```
Minclude <string.h>
Fdefine MAXPAROLA 30
#define MAXRIGA 80
   int treq[MAXPAROLA]; /* vettore di contatoni
delle frequenze delle lunghazza delle pitrole
   char riga[MAXRIGA] ;
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```

High Level Programming

Sequential Containers

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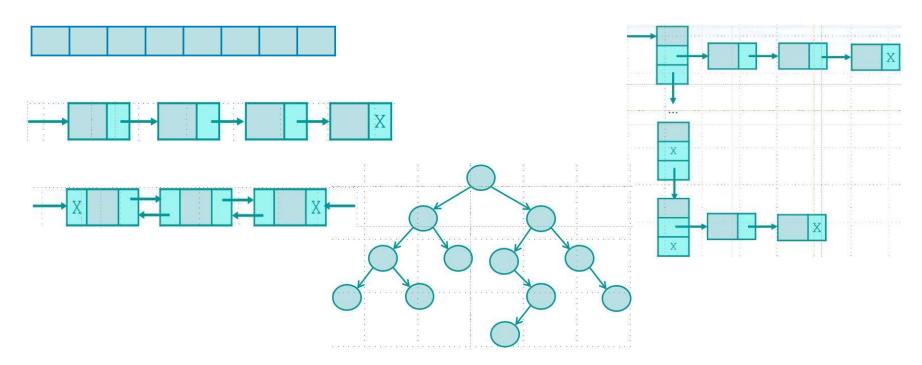
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Premises

- For an introductions on basic data structures
 - Arrays, matrices, lists, stacks, queues, trees, heaps, hash-tables, etc.

and related algorithms, please see courses of "Algorithms and Data Structures"



C-like containers

- ❖ In C++ we can use C-like arrays
 - > We can use **integer** (float) arrays
 - > Character arrays are define similarly
 - > Strings are a special type of character arrays
 - Pointers can be used to manage all sort of C-like arrays
 - We can define multidimentional arrays (matrices) as arrays of arrays

Let us analyze these throughout some examples

C-like integer (float) arrays

Examples

constexpr:

Think of constexpr as something you can figure out before you start running your program, like calculating 2 + 2 before you start vour math homework.

When you declare something as constexpr, you're saying "Hey compiler, I know this value right now, so you can use it while you're building my program."

Example

constexpr unsigned N1 = 10; Here, N1 is known to be 10 even before the program starts running. It's like a pre-determined value that the compiler knows about

const unsigned N2 = 3;

Here, N2 is set to 3, but the program figures this out while it's running. It's like a value that's decided upon after your program has started.

to, in simple terms, constexpr is about knowing things before the program starts running, while coast is about knowing things while

Defines a compile-time object

```
constexpr unsigned N1 = 10;
const unsigned N2 = 3;
```

Defines a value that cannot be changed

- C-like character arrays
 - Arrays of characters are equivalent to arrays of integers or floats

```
2nd equaltion with 0\ This line
                                                                                                                                       initializes another character array s2
                                                                                                                                       with the same characters as s1, but it
                                                                                                                                       adds a null terminator '\0' explicitly at
              char s1[] = \{ 'C', '+', '+' \};
                                                                                     // List initialization
                                                                                                                                       The null terminater '\0' is a special
                                                                                                                                       character used in C-style strings to
                                                                                                                                       mark the end of the string.
              char s2[] = { 'C', '+', '+', '\0'}; // List initialization by adding '\0' explicitly, s2 becomes a because it's
                                                                                                                                       terminated with a hull character.
                                                                                     // explicit NULL
                                                                                                                                       The size of s2 will be 4 to
                                                                                                                                       accommodate the additional null
                                                                                                                                       terminator.
              char s3[1 = "C++";
                                                                                     // Same as before, but
                                                                                     // NULL added automatically,
                                                                                     // i.e., a C string
This line initializes yet another character array s3 with the string literal "C++".
In C++, when you initialize a character array with a string literal enclosed in double quotes,
the compiler automatically adds a null terminator '\0' at the end of the string.
So, s3 will also be a valid C-style string, terminated with '\0'.
```

- C-like strings
 - C-like strings are not a type
 - > They are arrays of characters, NULL terminated

The library function use the '\0' to perform its duty

```
char s1[] = \{ \C', \+', \+' \};
                                                              // List initilization
cout << s1;
                                                              // Error When you attempt to print s1 using cout, it will keep printing characters until it
                                                                               encounters a null terminator. However, since s1 doesn't have a null terminator
                                                                               explicitly provided, cout will continue reading memory past the end of s1 until it
                                                                               finds a null terminator, causing undefined behavior.
char s2[] = "C--";
                                                                                          When you use double quotes " " to enclose a string
                                                       // NULL terminated literal, C++ autom end of the string.
                                                                                          literal, C++ automatically adds a null terminator '\0' at the
char s3[] = "C++";
                                                                                          So, s2 will be initialized as {'C', '-', '-', '\0'}
                                                       // Correct
cout << s2;
                                                                                          When you print s2 using cout, it will correctly print the
                                                                                          characters 'C', '-', and '-', and then stop when it
                                                                                          encounters the null terminator '\0'.
s2 = s3;
                                         // Error: Cannot copy strings
                                         // Must use strcpy
if (s2==s3) ...
                                         // Warning: It does not compare strings
                                         // (must use strcmp)
                                         // it compares unrelated addresses
```

C-like pointers are closely intertwined with arrays

```
int v[10];  // Array of ten integers
int *p, *b, *e;
p = &v[0]; // The pointer points to element 0
// Pointer have a pointer arithmetic
// Pointers are iterators
b = &v[0];
                                  More on iterators at
e = &v[10];
for (p=b; p<e; p++)
                                  the end of this unit
  cout << *p << endln;</pre>
                  // Equivalent to p=&v[0],
p = v;
                  // p points to element v[0]
int *p2 = p+4; // p2 points to element v[4]
                  // (If it exists)
```

- Multidimensional arrays
 - ➤ In C (C++) there are not multidimensional arrays
 - > They are implemented as arrays of arrays

Multidimensional arrays and range for

```
constexpr int R = 3;
constexpr int C 0 4;
                     // Uninitialized 2D matrix
int m[R][C];
// Standard nested loops
for (int i=0; i<R; i++) {
  for (int j=0; j<C; j++) {
    cin >> m[i][j];
// Range nested loops
for (auto &r: m) { // For every element in the outer array
  for (auro &c: r) { // For every element in the inner array
    cin >> c;
                     We need reference because we need
                           to modify the element.
                              Anything else?
```

Multidimensional arrays and range for

```
// Range nested loops
for (auto &r: m) {
  for (auro &c: r) {
    cin >> c;
// Buggy range nested loops
for (auto r: m) {
  for (auro c: r) {
    cout << c;
// Range nested loops
for (auto &r: m) {
  for (auro c: r) {
    cout << c;
```

We need reference because we need to modify the element.

Anything else?

Even if we do not modify the matrix, this code does not work; r is no a reference is an element; c cannot iterate over an element

This is OK

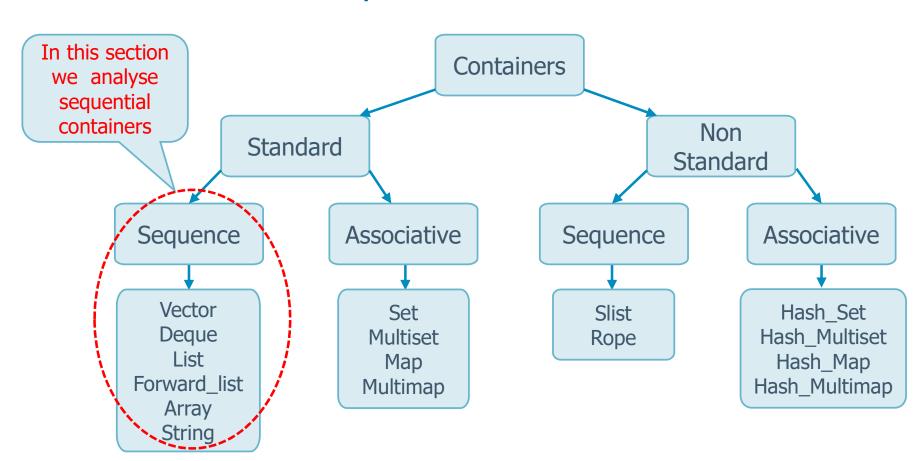
C++ containers

- A container is an object that
 - > Stores (contains) other objects
 - Almost any type can be used as the element type of a sequential container
 - Manages the storage space
 - Elements are of generic type
 - Generic types in C++ are represented as templates
 - > Provides **member functions** for accessing elements
 - Access can be performed directly or through iterators
 - Member functions are often shared among different containers
 - Guarantee the complexity of all operations

More on templates in section u04s07

C++ containers

- Containers organize their elements differently
 - > Many operations are available on all of them
 - > The efficiency varies



- Sequential containers provide fast sequential access to their element
- They offer different performance to
 - > Add or delete an element
 - Perform non-sequential access
 - ➤ With the exception of **array** (fixed size), they provide efficient and flexible memory management
 - We can add or remove elements and the container grows or shrinks
 - The strategy used to store elements influences the efficiency of the operations

Standard sequential containers available in C++

Туре	Main characteristics
vector	Flexible-size array. Fast random access. Fast insert and delete at the back, slow elsewhere.
string	Similar to vector, specialized for characters. Fast random access. Fast insert and delete at the back.
list	Doubly-linked list. Bidirectional sequential access. Fast insert and delete in any position.
forwad_list	Singly-linked list. Sequential access in one direction. Fast insert and delete in any position.
deque	Double-ended queue. Fast random access. Fast insert and delete at front or back.
array	Fixed-size array. Fast random access. Cannot add or remove elements.

Type

vector

string

list

forwad_list

deque

array

Vectors and strings

- Hold their elements in contiguous memory cells
- > Fast access given an index
- ➤ It is expensive to add or remove elements in the middle
 - We need to move many elements to maintain contiguity
- Adding a new element may require reallocation to a new storage area

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What is random ccesss? Random access refers to the ability to be able to access elements in a data structure directly without needing to iterate through the preceding elements.

In the context of containers like arrays, vectors, and strings, random access means that you can access any element in the container directly by specifying its index or its position. This is typically achieved using subscript notation myVector[3]

Sequential containers

When we say that elements in a data structure are not stored contiguously in memory, it means that the memory allocated for each element is not adjacent to the memory allocated for the next element. consider a simple array of integers: int $arr[4] = \{10, 20, 30, 40\}$;

stored in mem like: | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | stored one after the other.

Lists and forward_lists

For example, if you have an array of integers where each integer takes up 4 bytes of memory, and you want to access the element at index 3, you can calculate its memory address like this:

Type vector string list forwad_list deque

array

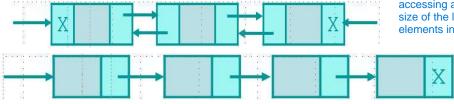
Memory address of element at index 3 = Address of first element + (Index * Size of each element)

If the addr of first element is 1000 and element takes up to 4 bytes

It is efficient to add or remove an element anywhere

- Forward list has been added with the newer standards
- > They do not support random access
 - We need to iterate through the container to access elements
- The memory overhead is substantial when compared to the other containers

Each element (or node) in the list contains a reference (or pointer) to the next element in the sequence. Unlike arrays, where elements are stored one after another in contiguous memory, elements in a linked list can be scattered throughout memory, connected only by these references. Hence why they don't support random access and are not stored in contiguously.



Unlike arrays, where accessing an element by index takes constant time O(1), accessing an element in a linked list takes linear time O(n) proportional to the size of the list. This is because you have to traverse through potentially all the elements in the list to reach the desired element

Type

vector

string

list

forwad_list

deque

array

Deques

- Are more complicated
- Like strings and vectors
 - Support random access
 - It is expensive to add and remove elements in the middle
- Are fast for adding or removing elements at either end of the deque
 - The memory is not contiguous
 - Typical implementation use a sequence of individually allocated fixed size arrays

Type

vector

string

list

forwad_list

deque

array

Arrays

- > Are similar to vector
 - Are an alternative to C-like array
- > Have a **fixed size**
 - Do not support operations to add, remove, or resize a container
- ➤ Have been added with C++11 for efficiency reasons
 - Adding elements is impossibile, thus there is no penalty for reallocations
 - It is possibile to use a C-like notation (and use pointers)

Selecting a container

- Use containers whenever possible, and when you need
 - Small elements and memory matter, don't use a list or forward_list
 - > Random access use a **vector** or a **deque**
 - ➤ To insert or delete elements in the middle of the container, use **list** or **forward_list**
 - ➤ To insert or delete elements at the front and the back (but not in the middle) use a **deque**
- When in doubts, use a vector
 - Strings have a specific use (to store sequences of characters)

Definitions

- Don't forget to include the right header
 - > vector, deque, list, etc.
- To create a new container it is possible to
 - Use the default constructor, make a copy of another container, use a list initializer

The copy constructor is a special type of constructor in C++ that is used to create a new object as a copy of an existing object of the same type. It's invoked when an object is initialized as a copy of another object, or when an object is passed by value to a function.

```
class MyClass {
public:
// Copy constructor declaration
MyClass(const MyClass& other);
```

The copy constructor is used to create a deep copy of an object, meaning that a new object with its own separate memory is created, and the contents of the original object are duplicated into the new object.

C is the container type

vector<int> v;
vector<int> v8(v); // v8 is a vector of integers that is a copy of v.

Any changes in v8 will not be reflected in v because it's just a copy.

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Operation	Meaning C is the object	
C c;	Default constructor; c is empty (but for arrays).	
C c1(c2); C c1=c2;	Copy constructor: c1 is a copy of c2. They must have the same type.	
C c{a,b,c}; C c={a,b,c,};	List constructor. Types must be compatibles. For array the list must have the same or fewer number of elements.	
C c(b,e);	Container c is a copy of the element denoted by the iterators b and e.	

Don't forget the right header files

```
#include <vector>
#include <list>
using std::vector;
                                Containers!
using std::list
                    Thus, they can contain different element types
vector<int> v1(10); // 10 values equal to 0
vector<int> v2{10};  // One element with value 10
vector\langle int \rangle v3(10, 1); // 10 values equal to 1
vector<int> v4{10, 1}; // Two elements with values 10 and 1
vector<string> vs1{"a", "b", "d"};
vector<string> vs2{"a", "b", "d"};  // List initialization
```

```
list<float> myconst = \{3.14159, 2.71828, 9.80655\};
list<string> authors = {"Leopardi", "Manzoni", "Verga"};
deque<string> sd(10);
                             // 10 empty strings
array<int, 10> ia;
                             // 10 integer (default initializer)
array<int, 3> a1{ {1, 2, 3} };
   // Double-braces required before C++11
array < int, 10 > a2 = \{1,2,3\};
   // double braces not required after C++11
   // 3 integers list intializer with he values 1, 2, 3
array<string, 2> a3 = { string("a"), "b" };
                                                     A container can
vector<vector<int>> vvi = {{1,2,3},{4,5,6}};
                                                     include another
vector<vector<string>> vvs = {{ "one", "two"}
                                                       containter
                               { "three ", "four "} };
```

Assignment

- Assignment related operators act on the entire container
 - > All elements are replaced with copies of the elements from the right-hand operand

Operation	Meaning
c1=c2;	Replace elements of c1 with elements of c2. c1 and c2 must have the same type.
c={a,b,};	Replace the element of c with a copy of the elements of the list.
swap(c1,c2) c1.swap(c2)	Exchange elements in c1 with those in c2.

Possible but with arrays
It is supposed to be fast:
Elements are not swapped;
internal structure is swapped

Vector Internals:

Each vector has three main components:

Pointer to the beginning of the allocated memory block (usually denoted as begin).

Pointer to the end of the used portion of the allocated memory block (usually denoted as end).

Pointer to the end of the allocated memory block (usually denoted as capacity).

Swapping Pointers:

When you call swap on two vectors, the begin, end, and capacity pointers of the two vectors are exchanged.

This means that vs1 starts pointing to the memory block of vs2, and vice versa. However, the actual memory blocks remain unchanged.

Efficiency:

Swapping internal pointers is extremely fast compared to copying elements.

It's a constant-time operation, regardless of the size of the vectors, because it only involves exchanging a few pointers.

Effect on Size and Capacity:

```
vector<int> v1 = {1, 3, 5};
vector<int> v2 = {1, 3, 5, 7};
vector<int> v3 = {1, 3, 5, 9};
vector<int> v4 = {1, 3, 5};
if (v1 == v4) ... // True
if (v1 < v2) ... // True
if (v2 < v3) ... // True</pre>
```

Adding elements

- All containers (but arrays) provide flexible memory management
 - > We can add or remove elements at run time

only push_back is available in std::vector In a std::vector in C++, the push_back method inserts a new element at the end of the vector, after its current last

Operation	Meaning	
c.push_back(t) c.emplace_back(args)	created from args). so after push back of 2 in 1,3,4 => 1,3,4,2 push_back of 2 in 1,3,4 => 1,3,4,2 push_back of 2 in 1,3,4 => 1,3,4,2	ue: Both ack and ont are available. ack adds a new at the end of
c.push_front(t) c.emplace_front(args)	Creates an element an the front of c (with value t or created from args). so after push front of 2 in 1,3,4 => 2, 1,3,4	ue, after its ast element. ont inserts a new at the beginning eque, before its irst element.
c.insert(n,t) c.emplace(n,args)	Creates an element in position n (with value t or created from args).	
c.insert(it,t,n) Insert n elements with value t before the element denoted by iterator it.		
c.insert(it,b,e)	Insert the elements from iterator b to iterator e before the element denoted by iterator it.	

```
struct student t {
  int rn;
  string last name, first name;
  int mark;
                                               Correct:
} myt;
                                         Construct a student_t
vector<student t> sv;
                                        object and insert it into sv
sv.push_back(student_t(123456, "Potter", "Harry", 28));
sv.emplace back(123456, "Wisley", "Ronald", 26);
                                                "emplace" does that
                                                   atutomatically
sv.push back(123457, "Granger", "Hermione", 30);
                                              Error:
                                       There is no version of
```

push_back with 3 argouments

```
list<string> sl;
string word;
while (cin >> word)
   sl.push_back (word);
while (cin >> word)
   sl.push_front (word);
sl.insert(sl.begin(), "Start");
```

List, forward_list, and deque support analogous operation in front of the data stucture

begin() is an iterator.

Equivalent to push_front (insert an element before begin)

```
vector<string> vs;
sl.insert(vs.begin(), "Start");
```

There is no push_front on array; thus, we can insert before begin(); however, it is slow on vectors !!!

Accessing elements

- Access operations are usually undefined when the container is empty
 - > Each container has a front element
 - Each container, but forward_list, has a back member

Operation	Meaning
c.back()	Return a reference to the last element in c. Undefined if c is empty.
c.front()	Return a reference to the first element in c. Undefined if c is empty.
c[n]	Return a reference to the element indexed by n in c. Undefined if n>=c.size().
c.at(n)	Return a reference to the element indexed by n in c. If n is out of range, throws an exception.

Erasing elements

- As is it possible to add elements, it is also possibile to remove them
 - > Pop operations remove the first or last element
 - > Erase operates on specific elements

Operation	Meaning
c.pop_back()	Remove last element in c. Undefined if c is empty. Returns void.
c.pop_front()	Remove first element in c. Undefined if c is empty. Returns void.
c.erase(it)	Remove element denoted by the iterator it.
c.erase(b,e)	Remove all elements from the iterators b ato the iterator e.
c.clear()	Remove all element in c.

```
list<int> lst = {0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
while (!lst.empty()) {
    ... Manipulate lst.front() ...
    lst.pop_front();
}
```

```
list<int> lst = {0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
auto it = lst.begin();
auto it1=it+4;
auto it2=it+6;

it1 = lst.erase(it1, it2);
// Erase all elements from iterator it1 and iterator it2
// After the call it1==it2
```

Iterators

- We can use subscripts to access elements of a vector or a string
 - > Subscripts are not general, i.e., they are not applicable to all other containers
- However, all containers support iterators
 - ➤ An iterator is an objects that can be thought of as pointer abstractions, i.e., it gives an direct access to the elements
 - ➤ The standard library defines multiple iterator types as containers have different capabilities
 - Random access, traversable in both directions, etc.

Iterators

- We can use iterators to
 - > Access elements
 - Move from one element to another
- Iterators are returned by member functions, not by pointers
 - > They are included in the **<iterator>** header

Iterators

- The standard library provides 5 iterator categories
 - > Input, output, forward, bidirectional, random-access

Туре	Iterator Type
vector	Random access
deque	Random access
list	Bidirectional
forwad_list	Forward
array	Random access
string	Random access

Iterator operations

Operation	Meaning
auto b=v.begin(); auto e=v.end();	b denotes the first element. e denotes one past the last element.
auto b=v.rbegin(); auto e=v.rend();	Reverse interators: From one element past the last element to the first one.
*b	Reference to the element denoted by b.
b->mem	Fetch the member mem referenced by b, equivalent to (*b).mem
++b e	b (e) points to the next (previous) element
b+n e-n	Move the iterator b (e) to denote n elements forward (backward) within the container (possibly outside)
b != e b==e	Compare iterators

Iterators and lists

// this for example removes all the h

- When we modify a container, an existing iterator may become invalid
 - For example, if we add add an element, the existing iterator may be invalidated and mujst be used with care

```
while (t != s.end()) {
                                                                                  if (*t == 'h')
                                                                                   s.erase(t);
vector\langle int \rangle v= {0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
                                                                                  } else t++;
auto it = v.begin();
                                                                                cout << s:
while (it != v.end()) {
                                                                   Insert, insert before and set it to
   if (*it %2) {
                                                                    the added element; thus, after
       it = v.insert(it, *it);
                                                                  insert it must be incremented by 2
       it += 2;
                              it = v.insert(it, *it); - If the current element is odd, this line inserts a copy of the current element before the position pointed to by it. The insert function returns an
   } else {
                              iterator pointing to the first of the newly inserted elements, so it is updated to point to this new element.
       it = v.erase(it);
                                                     Erase, cancel the element; thus,
                                                       after erase there is no need to
                                                                   increment it
```

if (*it %2) { - This line checks if the current element pointed to by it (obtained by dereferencing the iterator with *it) is odd. The % operator gives the remainder of the division of the current element by 2. If the remainder is not 0, the element is odd.

Iterators and vectors of strings

```
vector<std::string> v = {"one", "two", "three", "four"};
vector<std::string>::iterator it = v.begin();
vector<std::string>::const_iterator itc = v.begin();
```

A **const_interator** can be used to read not to write an element

Iterators have iterator type

Iterators and vectors of strings

```
vector<std::string> v = {"one", "two", "three", "four"};
vector<std::string>::iterator it = v.begin();
auto end = v.end();

if (!(*it).empty()) // Checks whether the string is empty
    ...
if (!(*it.empty())) // Error
    ...
```

It tries to access the member empty() of it, but it is an iterator and does not have a member emoty()

Iterators and vectors of strings

```
vector<std::string> v = {"one", "two", "three", "four"};
vector<std::string>::iterator it = v.begin();
auto end = v.end();
                          The end() function in C++ STL
                          containers (like std::vector, std::list, // prints "one"
cout << *it;
                          etc.) returns an iterator pointing to
                          the "past-the-end" element of the container, not the last element. This // undefined behavior
cout << *end;</pre>
                          "past-the-end" element does not
                          actually exist in the container but
                          serves as a marker for the end of
                                               // Prefer to use pre-increment
++it;
                         the container's range.
std::cout << *it;</pre>
                                                // prints "two"
// To print "three, four, "
                                                   In other words, you should never dereference
                                                   the iterator returned by end(). It's primarily
                                                   used as a sentinel value in loop conditions to
while (it != end) {
                                                   determine when you've reached the end of the
   std::cout << *it << ",";
   it++;
```

Iterators and vectors of strings

```
std::vector<std::string> v = {"one","two","three","four"};
for (auto it = v.begin(); it != v.end(); ++it) {
  if (it->size == 3) {
    it = v.insert(it, "foo");
   // it now points to the newly inserted element
   ++it;
                                            v is now
                              {"foo", "one", "foo", "two", "three", "four"}
for (it = v.begin(); it != v.end(); ++it) {
  if (it->size == 3) {
    it = v.erase(it);
   // erase returns a new, valid iterator
   // pointing to the next element
                                  v is now
                              { "three", "four"}
```

- Vectors are constructed just like arrays
- Vectors are
 - Defined in the header <vector>
 - Collections of contiguous objects of the same type
 - Arrays that can dynamically grow
- The memory is
 - > Pre-allocated for a certain amount of elements
 - Can be reserved for a given amount of elements with reserve
 - Re-allocated when exhausted
 - Moved to a larger chunk of memory
 - All elements are copied

Expensive

- Time complexity of the main operations
 - Random access
 - O(1)
 - Back insertion
 - Typically: O(1)

Vectors and strings typically allocate capacity beyond what it is immediately needed

Worst case: O(n) due to possible reallocation

Vectors and strings have methods: shink_to_fit(), capacity(), reserve() to optimize reallocation performances

- Insertion and removal at any other position
 - O(n)

Initialization

T is the generic type

Operation	Meaning
<pre>#include <vector> using std::vector;</vector></pre>	Include the appropriate header.
vector <t> v;</t>	Default initialization; v is empty.
vector <t> v2(v1); vector<t> v2=v1;</t></t>	Initialization by copying all elements of v1 into v2.
<pre>vector<t> v{n}; vector<t> v{n,val};</t></t></pre>	Initialization with n values equal to the initialization value for that type or the value val.
<pre>vector<t> v{a,b,c}; vector<t> v={a,b,c};</t></t></pre>	Esplicit initialization with a list initializer.

Management

Operation	Meaning
v.empty()	Return true if v is empty.
v.size()	Return the number of elements.
v.push_back(a)	Add value a to the end of v.
v[n]	Return a reference to element n.
v1=v2	Replace elements of v1 with a copy of the element of v2.
v1={a, b, c,}	Replace elements of v1.
v1==v2 v1!=v2, v1<=v2 etc.	Normal comparison operation using dictionaly ordering.

Access to specific elements

```
vector<int> fib = {1,1,2,3};  // values 1,1,2,3

if (fib[1]==1) ...  // True
fib[3] = 43;  // fib is now 1,1,2,43

fib[4] = 12;  // Error: There is no element 4
```

```
vector<int> v;
for (int i=0; i<100; i++)
   v.push_back(i);

for (auto i : v)
   cout << i << " ";  // print the element

for (auto &i : v)
   i *= i;  // square the element value</pre>
```

2D-Vector

```
vector<vector<int>> m;

for (int r=0; r<R; r++) {
   vector<int> tmp;
   for (int c=0; c<C; c++) {
      tmp.push_back(c);
   }
   m.push_back(tmp)
}</pre>
```

- A string is a variable-length sequence of characters
- Strings are
 - Defined in the header <string>
 - Are provided with additional operations compared to the ones available for the other containers

Initialization

Operation	Meaning
#include <string> using std::string;</string>	Include the appropriate header.
string s;	Defaul initialization; s is the empty string.
string s2(s1); string s2=s1;	String s2 is defined and it is a copy of s1.
string s("value"); string s = "value";	String s is defined and it is a copy of the string literal "value".
string s(n,'c');	Define and initialize s with n copies of character 'c'.

Management

Operation	Meaning
ostream << s	Write the string s on the output stream.
istream >> s	Read the string s from the input stream.
getline(istream, s)	Read an intere line into s from the input stream.
s.empty()	Return true if the string is empty.
s.size()	Return the number of characters.
s[i]	Refernce to character in position i (from zero).
s1+s2	Returns a string which is the concatenation of strings s1 and s2.
s1=s2	Replace s1 with a copy of s2.
s1==s2, s1!=s2, s1 <s2, etc.<="" td=""><td>Comparison using dictionary ordering and case-sensitive.</td></s2,>	Comparison using dictionary ordering and case-sensitive.

Operation	Meaning
string s2(s1,pos);	String s1 is a copy of the characters of string s2 starting at index pos.
s.substr(pos,n)	Return a string containing n characters from s starting at pos.
s.insert(pos,args)	Insert characters args before (position or iterator) pos. Args can be a string, a triple (string, pos, len), etc.
s.erase(pos,len)	Remove len characters starting at position pos.
s.assign(args)	Replace characters in s according to args (defined as before).
s.append(args)	Append args (defined as before) to s.
s.replace(range,args)	Remove range (index or a pair of iterators) of characters from s and replace them with the characters formed by args (defined as before).
s.find(args)	Find the occurrence args (defined in several ways) in s.

More on ... characters

Dealing with characters in a string

	c is a character in this
Operation	Meaning case not a container
isalnum(c)	True is c is a letter or a digit.
isalpha(c)	True is c is a letter.
iscntrl(c)	True is c is a control character.
isdigit(c)	True is c is a digit.
islower(c)	True is c is a lowercase letter.
ispunct(c)	True is c is a punctuation character.
isspace(c)	True is c is a space.
tolower(c)	If c is an uppercase letter, returns its lowercase equivalent; otherwise, returns c unchanged.
toupper(c)	If c is a lowercase letter, returns its uppercase equivalent; otherwise, returns c unchanged.

```
String initialization
```

```
#include <string>
using std::string;
string s1;
string s2 = "foo";
string s3(10, 'a'); // s3 is "aaaaaaaaaa"
s1 = s3:
                     // replace content of s1 with
                      // content of s3
```

String IO

```
Stop with:
ctrl-D (UNIX), ctrl-Z (Windows)
```

```
string word, line;
                               // Input is broken by spaces
while (cin >> word)
  cout << word << endl;</pre>
while (getline (cin, line)) // Read up to the newline
  if (!line.empty())
    // Display only lines that are not empty
    cout << line << endl;</pre>
```

The range-for statement of strings

```
Using subscripts
```

```
// Process the entire string
for (decltype(str.size()) i=0; i!=str.size(); i++)
   str[i] = toupper (str[i]);

// Process a string until we hit a space
for (decltype(str.size()) i=0;
   i!=str.size() && !isspace(str[index]); i++)
   str[i] = toupper (str[i]);
```

Vectors of strings

```
string word;
vector<string> text;

while (cin >> word)
  text.push_back(word);
```

Push versus emplace

```
vector<my_type> c;
c.push_back(my_type("string", 12, 24.50));

// Use the constructor of my_type
c.emplace_back("string", 12, 24.50);

// Error
c.push_back("string", 12, 24.50);
```

Push back takes an object as an argument and adds a copy of that object to the end of the constructor. It's useful when you have an existing object and you want to add a copy of it to the container. vector.push_back(num)

Emplace back constructs the new element in place at the end of the container, directly within the container's memory. It takes the constructor arguments for the new element as arguments. It's useful when you want to construct an object directly in the container without first creating a separate object. std::vector<std::string> vec; vec.emblace_back("hello")