

46 - Dynamic Arrays in C++ (std::vector)

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- Template array, the data type the container contains, is up to you to decide
- Don't need to use templates to use, just need to provide the type
- Class called std::vector
 - o Should be called array list, not vector... but ok
 - o It's a set that doesn't enforce the type
- Unlike array, this can actually resize itself
 - o Create the array and put element into it
 - o We can start without knowing how many elements are in there
- We usually get creating our own types
- Make a vector that allocates 10 elements, and we violate this size
 - o It copy all elements that is already there, and put in another place in memory, larger
 - o But the thing is... it grows and copy things a lot
- We need a way to grow, that is the motivation with vectors
 - o When reached certain amount of data, grow

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671 struct vertex46
672 {
673     float x, y, z;
674 };
675
676 std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& stream, const vertex46& vertex)
677 {
678     stream << vertex.x << ", " << vertex.y << ", " << vertex.z;
679     return stream;
680 }
681
682 void Function46(const std::vector<vertex46>& vertice)
683 {
684     std::cout << "Always pass vectors by reference!!!!!! Const reference if not going to change it" << std::endl;
685 }
686
687 int main()
688 {
689     // vertex46 vertices46 = new vertex46[5];
690     // we can access array 0 to 4, and if we try here, we get an error
691     // vertex46[0] ~ vertex46[4]
692     // vertex46[5] // error
693
694     // Include a vector
695     std::vector<vertex46> vertex46_2;
696     // Is more optimal to store objects than memory
697     // to perform operations i mean
698     // If store pointers, it's cheaper to resize, because it copies only integers and not objects
699     vertex46_2.push_back({1, 2, 3});
700     vertex46_2.push_back({4, 5, 6});
701
702     // get the size
703     for (int i = 0; i < (int)vertex46_2.size(); i++)
704     {
705         std::cout << vertex46_2[i] << std::endl;
706     }
707
708     // avoid copy at any cost, so let's convert to const reference
709     for (const vertex46& v : vertex46_2)
710     {
711         std::cout << v << std::endl;
712     }
713
714     // clear the element
715     // vertex46_2.clear();
716     // To erase an element
717     vertex46_2.erase(vertex46_2.begin() + 1);
718
719     for (const vertex46& v : vertex46_2)
720     {
721         std::cout << v << std::endl;
722     }
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720     for (const vertex46& v : vertex46_2)
721     {
722         std::cout << v << std::endl;
723     }
724
725     Function46(vertex46_2);
726
727
728
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