


# 【C++】Day33(2)

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## 【Ch9】 Sequential Container

### 9.3.2 Accessing Elements

The following table lists the operations we can use to **access elements in a sequential container**.

<b>at and subscript operator valid only for string, vector, deque, and array. back not valid for forward_list.</b>	
<code>c.back()</code>	Returns a reference to the last element in <code>c</code> . Undefined if <code>c</code> is empty.
<code>c.front()</code>	Returns a reference to the first element in <code>c</code> . Undefined if <code>c</code> is empty.
<code>c[n]</code>	Returns a reference to the element indexed by the unsigned integral value <code>n</code> . Undefined if <code>n &gt;= c.size()</code> .
<code>c.at(n)</code>	Returns a reference to the element indexed by <code>n</code> . If the index is out of range, throws an <code>out_of_range</code> exception.
 WARNING	Calling <code>front</code> or <code>back</code> on an empty container, like using a subscript that is out of range, is a serious programming error.

These operations, `front()` and `back()`, return a reference to the first and last element, respectively:

```
//check that there are elements before dereferencing an iterator or calling front or back
if(!c.empty()) {
    //val1 and val2 are copies of the value of the first element in c
    auto val = *c.begin(), val2 = c.front();
    //val3 and val4 are copies of the last element in c;
    auto last = c.end();
    auto val3 = *(--last); //can't decrement forward_list iterators
```

```

    auto val4 = c.back(); //not supported by forward_list
}

```

The important thing is that we **check `c` is not empty before calling `front()` or `back()`**.

### *The Access Members Return References*

The members that access elements in a container(i.e. `front`, `back`, `subscript`, and `at`) **return references**.

```

if(!c.empty()) {
    c.front() = 42; //assigns 42 to the first element in c
    auto &v = c.back(); //get a reference to the last element
    v = 1024; //changes the element in c
    auto v2 = c.back(); //v2 is not a reference, it's a copy of c.back()
    v2 = 0; //no change to the element in c
}

```

### *Subscripting and Safe Random Access*

The subscript operator `[]` **doesn't check the validity of index**.

If we want to ensure that our index is valid, we can use the `at` member instead. The `at` member acts like the subscript operator, but if the index is invalid, it throws an `out_of_range` exception:

```


vector<string> svec; //empty vector
cout << svec[0]; //run-time error: there are no elements in svec!
cout << svec.at(0); //throws an out_of_range exception

```

### **9.3.3 Erasing Elements**

There are also ways to remove elements, listed below:

**Table 9.7. erase Operations on Sequential Containers**

These operations change the size of the container and so are not supported by <code>array</code> . <code>forward_list</code> has a special version of <code>erase</code> ; see § 9.3.4 (p. 350). <code>pop_back</code> not valid for <code>forward_list</code> ; <code>pop_front</code> not valid for <code>vector</code> and <code>string</code> .	
<code>c.pop_back()</code>	Removes last element in <code>c</code> . Undefined if <code>c</code> is empty. Returns <code>void</code> .
<code>c.pop_front()</code>	Removes first element in <code>c</code> . Undefined if <code>c</code> is empty. Returns <code>void</code> .
<code>c.erase(p)</code>	Removes the element denoted by the iterator <code>p</code> and returns an iterator to the element after the one deleted or the off-the-end iterator if <code>p</code> denotes the last element. Undefined if <code>p</code> is the off-the-end iterator.
<code>c.erase(b,e)</code>	Removes the range of elements denoted by the iterators <code>b</code> and <code>e</code> . Returns an iterator to the element after the last one that was deleted, or an off-the-end iterator if <code>e</code> is itself an off-the-end iterator.
<code>c.clear()</code>	Removes all the elements in <code>c</code> . Returns <code>void</code> .
 <b>WARNING</b>	Removing elements anywhere but the beginning or end of a <code>deque</code> invalidates all iterators, references, and pointers. Iterators, references, and pointers to elements after the erasure point in a <code>vector</code> or <code>string</code> are invalidated.

*Warning: The members that remove elements do not check their arguments. The programmer must ensure that elements exist before removing them*

### *The `pop_front` and `pop_back` Members*

The `pop_front` and `pop_back` functions remove the first and last elements, respectively.

Like the element access members, we may not use a `pop` operation on an empty container.

These operations return `void`. If you need the value you are about to pop, you must store that value before doing the `pop`:

```
while(ilst.empty()) {  
    process(ilst.front()); //do somethign with the current top of list  
    ilst.opo_front();  
}
```

### *Removing an Element from within the Container*

The `erase` members remove elements at a specified point in the container.

We can delete a single element denoted by an iterator or a range of elements marked by a pair of iterators.

Both forms of erase return an iterator referring to the location after the element that was removed. That is, if `j` is the element following `i`, then `erase(i)` will return an iterator referring to `j`.

As an example, the following loop erases the odd elements in a list:

```
list<int> lst = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8};
auto it = lst.begin();
while(it != lst.end()) {
    if(*it % 2) //if the element is odd
        it = lst.erase(it); //erase this element
    else
        ++it;
}
```

### Removing Multiple Elements

The iterator-pair version of erase let us delete a range of elements:

```
//delete the range of element between two iterators
//returns an iterator to the element just after the last removed element
elem1 = slist.erase(elem1, elem2); //after the call elem1 == elem2
```

The iterator `elem1` refers to the first element we want to erase, and `elem2` refers to one past the last element that we want to remove.

To delete all the elements in a container, we can either call `clear` or pass iterators from `begin` and `end` to erase:

```
slist.clear(); //delete all the elements within the container
slist.erase(slist.begin(), slist.end());
```

### Exercise

**Exercise 9.26:** Using the following definition of `ia`, copy `ia` into a `vector` and into a `list`. Use the single-iterator form of `erase` to remove the elements with odd values from your `list` and the even values from your `vector`.

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```
int ia[] = { 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 55, 89 };
```

[See 9\\_26.cpp for code](#)