] = i * 0.5; // operator[](i)

vector<double> vc;
vc.reserve(vb.size());                        // reserve(sz)
for (int i = 0; i < vb.size(); ++i) vc.push_back(vb[i] * 2);
```

vector - a resizable array

- Iterator : access the elements in the container iteratively in order.
 - Const and non-const types : `const_iterator` and `iterator`.
 - In many cases, it can be considered as a pointer to an element.

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

int main(void) {
    // vector(sz)
    vector<int> v(10);
    for (int i = 0; i < v.size(); ++i) v[i] = i;

    // begin(), end()
    for (vector<int>::iterator it = v.begin(); it != v.end(); ++it) {
        cout << " " << *it;
    }
    // Output:  0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

    // rbegin(), rend()
    for (vector<int>::reverse_iterator it = v.rbegin(); it != v.rend(); ++it) {
        cout << " " << *it;
    }
    // Output:  9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0
}
```

vector - a resizable array

- You can make a vector of strings or other classes.

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

struct Complex { double real, imag; /* ... */ };

// ...
vector<string> vs;
for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) cin >> vs[i];
// vector(sz, init)
vector<string> vs2(5, "hello world");

vector<Complex> v1(10);
vector<Complex> v2(10, Complex(1.0, 0.0));
Complex c(0.0, 0.0);
v2.push_back(c);
for (int i = 0; i < v2.size(); ++i) {
    cout << v2[i].real << "+" << v2[i].imag << "i" << endl;
}
```

vector - a resizable array

- Even a vector of vectors of a class is possible.

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

vector<vector<int> > vi(10); // Note vector<vector<int>> => Error.
for (int i = 0; i < vi.size(); ++i) vi[i].resize(5, 0);

for (int i = 0; i < vi.size(); ++i) {
    for (int j = 0; j < vi[i].size(); ++j) cout << " " << vi[i][j];
    cout << endl;
}

// vector<vector<int> > vi(10, vector<int>(5, 0)); would this work?
```

vector - a resizable array

- Sometimes you may want to use a vector of pointers.

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

class Student;

vector<Student*> vp(10, NULL);
for (int i = 0; i < vp.size(); ++i) {
    vp[i] = new Student;
}

// After using vp, all elements need to be deleted.

for (int i = 0; i < vp.size(); ++i) delete vp[i];
vp.clear();
```


Other Vector-like Containers

- List, stack, queue, and deque (double-ended queue).

	vector	list	stack	queue	deque
Random access	<code>operator[]</code> <code>at()</code>	-	-	-	<code>operator[]</code> <code>at()</code>
Sequential access	<code>front()</code> <code>back()</code>	<code>front()</code> <code>back()</code>	<code>top()</code>	<code>front()</code> <code>back()</code>	<code>front()</code> <code>back()</code>
Iterators	<code>begin()</code> , <code>end()</code> <code>rbegin()</code> , <code>rend()</code>	<code>begin()</code> , <code>end()</code> <code>rbegin()</code> , <code>rend()</code>	-	-	<code>begin()</code> , <code>end()</code> <code>rbegin()</code> , <code>rend()</code>
Adding elements	<code>push_back()</code> <code>insert()</code>	<code>push_front()</code> <code>push_back()</code> <code>insert()</code>	<code>push()</code>	<code>push()</code>	<code>push_front()</code> <code>push_back()</code> <code>insert()</code>
Deleting elements	<code>pop_back()</code> <code>erase()</code> <code>clear()</code>	<code>pop_front()</code> <code>pop_back()</code> <code>erase()</code> <code>clear()</code>	<code>pop()</code>	<code>pop()</code>	<code>pop_front()</code> <code>pop_back()</code> <code>erase()</code> <code>clear()</code>
Adjusting size	<code>resize()</code> <code>reserve()</code>	<code>resize()</code>	-	-	<code>resize()</code>

set - a container for keys

- Contains a set of keys, and accessing with keys is very efficient.

```
#include <set>
using namespace std;

set<int> s;
for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) s.insert(i * 10);

for (set<int>::const_iterator it = s.begin(); it != s.end(); ++it) {
    cout << " " << *it;
}
assert(s.size() == 10);
assert(s.empty() == false);

set<int>::iterator it, it_low, it_up;
assert(s.find(123) == s.end()); // s: 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90
it = s.find(50);                //                ^it
it_low = s.lower_bound(30);      //                ^it
it_up = s.upper_bound(60);       //                ^it
s.erase(it_low, it_up);         // s: 0 10 20 70 80 90
s.clear();                      // s:
```

map - a container for key-value pairs

- Contains a set of key-value pairs that can be accessed by keys.

```
#include <map>
using namespace std;

map<int, double> m;
for (int i = 0; i < 4; ++i) m.insert(make_pair(i, 0.5 * i));

for (map<int, double>::iterator it = m.begin(); it != m.end(); ++it) {
    cout << " " << it->first << ", " << it->second;
}
m.insert(make_pair(0, 10.0)); // Since (0,0) already exists, no change.
// operator[](key) :
// (*(this->insert(make_pair(x,mapped_type()))).first)).second
m[10] = 3.141592; // This adds a new key-value pair (10, 3.141592).
m[0] = 10.0; // This updates the value for key 0.
cout << m[3] << endl; // This outputs 1.5 which is the value for key 3.
cout << m[11] << endl; // Note this adds (11,0.0) and prints 0.0.

map<int, double>::iterator it;
assert(m.find(123) == m.end()); // m: (0,0.0) (1,0.5) (2,1.0) (3,1.5)
it = m.find(2); // ^it
cout << " " << it->first << ", " << it->second; // Prints 2,1.0

m.clear();
```

pair - a pair of values

- A tuple that contains two values; first and second.

```
#include <string>
#include <utility>

using namespace std;

pair<string, int> p;
p.first = "hello";
p.second = 10;

pair<int, int> p1(10, 20);
pair<int, string> p2 = make_pair(5, "hi"); // make_pair(first, second)
```

Other associative containers

- Multiset and multimap allows duplicate keys.

```
#include <set>
#include <map>
using namespace std;

set<int> s;
multiset<int> ms;
map<int, int> m;
multimap<int, int> mm;

for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
    int key = i / 2;
    pair<int, int> pk(key, i);
    s.insert(key), ms.insert(key), m.insert(pk), mm.insert(pk);
}

assert(s.size() == 5);           // 0, 1, 2, 3, 4
assert(ms.size() == 10);        // 0, 0, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4,
assert(m.size() == 5);          // (0,0), (1,2), (2,4), (3,6), (4,8)
assert(mm.size() == 10);        // (0,0), (0,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,4), (2,5),
                                // (3,6), (3,7), (4,8), (4,9)
```

Algorithm library

- Many useful algorithms are available.

```
#include <algorithm>
#include <ctime>      // For time() function.
#include <cstdlib>    // For rand() and srand() function.
using namespace std;

// int RandomNumber() { return (rand()%100); }

// .....
const int a = 10, b = 15;
int minv = std::min(a, b), maxv = std::max(a, b); // min(a, b), max(a, b)

vector<int> v(10);
for (int i = 0; i < v.size(); ++i) v[i] = 2 * i;

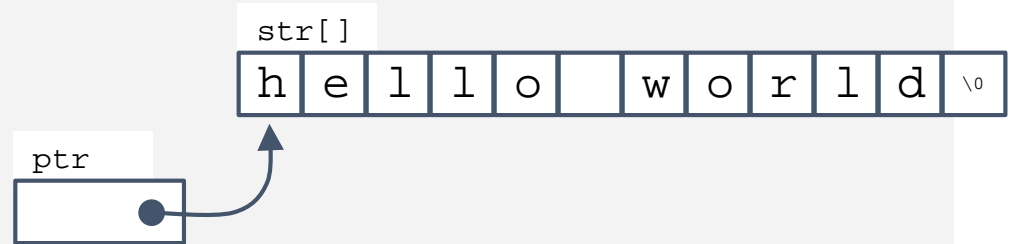
vector<int>::iterator it;
it = std::min_element(v.begin(), v.end()); // min_element(b, e)

srand((unsigned int) time(NULL));
std::random_shuffle(v.begin(), v.end()); // random_shuffle(b, e)
std::sort(v.begin(), v.end());           // sort(b, e)
```

C/C++ character string

- A string is basically an array of characters (char []).
- C standard requires a string must be terminated with 0 ('\0').

```
int main() {  
    char str[] = "hello world";  
  
    char* ptr = str;  
    while (*ptr != '\0') {  
        printf("%c", *ptr++);  
    }  
    return 0;  
}
```



C++ std::string

- In C++, STL provides a powerful string class.

```
#include <string>

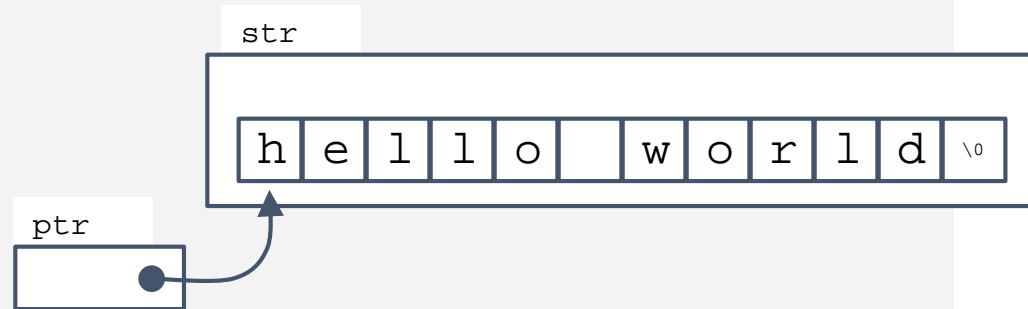
std::string str = "hello world";
const char* ptr = str.c_str();
printf("%s\n", ptr);

// ...

std::string str1 = str + " - bye world";
assert(str1 == "hello world - bye world");

assert(str.length() > 10);
assert(str[0] == 'h');
str[0] = 'j';
str.resize(5);
assert(str == "jello");

// check out http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/string/string/
// resize(), substr(), find(), etc.
```



C++ std::string - find

```
size_t find(const string& str, size_t pos = 0) const;  
size_t find(char c, size_t pos = 0) const;  
[from http://www.cplusplus.com/]
```

```
#include <iostream>  
#include <string>  
using namespace std;  
  
int main() {  
    string str("There are two needles in this haystack with needles.");  
    string str2("needle");  
    size_t found;  
  
    if ((found = str.find(str2)) != string::npos) {  
        cout << "first 'needle' found at: " << int(found) << endl;  
    }  
    str.replace(str.find(str2), str2.length(), "preposition");  
    cout << str << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
first 'needle' found at: 14  
There are two prepositions in this haystack with needles.
```

C++ std::string - substr

```
string substr(size_t pos = 0, size_t n = npos) const;  
[from http://www.cplusplus.com/]
```

```
#include <iostream>  
#include <string>  
using namespace std;  
  
int main() {  
    string str = "We think in generalities, but we live in details.";  
                // quoting Alfred N. Whitehead  
  
    string str2 = str.substr(12, 12); // "generalities"  
    size_t pos = str.find("live");    // position of "live" in str  
    string str3 = str.substr(pos);    // get from "live" to the end  
  
    cout << str2 << ' ' << str3 << endl;  
}
```

```
generalities live in details.
```

C++ Stream IO

- In C++, `iostream` provides basic input/output streaming.

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

using namespace std;

int main() {
    string str;
    int i;
    double d;

    cin >> str; // takes key-input until enter is pressed.
    cin >> i >> d;

    cout << "i = " << i << ", d = " << d << ", str=" << str << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Summary

- ◆ C++ namespace
- ◆ Using C++ template classes and functions
- ◆ C++ standard template library (STL)
 - Containers : vector, set, map, multiset, multi-map
 - Iterators : iterator, const_iterator
 - String : string - find, substr, etc.
 - Algorithm : min, max, sort, random_shuffle, etc.
 - Stream IO : cin, cout, cerr, <<, >>

