Standard Template Library (STL)

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- Alex Stepanov & Meng Lee, based on earlier work by Stepanov & Musser
- Proposed to C++ committee late '93
- HP version released '94
- Accepted into Standard summer '94
- Standard froze '97, ratified '98

Advantages

- Standardized
- Thin & efficient
- Little inheritance; no virtual functions
- Small; easy to learn
- Flexible and extensible
- Naturally open source

Standard Template Library

- The standard template library (STL) contains
 - Containers
 - Algorithms
 - Iterators
- A container is a way that stored data is organized in memory, for example an array of elements.
- Algorithms in the STL are procedures that are applied to containers to process their data, for example search for an element in an array, or sort an array.
- Iterators are a generalization of the concept of pointers, they point to elements in a container, for example you can increment an iterator to point to the next element in an array

Putting the STL into Action

- Include files have no ".h"
- Standard namespace

```
#include <cstdio> // new include method
#include <vector> // vector container
#include <algorithm> // STL algorithms
using namespace std; // assume std::

vector<int> Chuck; // declare a growable array
Chuck.push_back(1); // add an element
find(Chuck.begin(), Chuck.end(), 1);
```

Containers



- Containers contain elements; they "own" the objects
- Containers provide iterators that point to its elements.
- Containers provide a minimal set of operations for manipulating elements





```
Container
          Description
                                          Keys
          dynamic array
vector
deque
          dynamic array -- both ends
list
         linked list
set
          sorted list of keys
                                         no duplicate keys
          sorted list of key and value pairs no duplicate keys
map
multiset
          sorted list of keys
                                         duplicate keys OK
multimap sorted list of key and value pairs duplicate keys OK
```

Minimum container object requirements

```
X()
X(const X&)
X(const X&)
X& operator = (const X&)
bool operator < (const X&)
bool operator == (const X&)
// comparison op
bool operator == (const X&)
// comparison op</pre>
```

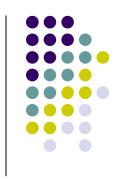
Vectors



- Generalization of arrays
- Efficient, random-access to elements
- High-level operations such as increasing/decreasing size of vector

v [0]	v[1]	v[2]		v[n-2]	v[n-1]
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Strings



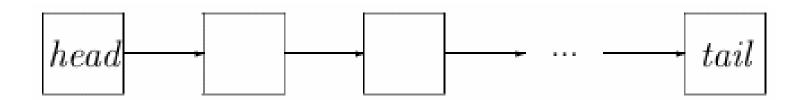
- In one sense, a vector of characters
- In another sense, a completely different highlevel data type
- Lots of string-specific operations (more later)

string aName = "Benjamin Franklin";

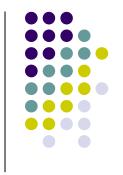
Lists



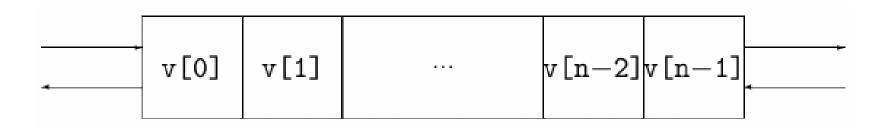
- Arbitrary size, memory used efficiently as the list grows and shrinks
- Sequential access only, constant access to first or last element
- Efficient insertion or removal at any location



Deque – Double Ended Queue



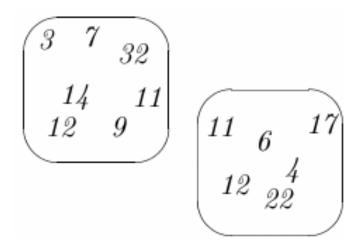
- Grows or shrinks as necessary
- Efficient insertion or removal from either end
- Random access to elements



Sets



- Ordered collection
- Efficient (logarithmic) insertion, removal, and test for inclusion
- Efficient merge, union, difference, and other set operations
- Multiset allows more than one entry with the same value



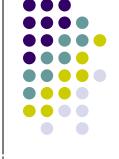




- Collection of (key, value) pairs
- Keys can be any ordered data type (e.g. string)
- Values can be any data type
- Efficient insertion, removal, and test for inclusion

```
key_1 \rightarrow value_1
key_2 \rightarrow value_2
key_3 \rightarrow value_3
\dots
key_n \rightarrow value_n
```

Container Adaptors



Adaptor Example containers Default container stack list, deque, vector deque queue list, deque deque priority_queue list, deque, vector vector

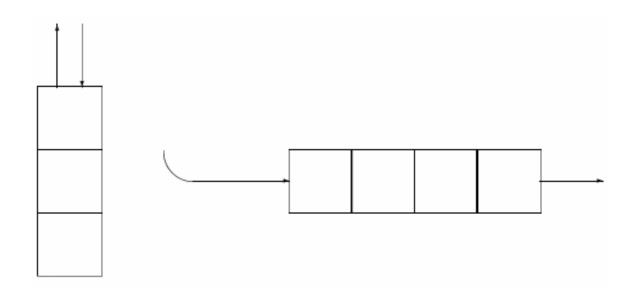
Example adapator code

```
stack<int, deque<int> > TechnoTrousers;
TechnoTrousers.push(1);
int i = TechnoTrousers.top();
TechnoTrousers.pop();
```





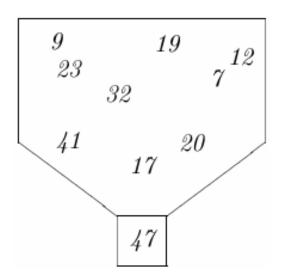
- Special form of deque
- Stack = Last in First out (LIFO)
- Queue = First in First out (FIFO)







- Efficient (logarithmic) insertion of new values
- Efficient access to largest (or smallest) value
 - Constant time access
 - Logarithmic removal



What's Missing?



- stack-based arrays (T a[N])
- hash tables
- singly-linked lists
- some STL implementations include one or more of these "non-standard" containers



Container	Overhead	Insert	Erase	0	Find	Sort
list	8	С	C	n/a	N	N log N
deque	12	C at begin or end; else N/2	C at begin or end; else N	С	N	N log N
vector	0	C at end; else N	C at end; else N	С	N	N log N
set	12	log N	log N	n/a	log N	С
multiset	12	log N	d log (N+d)	n/a	log N	С
map	16	log N	log N	log N	log N	С
multimap	16	log N	d log (N+d)	log N	log N	С
stack	n/a	С	C	n/a	n/a	n/a
queue	n/a	C	C	n/a	n/a	n/a
priority_	n/a	log N	log N	n/a	n/a	n/a
queue						
slist (SGI)	4	C	C	n/a	N	n/a
hashset (SGI)	?	C/N	C/N	n/a	C/N	n/a

Overhead is approx. per-element size in bytes

C/N

hashmap

(SGI)

 Hash and slist containers included for comparison only. C/N indicates best/worst case times

n/a

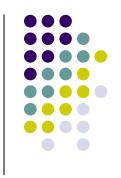
C/N

n/a

C/N



Selecting a Container Class



- How are values going to be accessed?
 - Random vector or deque
 - Ordered set or map
 - Sequential list
- Is the order in which values are maintained in the collection important?
 - Ordered set or map
 - Can be sorted vector or deque
 - Insertion time dependant stack or queue





- Will the size of the structure vary widely over the course of execution?
 - Yes list or set
 - No vector or deque
- Is it possible to estimate the size of the collection?
 - Yes vector





- Is testing to see whether a value is contained in the collection a frequent operation?
 - Yes set
- Is the collection indexed?
 - Index values are integers vector or deque
 - Index values are not integers map





- Can values be related to each another?
 - Sets require relational operators
 - Vectors and lists do not require relational operators
- Is finding and removing the largest (or smallest) value from the collection a frequent operation?
 - Yes priority queue





- At what positions are items inserted into and removed from the collection?
 - Middle list
 - End stack or queue
- Is a frequent operation the merging of two or more sequences into one?
 - Ordered set
 - Unordered list

Vector Container

int array[5] = {12, 7, 9, 21, 13 }; vector<int> v(array,array+5);



v.pop_back();

12 7 9 21



v.push_back(15);

12 7 9 21 15



Vector Container

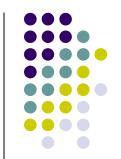


```
#include <vector>
#include <iostream>
vector<int> v(3); // create a vector of ints of size 3
v[0]=23;
v[1]=12;
v[2]=9; // vector full
v.push_back(17); // put a new value at the end of array
for (int i=0; i<v.size(); i++) // member function size() of vector
  cout << v[i] << ""; // random access to i-th element
cout << endl;
```

Vector Container

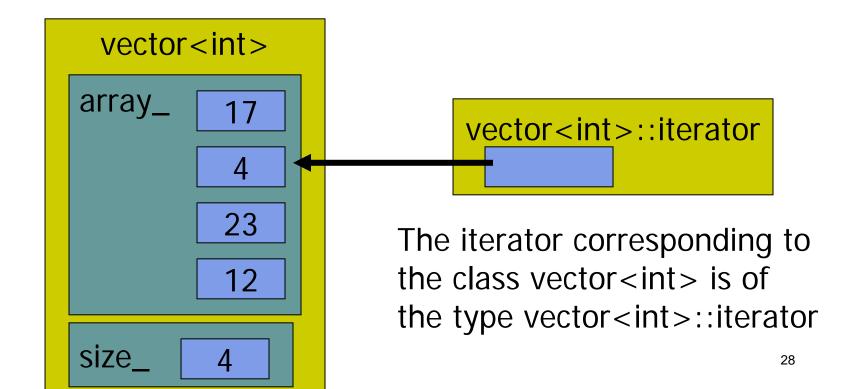
```
#include <vector>
#include <iostream>
int arr[] = { 12, 3, 17, 8 }; // standard C array
vector<int> v(arr, arr+4); // initialize vector with C array
while (!v.empty()) // until vector is empty
{
    cout << v.back() << " "; // output last element of vector
    v.pop_back(); // delete the last element
}
cout << endl;</pre>
```

Constructors for Vector

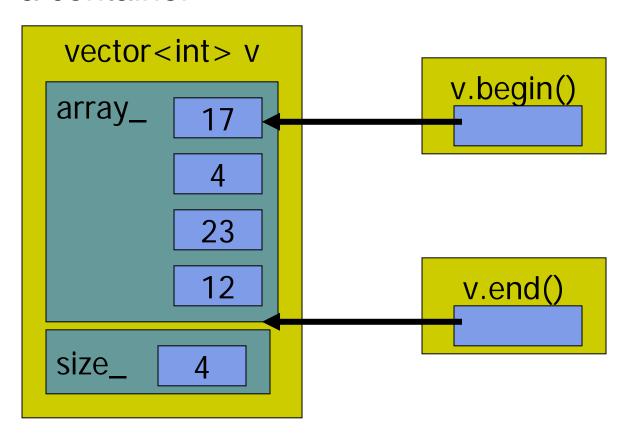


 A vector can be initialized by specifying its size and a prototype element or by another vector

- Iterators are pointer-like entities that are used to access individual elements in a container.
- Often they are used to move sequentially from element to element, a process called iterating through a container.

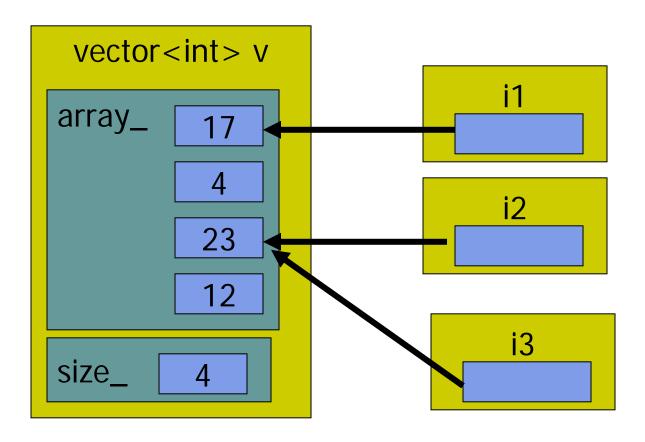


 The member functions begin() and end() return an iterator to the first and past the last element of a container





 One can have multiple iterators pointing to different or identical elements in the container



```
#include <vector>
#include <iostream>
int arr[] = { 12, 3, 17, 8 }; // standard C array
vector<int> v(arr, arr+4); // initialize vector with C array
vector<int>::iterator iter=v.begin(); // iterator for class vector
// define iterator for vector and point it to first element of v
cout << "first element of v=" << *iter; // de-reference iter
iter++; // move iterator to next element
iter=v.end()-1; // move iterator to last element
```



```
int max(vector<int>::iterator start, vector<int>::iterator end)
  int m=*start;
  while(start != end)
      if (*start > m)
        m=*start;
      ++start;
    return m;
cout << "max of v =" << max(v.begin(),v.end());
```



```
#include <vector>
#include <iostream>
int arr[] = { 12, 3, 17, 8 }; // standard C array
vector<int> v(arr, arr+4); // initialize vector with C array
for (vector<int>::iterator i=v.begin(); i!=v.end(); i++)
// initialize i with pointer to first element of v
// i++ increment iterator, move iterator to next element
  cout << *i << " "; // de-referencing iterator returns the
             // value of the element the iterator points at
cout << endl;
```

For_Each() Algorithm

```
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>
#include <iostream>
void show(int n)
 cout << n << " ";
int arr[] = { 12, 3, 17, 8 }; // standard C array
vector<int> v(arr, arr+4); // initialize vector with C array
// apply function show to each element of vector v
for_each (v.begin(), v.end(), show);
```

Find() Algorithm

```
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>
#include <iostream>
int key;
int arr[] = { 12, 3, 17, 8, 34, 56, 9 }; // standard C array
vector<int> v(arr, arr+7); // initialize vector with C array
vector<int>::iterator iter;
cout << "enter value :";
cin >> key;
iter=find(v.begin(),v.end(),key); // finds integer key in v
if (iter != v.end()) // found the element
 cout << "Element" << key << " found" << endl;
else
 cout << "Element" << key << " not in vector v" << endl;
```



Find_If() Algorithm

```
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>
#include <iostream>
Bool mytest(int n) { return (n>21) && (n < 36); };
int arr[] = { 12, 3, 17, 8, 34, 56, 9 }; // standard C array
vector<int> v(arr, arr+7); // initialize vector with C array
vector<int>::iterator iter;
iter=find_if(v.begin(),v.end(),mytest);
 // finds element in v for which mytest is true
if (iter != v.end()) // found the element
  cout << "found " << *iter << endl;
else
 cout << "not found" << endl;
```

Count_If() Algorithm

```
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>
#include <iostream>
Bool mytest(int n) { return (n>14) && (n<36); };
int arr[] = { 12, 3, 17, 8, 34, 56, 9 }; // standard C array
vector<int> v(arr, arr+7); // initialize vector with C array
int n=count_if(v.begin(),v.end(),mytest);
 // counts element in v for which mytest is true
cout << "found " << n << " elements" << endl:
```

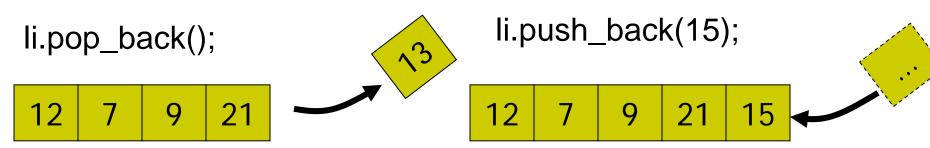
List Container

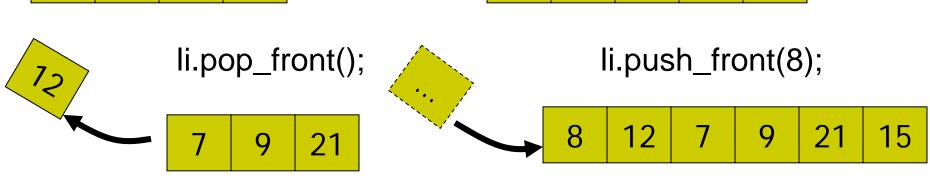
- An STL list container is a double linked list, in which each element contains a pointer to its successor and predecessor.
- It is possible to add and remove elements from both ends of the list
- Lists do not allow random access but are efficient to insert new elements and to sort and merge lists

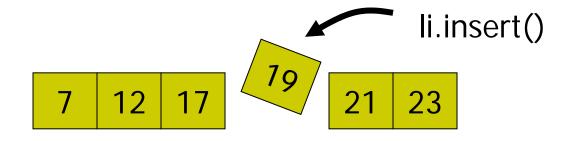
List Container

int array[5] = {12, 7, 9, 21, 13 }; list<int> li(array,array+5);









Insert Iterators

If you normally copy elements using the copy algorithm you overwrite the existing contents

```
#include int arr1[]= { 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 };
int arr2[]= { 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 };
list<int> l1(arr1, arr1+5); // initialize l1 with arr1
list<int> l2(arr2, arr2+5); // initialize l2 with arr2
copy(l1.begin(), l1.end(), l2.begin());
// copy contents of l1 to l2 overwriting the elements in l2
// l2 = { 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 }
```

Insert Iterators

- With insert operators you can modify the behavior of the copy algorithm
 - back_inserter: inserts new elements at the end
 - front_inserter : inserts new elements at the beginning
 - inserter : inserts new elements at a specified location

```
#include #include int arr1[]= { 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 };
int arr2[]= { 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 };
list<int> I1(arr1, arr1+5); // initialize I1 with arr1
list<int> I2(arr2, arr2+5); // initialize I2 with arr2
copy(I1.begin(), I1.end(), back_inserter(I2)); // use back_inserter
    // adds contents of I1 to the end of I2 = { 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 }
copy(I1.begin(), I1.end(), front_inserter(I2)); // use front_inserter
    // adds contents of I1 to the front of I2 = { 9, 7, 5, 3, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 }
copy(I1.begin(), I1.end, inserter(I2,I2.begin());
// adds contents of I1 at the "old" beginning of I2 = { 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 }
```

Sort & Merge

 Sort and merge allow you to sort and merge elements in a container

```
#include int arr1[]= { 6, 4, 9, 1, 7 };

int arr2[]= { 4, 2, 1, 3, 8 };

list<int> l1(arr1, arr1+5); // initialize l1 with arr1

list<int> l2(arr2, arr2+5); // initialize l2 with arr2

l1.sort(); // l1 = {1, 4, 6, 7, 9}

l2.sort(); // l2= {1, 2, 3, 4, 8 }

l1.merge(l2); // merges l2 into l1

// l1 = { 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9}, l2= {}
```

Functions Objects



- Some algorithms like sort, merge, accumulate can take a function object as argument.
- A function object is an object of a template class that has a single member function: the overloaded operator ()
- It is also possible to use user-written functions in place of pre-defined function objects

```
#include #include <functional>
int arr1[]= { 6, 4, 9, 1, 7 };
list<int> l1(arr1, arr1+5); // initialize l1 with arr1
l1.sort(greater<int>()); // uses function object greater<int>
// for sorting in reverse order l1 = { 9, 7, 6, 4, 1 }
```

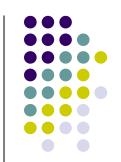
Function Objects



 The accumulate algorithm accumulates data over the elements of the containing, for example computing the sum of elements

```
#include #include <functional>
#include <numeric>
int arr1[]= { 6, 4, 9, 1, 7 };
list<int> I1(arr1, arr1+5); // initialize I1 with arr1
int sum = accumulate(I1.begin(), I1.end(), 0, plus<int>());
int sum = accumulate(I1.begin(), I1.end(),0); // equivalent
int fac = accumulate(I1.begin(), I1.end(), 0, times<int>());
```

User Defined Function Objects



```
class squared _sum // user-defined function object
{
   public:
     int operator()(int n1, int n2) { return n1+n2*n2; }
};
int sq = accumulate(I1.begin(), I1.end(), 0, squared_sum());
// computes the sum of squares
```

User Defined Function Objects



```
template <class T>
class squared _sum // user-defined function object
  public:
   T operator()(T n1, T n2) { return n1+n2*n2; }
};
vector<complex> vc;
complex sum_vc;
vc.push_back(complex(2,3));
vc.push_back(complex(1,5));
vc.push_back(complex(-2,4));
sum_vc = accumulate(vc.begin(), vc.end(),
          complex(0,0), squared_sum<complex>());
// computes the sum of squares of a vector of complex numbers
```

Associative Containers



- In an associative container the items are not arranged in sequence, but usually as a tree structure or a hash table.
- The main advantage of associative containers is the speed of searching (binary search like in a dictionary)
- Searching is done using a key which is usually a single value like a number or string
- The value is an attribute of the objects in the container
- The STL contains two basic associative containers
 - sets and multisets
 - maps and multimaps

Sets and Multisets



```
#include <set>
string names[] = {"Ole", "Hedvig", "Juan", "Lars", "Guido"};
set<string, less<string> > nameSet(names,names+5);
// create a set of names in which elements are alphabetically
// ordered string is the key and the object itself
nameSet.insert("Patric"); // inserts more names
nameSet.insert("Maria");
nameSet.erase("Juan"); // removes an element
set<string, less<string> >::iterator iter; // set iterator
string searchname;
cin >> searchname;
iter=nameSet.find(searchname); // find matching name in set
if (iter == nameSet.end()) // check if iterator points to end of set
  cout << searchname << " not in set!" <<endl;</pre>
else
 cout << searchname << " is in set!" <<endl;
```

Set and Multisets

```
string names[] = {"Ole", "Hedvig", "Juan", "Lars", "Guido", "Patric",
    "Maria", "Ann"};
set<string, less<string> > nameSet(names,names+7);
set<string, less<string> >::iterator iter; // set iterator
iter=nameSet.lower_bound("K");
// set iterator to lower start value "K"
while (iter != nameSet.upper_bound("Q"))
    cout << *iter++ << endl;
// displays Lars, Maria, Ole, Patric</pre>
```





- A map stores pairs <key, value> of a key object and associated value object.
- The key object contains a key that will be searched for and the value object contains additional data
- The key could be a string, for example the name of a person and the value could be a number, for example the telephone number of a person

Maps and Multimaps



```
#include <map>
string names[]= {"Ole", "Hedvig", "Juan", "Lars", "Guido", "Patric", "Maria",
   "Ann"};
int numbers[]= {75643, 83268, 97353, 87353, 19988, 76455, 77443,12221};
map<string, int, less<string> > phonebook;
map<string, int, less<string> >::iterator iter;
for (int j=0; j<8; j++)
  phonebook[names[j]]=numbers[j]; // initialize map phonebook
for (iter = phonebook.begin(); iter !=phonebook.end(); iter++)
  cout << (*iter).first << " : " << (*iter).second << endl;
cout << "Lars phone number is " << phonebook["Lars"] << endl;
```

Container Adapters



- container adapters: stack, queue, priority_queue
 - not first class containers
 - do not support iterators
 - do not provide actual data structure
 - programmer can select implementation of the container adapters
 - have member functions push() and pop()

stack Adapter

- stack
 - insertions and deletions at one end
 - last-in-first-out data structure
 - implemented with vector, list, and deque (default)
 - #include <stack>
- Declarations

```
stack<type, vector<type> > myStack;
stack<type, list<type> > myOtherStack;
stack<type> anotherStack;
```

queue Adapter

- queue insertions at back, deletions at front
 - first-in-first-out data structure
 - implemented with list or deque
 - #include <queue>
- Functions
 - push(element) (push_back) add to end
 - pop(element) (pop_front) remove from front
 - empty() test for emptiness
 - size() returns number of elements
- Example:

```
queue <double> values; //create queue
values.push(1.2); // values: 1.2
values.push(3.4); // values: 1.2 3.4
values.pop(); // values: 1.2
```

priority_queue Adapter



- insertions in sorted order, deletions from front
 - implemented with vector or deque
 - highest priority element always removed first
 - heapsort puts largest elements at front
 - less<T> by default, programmer can specify another
- Functions
 - push (push_back then reorder elements)
 - pop (pop_back to remove highest priority element)
 - size
 - empty

Algorithms



- Before STL
 - class libraries were incompatible among vendors
 - algorithms built into container classes

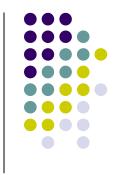
- STL separates containers and algorithms
 - easier to add new algorithms
 - more efficient, avoids virtual function calls



for_each, accumulate, transform

- for_each(iterator1, iterator2, function);





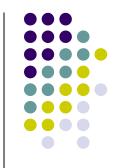
- find(iterator1, iterator2, value)
 - returns iterator pointing to first instance of value
- find_if(iterator1, iterator2, function)
 - like find, but returns an iterator when function returns true.
- binary_search(iterator1, iterator2, value)
 - searches an ascending sorted list for value using a binary search

Sorting Algorithms

- sort(begin, end)
- partial_sort(begin, begin+N, end)
 - finds first N and sorts them
- nth_element(begin, begin+N, end)
 - finds first N, not sorted
- partition(begin, end, function)
 - splits in two intervals
- stable sort, stable partition
- Remarks
 - All take optionaly a comparison function
 - std::sort is faster than clib sort



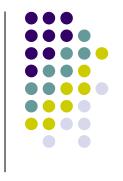
equal, mismatch, lexicographical_compare



- Functions to compare sequences of values
- equal
 - returns true if sequences are equal (uses ==)
 - returns false if of unequal length
 equal(iterator1, iterator2, iterator3);
 - compares sequence from iterator1 up to iterator2
 with the sequence beginning at iterator3
 - Containers can be of different types

fill, fill_n, generate, generate_n

- STL functions, change containers.
- fill changes a range of elements (from iterator1 to iterator2) to value
 - fill(iterator1, iterator2, value);
- fill_n changes specified number of elements, starting at iterator1
 - fill n(iterator1, quantity, value);
- generate like fill, but calls a function for value
 - generate(iterator1, iterator2, function);
- generate_n like fill_n, but calls function for value
 - generate_n(iterator1, quantity, function)



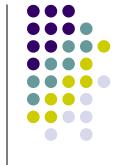
swap, iter_swap and swap_ranges

- swap(element1, element2) exchanges two values
 swap(a[0], a[1]);
- iter_swap(iterator1, iterator2) exchanges the values to which the iterators refer
- swap_ranges(iterator1, iterator2, iterator3) swap the elements from iterator1 to iterator2 with the elements beginning at iterator3



copy_backward, merge, unique, reverse

- copy_backward(iterator1, iterator2, iterator3)
 - copy the range of elements from iterator1 to iterator2 into iterator3, but in reverse order.
- merge(iter1, iter2, iter3, iter4, iter5)
 - ranges iter1-iter2 and iter3-iter4 must be sorted in ascending order.
 - merge copies both lists into iter5, in ascending order.
- unique(iter1, iter2) removes duplicate elements from a sorted list, returns iterator to new end of sequence.
- reverse(iter1, iter2) reverses elements in the range of iter1 to iter2.



Remove

Member function:L.remove(Point(0,0));