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1  // Lecture 92: Dynamic Arrays (std::vector)
2  #include <iostream>
3  // suppose we need to store a list of numbers in an
   •   array.
4  int main(){
5      int arr[10];
6  }
7  // We can hold no more than 10 integers. What if, at
   •   runtime, we can store more than 10 integers?
8  // then we cannot use this array, because it cannot
   •   automatically grow.
9  // In this case, we'll have to create a dynamic array
   •   and we'll have to allocate the memory ourselves.
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11 int main(){
12     int* ptr = new int[10];
13     for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i){
14         ptr[i] = i*10; // some data
15     }
16 }
17 /*What if at runtime, we need to store more than 10
   •   integers in the array? We will have to
18     1)allocate new memory that is large enough to
   •   accomodate all the old elements and the new
   •   elements,
19     2) and then we need to copy the elements from the
   •   old array into the new array,
20     3) and free the memory of the old array.
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22 // Since this involves manual memory management, it's
   •   easy to make mistakes. If you need a behaviour of
   •   dynamic array, you should use the vector class.
23 */
24 #include <vector>
25 // <> are called angular brackets.
26 std::vector<TYPE> varname
27 // you may use the initialisation_list syntax to
   •   declare a vectors using numbers that you already
   •   have at compile time.
28 std::vector<int> varname{1,2,3};
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30 /// General methods you should know:

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32 // STL VECTORS: Iterators
33 // To create an iterator, we use auto and then we call
  • the begin() function.
34 auto it = vec.begin();
35 // Creates an iterator initialises to the beginning of
  • the array, and then returns the object.
36 // To access an element:
37 int object = *it;
38 // You may also modify the element in place:
39 *it = 2; // overwritten.
40 // Increment operator and decrement operator
41 ++it; // shifts it to the next element.
42 --it; // shifts it to the previous element.
43 // It also overloads the + operator, so we can jump to
  • any position we want in the container.
44 it = it + 2;
45 // Erasing an element
46 vec.erase(it); // removes the first element.
47 // Inserting an element
48 vec.insert(/*position in the form of a vector*/,/
  • *value of element to insert*/);
49 // for example:
50 vec.insert(vec.begin()+5, 500); // jump to the fifth
  • location and insert the value 500.
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