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# Section : Box Container class – Practicing what we know

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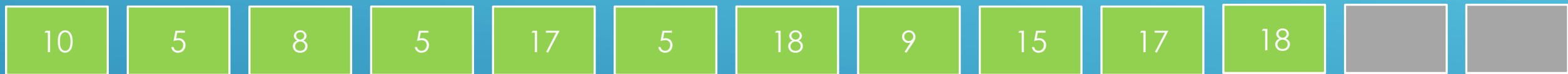
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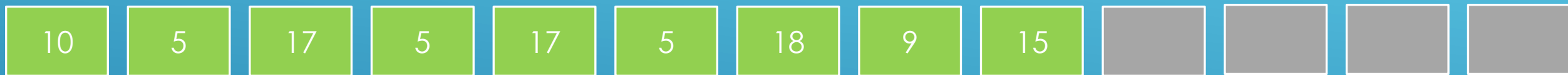
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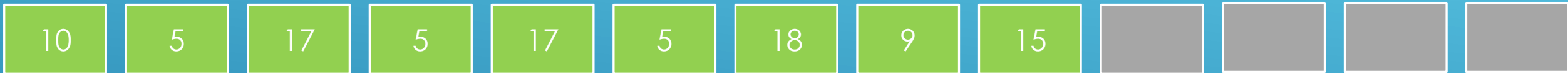
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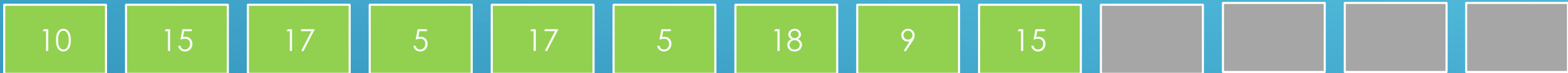




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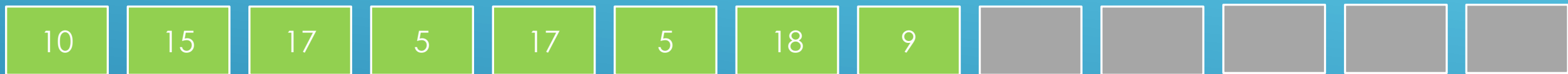
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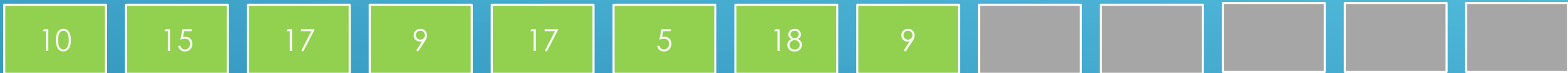
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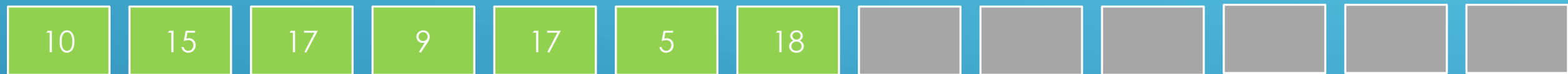
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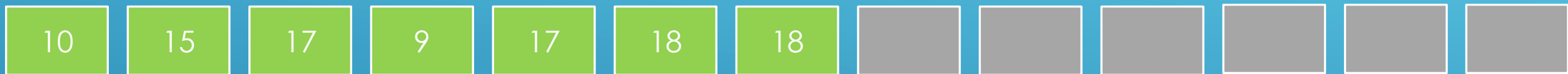
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Operator+=



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Operator+



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## Class wrapping on top of raw array

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    size_t size( ) const { return m_size; }
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    /* ... */

private :
    value_type * m_items;
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```

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# BoxContainer



Constructing, destructing

## Building a box container

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# BoxContainer



Adding Items





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## Expanding

```
void BoxContainer::expand(size_t new_capacity){
    std::cout << "Expanding to " << new_capacity << std::endl;
    value_type *new_items_container;

    if (new_capacity <= m_capacity)
        return; // The needed capacity is already there

    //Allocate new(larger) memory
    new_items_container = new value_type[new_capacity];

    //Copy the items over from old array to new
    for(size_t i{} ; i < m_size; ++i){
        new_items_container[i] = m_items[i];
    }

    //Release the old array
    delete [ ] m_items;

    //Make the current box wrap around the new array
    m_items = new_items_container;

    //Use the new capacity
    m_capacity = new_capacity;
}
```

## Adding

```
void BoxContainer::add(const value_type& item){  
    if (m_size == m_capacity)  
        expand(m_size+5); // Let's expand in increments of 5 to optimize on the calls to expand  
    m_items[m_size] = item;  
    ++m_size;  
}
```

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Removing Items



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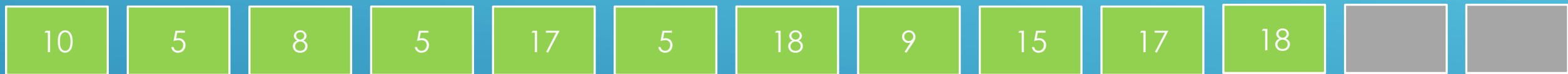
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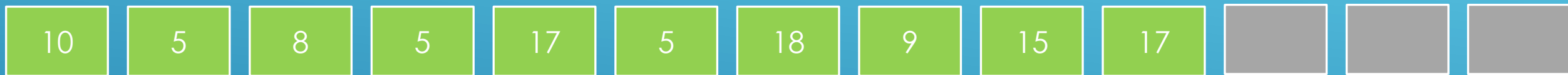
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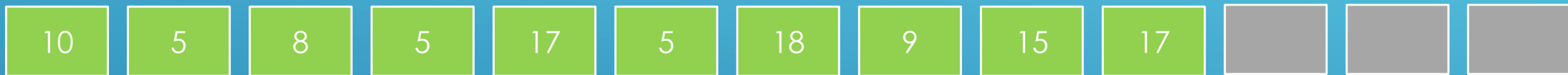
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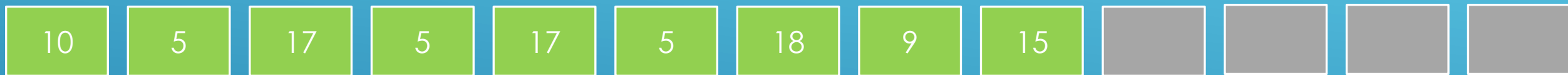
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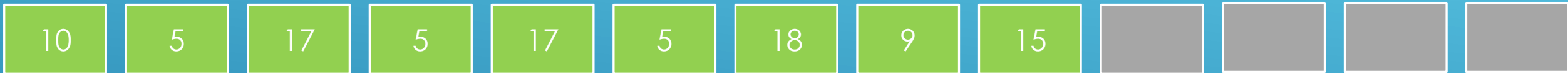
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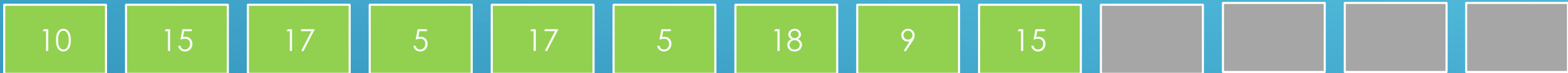




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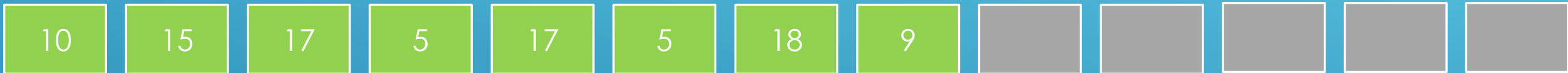
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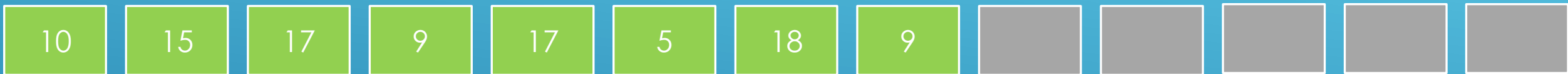
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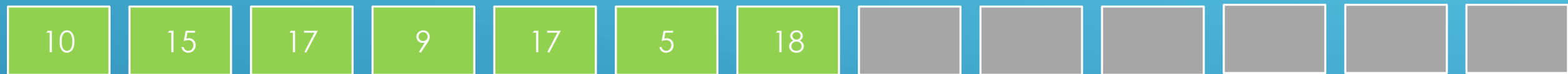
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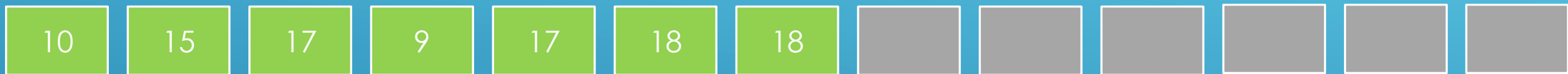
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## Removing one instance of an item

```
bool BoxContainer::remove_item(const value_type& item){  
  
    //Find the target item  
    size_t index {m_capacity + 999}; // A large value outside the range of the current  
                                     // array  
    for(size_t i{0}; i < m_size ; ++i){  
        if (m_items[i] == item){  
            index = i;  
            break; // No need for the loop to go on  
        }  
    }  
  
    if(index > m_size)  
        return false; // Item not found in our box here  
  
    //If we fall here, the item is located at m_items[index]  
  
    //Overshadow item at index with last element and decrement m_size  
    m_items[index] = m_items[m_size-1];  
    m_size--;  
    return true;  
}
```

## Removing all instances of an item : Multiple instances of same element

```
size_t BoxContainer::remove_all(const value_type& item){  
  
    size_t remove_count{};  
  
    bool removed = remove_item(item);  
    if(removed)  
        ++remove_count;  
  
    while(removed == true){  
        removed = remove_item(item);  
        if(removed)  
            ++ remove_count;  
    }  
  
    return remove_count;  
}
```



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# BoxContainer



Other operators

- `operator+=`
- `operator +`
- `operator=`



Operator+=





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## Operator+=

```
void BoxContainer::operator +=(const BoxContainer& operand){  
  
    //Make sure the current box can accommodate for the added new elements  
    if( (m_size + operand.size()) > m_capacity)  
        expand(m_size + operand.size());  
  
    //Copy over the elements  
    for(size_t i{} ; i < operand.m_size; ++i){  
        m_items [m_size + i] = operand.m_items[i];  
    }  
  
    m_size += operand.m_size;  
}
```



## Operator+

```
BoxContainer operator +(const BoxContainer& left, const BoxContainer& right){  
    BoxContainer result(left.size( ) + right.size( ));  
    result += left;  
    result += right;  
    return result;  
}
```

## Operator=

```
void BoxContainer::operator =(const BoxContainer& source){
    value_type *new_items;

    // Check for self-assignment:
    if (this == &source)
        return;

    if (m_capacity != source.m_capacity)
    {
        new_items = new value_type[source.m_capacity];
        delete [ ] m_items;
        m_items = new_items;
        m_capacity = source.m_capacity;
    }

    //Copy the items over from source
    for(size_t i{} ; i < source.size(); ++i){
        m_items[i] = source.m_items[i];
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Storing in different types

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    static const size_t DEFAULT_CAPACITY = 5;
    static const size_t EXPAND_STEPS = 5;
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```
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## Class templates to the rescue

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