HIGH-LEVEL PROGRAMMING 2

Useful C++ ADTs by Prasanna Ghali

Abstraction and Encapsulation

- Abstraction: design technique for reducing complexity that identifies which specific information should be visible [the interface] and which should be hidden [the implementation]
- Encapsulation: packaging technique provided by programming language to hide implementation and to make visible interface

Abstract Data Types

- Interface created using data abstraction and encapsulation that defines high-level data type and operations on values of that type
- Clients only need to worry about how to use
 ADT interface and not on ADT implementation

Plan For Today

```
Look at useful ADTs provided by C++
standard library such as: std::array,
std::initializer_list, std::pair,
std::string, std::vector,...
```

Static Array Usage in C And C++

```
double average(double arr[], std::size t size) {
  if (!size) { // avoid later division by 0
    return 0.;
  double sum {};
  for (std::size_t i{}; i < size; ++i) {</pre>
    sum += arr[i];
  return sum/size;
int main() {
  int const MAX STUDENTS {5};
  double grades[MAX STUDENTS] {11.1, 22.2, 33.3, 44.4, 55.5};
  std::cout << "Average: " << average(grades, MAX_STUDENTS);</pre>
}
```

Problems With Static Arrays (1/3)

- No runtime boundary checking occurs when reading from and writing to array!!!
 - Reading/writing past array bounds results in undefined behaviour
 - C/C++ compilers don't provide help in detecting reading/writing past array bounds

```
double grades[5] {11.1, 22.2, 33.3, 44.4, 55.5};
int i = 5000;
// this call to crashes the program on my PC ...
std::cout << "grades[" << i << "]: " << grades[i] << "\n";</pre>
```

Problems With Static Arrays (2/3)

□ Another insidious error ...

insidious because some other variable is inadvertently getting updated ...

```
double grades[5] {11.1, 22.2, 33.3, 44.4, 55.5};
int i = -5;

// writing to and reading from outside array ...
grades[i] = 66.6;
```

Problems With Static Arrays (3/3)

Comparison of static arrays doesn't work as expected!!!

```
double mine[] {1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4};
double yours[] {1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4};
double theirs[] {1.1, 1.1, 3.3, 4.4};

if (mine == yours) { std::cout << "mine == yours\n"; }
if (mine != theirs) { std::cout << "mine != theirs\n"; }
if (mine > yours) { std::cout << "mine > yours\n"; }
```

In an expression, name of static array decays to pointer to first array element

Problems With Dynamic Arrays

Things are worse when we don't know array size at compile-time!!!

```
int student_count;
// read input file to determine number of students ...
// allocate appropriate memory on free store ...
int *grades = new [student_count];

// read grades from input file into dynamic array ...
// process grades ...
// don't forget to return memory back to free store ...
```

Pointers Are Error Prone

- Dereferencing uninitialized pointers
- Dereferencing nullptrs
- Reading uninitialized objects that are dynamically allocated
- Failing to delete [or delete[]] allocated memory causing memory leak
- Calling delete rather than delete[] and vice versa
- Accessing deleted memory
- Double deleteing dynamically allocated objects
- Premature deletion causes dangling pointers
- Off-by-one array subscripting

Modern C++ Alternatives

- □ In modern C++, best to avoid C-style arrays!!!
- □ Instead use C++ standard library functionality:

```
std::array, std::initializer_list,
```

std::string, std::vector, ...

It is easy to use these types correctly to avoid problems related to C-style arrays and C-strings and hard to use these types incorrectly to make mistakes common to C-style arrays and C-strings

std::array<T,N>: Usage (1/2)

Modern C++ provides C++ standard library type std::array<T,N> as replacement for static C-style arrays!!!

```
#include <array>
std::array<int, 4> a0; // elements uninitialized
std::array<int, 4> a1 {}; // elements initialized to 0
std::array<int, 4> a2 {2, 4, 6, 8};
a0.fill(11); // set all elements to 11
int x = a0[2]; // operator[] is overloaded
a0[2] *= 2;
std::cout << a0.size() << '\n'; // prints 4
int sa[] {2, 4, 6, 8};
std::cout << std::size(sa) << ' ' << std::size(a0) << '\n';
```

std::array<T,N>: Usage (2/2)

```
std::array<double, 5> da{1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4, 5.5};
double total{};
for (size_t i{}; i < da.size(); ++ i) {</pre>
  total += da[i];
// range for is better than indices ...
std::array<double, 5> da{1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4, 5.5};
double total{};
for (double val : da) {
  total += val;
```

Passing array<> (1/4)

Passing static arrays [by value] to functions is troublesome!!!

```
double sum(double const arr[], size t N) {
  double total{};
  for (size_t i{}; i < N; ++i) {</pre>
    total += arr[i];
  return total;
double sad[5] {1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4, 5.5};
std::cout << sum(sad, 5UL);</pre>
```

Passing array<> (2/4)

Passing static arrays by reference to functions is better!!!

```
double sum(double const (&arr)[5]) {
  double total{};
  for (size_t i{}; i < 5; ++i) {
    total += arr[i];
  return total;
double sad[5] {1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4, 5.5};
std::cout << sum(sad);</pre>
```

Passing array<> (3/4)

- □ Passing static arrays by reference to functions is better!!!
- Range for statement is better!!!

```
double sum(double const (&arr)[5]) {
  double total{};
  for (double val : arr) {
    total += val;
  }
  return total;
}

double sad[5] {1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4, 5.5};
std::cout << sum(sad);</pre>
```

Passing array<> (4/4)

 Passing array<>s to functions is simpler than passing static arrays and as efficient

```
#include <limits>
#include <array>
int largest(std::array<int, 1'000'000> const& value) {
  int large_val {std::numeric_limits<int>::min()};
  for (int x : value) {
    large_val = (x > large_val) ? x : large_val;
  return large val;
int main() {
  std::array<int, 1'000'000> big_array;
  // fill big_array with values ...
  int largest value = largest(big array);
```

Operations on array <> s As a Whole (1/2)

Can't compare static arrays without using loops

```
// compiles but doesn't not as intended!!!
double mine[] {1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4};
double yours[] {1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4};
double theirs[] { 1.1, 1.1, 3.3, 4.4};

if (mine == yours) { std::cout << "mine and yours are equal\n"; }
if (mine != theirs) { std::cout << "mine and theirs are equal\n"; }
if (mine > yours) { std::cout << "mine is greater than yours\n"; }</pre>
```

Operations on array <>s As a Whole (2/2)

array<> containers can be compared using any of comparison operators as long as containers are of same size and store elements of same type!!!

```
std::array<double,4> mine {1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4};
std::array<double,4> yours {1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4};
std::array<double,4> theirs {1.1, 1.1, 3.3, 4.4};

// Lexicographic comparison!!!
if (mine == yours) { std::cout << "mine and yours are equal\n"; }
if (mine != theirs) { std::cout << "mine and theirs are equal\n"; }
if (mine > yours) { std::cout << "mine is greater than yours\n"; }</pre>
```

array<>s Simplify Use Of Multidimensional Arrays (1/2)

```
std::ostream&
operator<<(std::ostream& os, std::array<int,3> const& row);
std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os,</pre>
          std::array<std::array<int,3>,4> const& mat);
// define 4 X 3 2d array ...
std::array<std::array<int,3>, 4> mat43 = {
  std::array<int,3>{1, 2, 3}, std::array<int,3>{4, 5, 6},
  std::array<int,3>{7, 8, 9}, std::array<int,3>{10, 11, 12}
};
// print 2d matrix of size 4 X 3 ...
std::cout << "4 x 3 matrix is:\n" << mat43 << '\n';</pre>
```

array<>s Simplify Use Of Multidimensional Arrays (2/2)

```
std::ostream&
operator<<(std::ostream& os, std::array<int,3> const& row) {
 for (int x : row) {
    std::cout << std::setw(2) << x << ' ';
 return os;
std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os,</pre>
                std::array<std::array<int,3>,4> const& mat) {
 for (std::array<int,3> const& col : mat) {
    std::cout << col << '\n';
 return os;
```

using Keyword [1st Use]

 using declaration makes specific names declared in a namespace accessible without requiring namespace and :: operator

```
#include <iostream>
    This using declaration hides
previous meaning that name
cout had in outer scope!!!

int main() {
    using std::cout; // using declaration
    cout << "hello world: " << ::cout << "\n";
}</pre>
```

using Keyword $[2^{nd} Use](1/4)$

- using directive makes specific all names declared in a namespace accessible without requiring namespace and :: operator
- Worst possible C++ feature!!!
- □ Why?

using Keyword [2^{nd} Use] (2/4)

Suppose you've following situation [where everything works as expected]

```
// from graphics.hpp ...
namespace Graphics {
  void foo(int);
  // other stuff ...
}

// from ai.hpp ...
namespace AI {
  void bar();
  // other stuff ...
}
```

```
// this is your source ...
#include "graphics.hpp"
#include "ai.hpp"
using namespace Graphics;
using namespace AI;
// suppose you're authoring function baz
void baz() {
  bar(); // do some AI stuff ...
  foo(10.1); // do some graphics stuff ...
 // some other functions are called ...
```

using Keyword [2^{nd} Use] (3/4)

Now, interface in namespace AI is expanded
 [causing your code to insidiously go wrong]

```
// from graphics.hpp ...
namespace Graphics {
 void foo(int);
 // other stuff ...
// from ai.hpp ...
namespace AI {
 void bar();
 void foo(double);
 // other stuff ...
```

```
// this is your source ...
#include "graphics.hpp"
#include "ai.hpp"
using namespace Graphics;
using namespace AI;
// suppose you're authoring function baz
void baz() {
  bar(); // do some AI stuff ...
  foo(10.1); // which foo?
 // some other functions are called ...
```

using Keyword [2^{nd} Use] (4/4)

- using directive makes specific all names declared in a namespace accessible without requiring namespace and :: operator
- Simply assume this feature doesn't exist and you'll never have any trouble with it!!!

using Keyword [3^{nd} Use] (1/3)

using alias declaration introduces a C style typedef name any built-in or derived type existing-type typedef IDENTIFIER; new name for existing type keyword any built-in or derived type IDENTIFIER = existing-type; using new name for existing type keyword

using Keyword [3^{nd} Use] (2/3)

```
int incr(int val) {
  return val+1;
}

typedef int INTC;
typedef int (*PFC)(int);
typedef int (&RFC)(int);

using INTCPP = int;
using PFCPP = int(*)(int);
using RFCPP = int(&)(int);
```

```
int main() {
  INTC x \{-1\};
  PFC pfc_incr = incr;
  RFC rfc incr = incr;
  INTCPP y \{-1\};
  PFCPP pfcpp_incr = incr;
  RFCPP rfcpp incr = incr;
  std::cout << pfc incr(++x) << '\n';</pre>
  std::cout << rfc_incr(++x) << '\n';</pre>
  std::cout << pfcpp_incr(++y) << '\n';</pre>
  std::cout << rfcpp_incr(++y) << '\n';</pre>
```

using Keyword [3^{nd} Use] (3/3)

- Always use using keyword to define type aliases in C++ source files
- Forget about keyword typedef in C++
- Use keyword typedef only in C code and for maintaining legacy code ...

Type Aliasing: Example

```
// simplify declarations for 4 X 3 2d array of ints
using COL3 = std::array<int, 3>;
using MAT43 = std::array<COL3, 4>;
std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os, COL3 const& row) {</pre>
  for (int x : row) { std::cout << std::setw(2) << x << ' '; }</pre>
  return os;
}
std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os, MAT43 const& mat) {</pre>
  for (COL3 const& col : mat) { std::cout << col << '\n'; }</pre>
  return os;
MAT43 mat43 {COL3{1,2,3}, COL3{4,5,6}, COL3{7,8,9}, COL3{0,1,2} };
std::cout << "4 x 3 matrix is:\n" << mat43 << '\n';
```

array<>: Final Word

- Stop using static arrays and prefers array<>s
- Everything you do with static arrays can now be done easily, safely, and flexibly with array<>s!!!
- Microsoft has good reference <u>page</u>

Initializer Lists

- initializer_list<> is standard library type that represents array of values of specified type but without array interface!!!
- Useful when you want to define function that takes an unknown number of values of same type

initializer_list<> Operations (1/2)

```
// default initializer: empty list of elements of type T
std::initializer list<T> lst;
// lst2 has as many elements as there are initializers;
// elements are copies of corresponding initializers
// Elements in list are immutable and hence const
std::initializer_list<T> lst2 {a, b, c, ...};
// lst3 doesn't make copies of elements of lst2!!!
// Instead, both lst2 and lst3 share elements
std::initializer_list<T> lst3(lst2);
// same as above: both lst and lst2 share elements
lst = lst2;
// cannot use braces ...
std::initializer_list<T> lst4 {lst2}; // ERROR
```

initializer_list<> Operations (2/2)

```
std::initializer list<T> lst {a, b, c, ...};
lst.size(); // number of elements in list lst
// member function returns pointer to 1st element in lst
lst.begin();
// global function returns pointer to 1st element in lst
std::begin(lst);
// member function returns pointer to one past last element
lst.end();
// global function returns pointer to one past last element
std::end(lst);
```

Initializer Lists

- Subscript operator is not overloaded for std::initializer_list<>
- Can iterate thro' elements using range for statement
- □ See initializer-list.cpp ...
- Microsoft has good reference <u>page</u>

<utility>

- In <utility> library, standard library
 provides a few "utility components" such as
 std::pair<> and std::tuple<>
- For more information, see this reference for pair<> here and this reference for tuple<>

Class std::pair (1/6)

- "Quick and dirty" data structure to combine two values into single value
- Useful because we don't need to define a structure to represent two values
- Used in many places in standard library [which we'll look at later]

Class std::pair (2/6)

 Class std::pair treats two values of arbitrary types as single unit

```
#include <utility>
int main() {
 // make a pair of C-string and double:
  std::pair<char const*, double> p1{"pi", 3.14};
  std::cout << p1.first << ' ' << p1.second << '\n';</pre>
  std::cout << std::get<0>(p1) << ' ' << std::get<1>(p1) << '\n';
 // make a pair of a pair<char,int> and double ...
  using PCI = std::pair<char, int>;
  std::pair<PCI, double> p2{PCI{'a', 1}, 1.21};
  std::cout << std::get<0>(p2).first << '</pre>
            << p2.first.second << ' ' << p2.second << '\n';
```

Class std::pair (3/6)

- cutility> provides convenience function std::make_pair to make pairs from values without writing types explicitly
- □ See pair-intro.cpp ...

```
int main() {
    std::pair<int, double> p4 = std::make_pair(12, 12.123);
    std::cout << std::get<0>(p4) << ' ' << std::get<1>(p4) << '\n';

int i{12};
    double d{12.123};
    std::pair<int, double> p5 = std::make_pair(i, d); // ok
}
```

Class std::pair (4/6)

Usual way to return more than two values is to either use two "in/out" reference parameters or one "in/out" reference parameter and function return value

Class std::pair (5/6)

Can rewrite function to return value of type std::pair: see pair-divrem.cpp ...

```
#include <utility>
std::pair<int, int> divide_remainder(int dividend, int divisor) {
  int q = dividend/divisor, r = dividend-divisor*q;
  return std::pair<int, int>{q, r};
int main() {
  std::pair<int, int> result = divide_remainder(7, 3);
  std::cout << "quotient: " << result.first << " | "</pre>
            << "remainder: " << result.second << "\n";</pre>
  std::cout << "quotient: " << std::get<0>(result) << " | "
            << "remainder: " << std::get<1>(result) << "\n";</pre>
```

Class std::pair (6/6)

Function to return both sum and average

```
#include <utility>
// return both sum and average as std::pair<int, double> value ...
std::pair<int, double> sum avg(std::initializer list<int> values) {
  if (!values.size()) {
    return std::make_pair(0, 0.0);
  int sum {};
 for (int x : values) { sum += x; }
  double average = static cast<double>(sum)/values.size();
  return std::pair<int, double>{sum, average};
```

Class std::tuple

- Another "quick and dirty" data structure to combine two multiple values into single value
- Useful when we want to combine two multiple pieces of data into single value without defining structure to represent these data
- We are not concerned with <u>std::tuple</u> this semester

C-Style Strings In C++

- String is array [sequence] of chars
- C-style string is an array of chars terminatedby null character '\0'
- C++ inherits C-string functions from C and they're declared in <cstring>
- C++ standard library has type std::string
- □ Why std::string?

C-Strings: The Good

- Simple and basic entity: makes use of char type and array concept
- Lightweight: minimal memory requirements
- Low level: Can be easily manipulated and copied
- If you're C programmer, why learn anything else?

C-Strings: The Bad

- Not a first class data type: cannot write intuitive expressions similar to built-in types
- Low level 1: susceptible to hard to find memory and security bugs
- Low level 2: programmers must have knowledge of underlying representation

C++ Strings

- Programs dealing with text are simpler if they use C++ standard library type std::string because std::string is implemented as abstract data type
 - We don't know nor care about implementation
 - Instead, we only care about interface [behavior]
 - And, there is very large interface!!!

std::strings: Include <string>

```
#include <string>
// now you can use objects of type std::string
#include <cstring>
// avoid including <cstring> so that you
// don't use legacy C mechanisms unless
// you're writing code for both C and C++ ...
```

std::strings: Definition

□ Lots of constructors to initialize string objects

Constructor	Examples
string name;	string s0; or string s0{};
<pre>string name(str-literal); string name(str-literal, n);</pre>	<pre>string s1 = {"Bart Simpson"}; string s2 {"Bart Simpson", 4};</pre>
<pre>string name(cstr-variable); string name = cstr-variable; string name{cstr-variable}; string name(cstr-variable, n);</pre>	<pre>char const *ps {"Hello World"}; string s3(ps); string s3 = ps; string s3{ps}; string s4(ps, 5); // "Hello"</pre>
<pre>string name(str-variable); string name = str-variable; string name{str-variable};</pre>	<pre>string s5(s1); string s5 = s1; string s5{s1};</pre>
<pre>string name(str-variable, pos, n);</pre>	string s6(s1, 5, 3); // "Sim"
<pre>string name(n, ch);</pre>	string s7(5, '+'); // "++++

C++ String Literals

□ See <u>here</u> for more examples

R"(...)" notation represents raw string literal with everything between delimiters becoming part of string

```
a b c
a "b" c
"a ""b """c
```

output of above code fragment:

std::string Type Members

All containers including std::string define several types

Type Aliases	Examples
value_type	Element type: char
size_type	Unsigned integral type big enough to hold size of largest possible container: Size_t
difference_type	Signed integral type big enough to hold size distance between two iterators [pointers]
iterator	Type of iterator [pointer] to elements in container: char*
const_iterator	Iterator [pointer] type that can read but not change its elements: char const*
reference	Element's Ivalue type: char&
const_reference	Element's const Ivalue type: char const&

Basic std::string Operations (1/2)

Expression	Meaning
os << s	Writes S into output stream OS. Returns OS.
is >> s	Reads whitespace-separated string from is into s. Returns is.
<pre>getline(is, s)</pre>	Reads line of input from is into s. Returns is.
s.empty()	Returns true if s is empty; otherwise returns false.
s.size()	Returns number of characters in S.
s[n]	Element's Ivalue type: char&

Basic std::string Operations (2/2)

Expression	Meaning
s1 + s2	Returns a string that is concatenation of s1 and s2.
s1 = s2	Replaces characters in S1 with a copy of S2 .
s1 == s2	Evaluates true if strings s1 and s2 contain exactly same characters; otherwise returns false.
s1 != s2	Inverse of $S1 == S2$.
<, <=, >, >=	Comparisons are case-sensitive and use lexicographic [dictionary] ordering.

std::strings: Input and Output (1/2)

Non-member overloads of operator<< and operator>> write and read string, respectively

```
// read an unknown number of strings
std::string word;
while (std::cin >> word) {
   std::cout << word << '\n';
}</pre>
```

std::strings: Input and Output (2/2)

Non-member function getline reads line of

text

```
// read unknown number of lines separated
// by '\n' until end-of-file
std::string line;
while (std::getline (std::cin, line)) {
   std::cout << line << '\n';
}</pre>
```

```
// read unknown number of tokens separated
// by ':' until end-of-file
std::string token;
while (std::getline (std::cin, token, ':')) {
   std::cout << token << '\n';
}</pre>
```

std::strings: Assignment and Concatenation

std::string overloads =, += and +
operators for character, C-string,
std::string arguments

```
std::string s1{"Lisa"};
s1 += " ";
s1 += "Simpson"; // "Lisa Simpson"
std::cout << s1 << '\n';
std::string s2{"is a fictional character"};
s1 = s1 + ' ' + s2;
std::cout << s1 << '\n';</pre>
```

std::strings: Size and Capacity (1/2)

- std::string provides variety of member functions to query number of characters
 - Size and length are equivalent and return current number of characters
 - empty is shortcut to check whether number of characters is zero
 - max_size returns maximum number of characters string can contain
 - capacity returns number of characters string may contain without reallocating memory

output of code fragment:

```
044154611686018427387903
```

std::strings: Size and Capacity (2/2)

Since reallocation takes time, member function reserve is provided to avoid reallocations!!!

```
std::ifstream ifs{"file.txt"};
std::string line;
// process line-by-line the text in file ...
while (std::getline(ifs, line)) {
   // process line of text ...
}
```

```
// more efficient at run-time ...
std::ifstream ifs{"file.txt"};
std::string line;
line.reserve(1024);
// process line-by-line the text in file ...
while (std::getline(ifs, line)) {
   // process line of text ...
}
```

length 5

capacity 16

name

std::strings: Possible Memory Representation

Possible definition of class std::string ...

```
class string {
private:
  char *ptr;
                              std::string name{"Clint"};
  size_t length;
  size_t capacity;
public:
                             name's memory representation:
  // rich interface ...
};
                    'i' 'n' 't'
   ptr
                                  [6]
                              [5]
                                         [8]
                                            [9] [10] [11] [12] [13] [14] [15]
```

std::strings: Indexing (1/2)

std::string overloads subscript operator [no runtime index check] and member function at [throws exception when argument is out-ofrange]

```
std::string s{"abcdef"};

std::cout << s[2] << '\n'; // 'c'

std::cout << s[s.length()-1] << '\n'; // 'f'

std::cout << s[s.length()*2] << '\n'; // undefined behavior

std::cout << s.at(3) << '\n'; // 'd'

// std::out_of_range exception thrown

std::cout << s.at(s.length()*2) << '\n';</pre>
```

std::strings: Indexing (2/2)

Indexing not recommended when entire std::string is accessed!!!

```
std::string capitalize(std::string s) {
   for (std::string::size_type i{}; i < s.length(); ++i) {
      s[i] = (s[i] >= 'a' && s[i] <= 'z') ? s[i]-'a'+'A' : s[i];
   }
   return s;
}</pre>
```

std::strings: Ranging

Use range for statement to access all elements!!!

```
int vowels(std::string const& s) {
  int count{};
  for (char ch : s) {
    count = (ch=='a' || ch=='e' || ch=='i' || ch=='o' || ch=='u')
        ? count+1 : count;
  }
  return count;
}
```

```
std::string capitalize(std::string s) {
  for (char& ch : s) {
    ch = (ch >= 'a' && ch <= 'z') ? ch-'a'+'A' : ch;
  }
  return s;
}</pre>
```

std::strings: More Element Access Methods

```
std::string s{"abcde"};
s.front(); // evaluates to s[0]
s.front() = 'A'; // char& to s[0]
s.back(); // evaluates to s[4]
s.back() = 'Z'; // char& to s[4]
s = ""; // assign the empty string
s.front(); // ERROR: undefined behavior
s.back(); // ERROR: undefined behavior
s.front() = 'Z'; // ERROR
s.back() = 'Z'; // ERROR
```

std::strings: Comparisons (1/4)

- std::string <u>overloads</u> entire gamut of comparison and relational operators
- Equality operators == and != test whether two strings are equal or unequal, respectively
 - Two strings are equal if they're same length and contain same characters

```
std::string s1{"hello"}, s2{s1};
s1 == s2 // evaluates true
s1 != s2 // evaluates false
```

std::strings: Comparisons (2/4)

- Overloaded operators <, <=, >, and >= compare strings lexicographically:
 - If two strings have different lengths and if every characters in shorter string is equal to corresponding character of longer string, then shorter string is less than longer string
 - If any characters at corresponding position in two strings differ, then result of string comparison is result of comparing first character at which strings differ

std::strings: Comparisons (3/4)

Overloaded operators <, <=, >, and >= compare strings lexicographically

```
std::string("aaaa") == std::string("bbbb") // false
"aaaa" > std::string("bbbb") // false
std::string("aaa") < "bbbb" // true</pre>
```

std::strings: Comparisons (4/4)

 Substrings can be compared using member function compare

```
std::string s{"abcd"}, s2{"dbca"};

s.compare("abcd") // returns 0
s.compare(s2) // returns value < 0 [s is less]
s.compare("ab") // returns value > 0 [s is greater]
s.compare(s) // returns 0 [s is equal to s]
s.compare(0,2,s,2,2) // ["ab" is less than "cd"]
s.compare(1,2,"bcx",2) // ["bc" equal to "bc"]
```

std::strings: Substrings

Use member function <u>substr</u> to extract substring

std::strings: Searching & Finding (1/3)

- Using member functions of std::strings,you can search
 - For a single character, character sequence [substring], or one of a set of characters
 - Forward and backward
 - By starting from any position at beginning or inside string

std::strings: Searching & Finding (2/3)

Search operations return index of desired character or npos if not found		
s. <u>find</u> (args)	Find 1st occurrence of args in s	
s. <u>rfind</u> (args)	Find last occurrence of <i>args</i> in s	
s. <u>find first of</u> (args)	Find 1 st occurrence of any character from <i>args</i> in s	
s. <u>find last of</u> (args)	Find last occurrence of any character from args in s	
s. <u>find first not of</u> (args)	Find 1 st character in S not in <i>args</i>	
<pre>s.find last not of(args)</pre>	Find last character in S not in <i>args</i>	

args must be one of		
c, pos	Look for character C starting at position pos in s. pos defaults to 0.	
s2, pos	Look for string s2 starting at position pos in s. pos defaults to 0.	
cp, pos	Look for C-string cp starting at position pos in s. pos defaults to 0.	
cp, pos, n	Look for 1^{st} n characters in C-string Cp starting at position pos in S. No default for pos or n.	

std::strings: Searching & Finding (3/3)

```
std::string s {"Mississippi"};

s.find("si")  // returns 3 [1st substring "si"]
s.find("si", 4) // returns 6 [1st substring "si" starting from s[4]]
s.rfind("si")  // returns 6 [last substring "si"]
s.find_first_of("si") // returns 6 [1st char 's' or 'i']
s.find_last_of("si") // returns 10 [last char 's' or 'i']
s.find_first_not_of("si") // returns 0 [1st char neither 's' nor 'i']
s.find_last_not_of("si") // returns 9 [last char neither 's' nor 'i']
s.find("sssi")  // returns string::npos
```

std::strings: Value npos (1/2)

If search function fails, it returns
std::string::npos

```
std::string s {"Mississippi"};
std::string::size_type idx = s.find("sss");
if (idx == std::string::npos) {
   std::cout << "\"ssi\" not found!!!\n";
}</pre>
```

std::strings: Value npos (2/2)

- □ Be very careful when using string::npos!!!
 - Library uses type Size_t [largest possible unsigned type] as Size_type
 - Library uses maximum value of its type for value of npos [which is -1]
 - -1 in unsigned long is not equivalent to -1 in unsigned int!!!

```
std::string s{"Mississippi"};
unsigned int idx = s.find("sss");
// -1 in unsigned int is not same as -1 in size_t!!!
if (idx == std::string::npos) {
   std::cout << "ssi not found !!!\n";
}</pre>
```

std::strings: Inserting Characters (1/3)

Several possibilities for removing all characters in string:

```
std::string s {"Mississippi"};

s = "";  // assign the empty string
s.clear(); // clear contents
s.erase(); // erase all characters
```

std::strings: Inserting Characters (2/3)

Can use operator+=, <u>append</u>, and <u>push back</u> member function to append characters:

```
std::string s, s2, s3{"Bart"};
s += s3;  // append "Bart"
s += " Sim"; // append C-string
s += 'p';  // append single character
s += {'s', 'o', 'n'}; // append initializer list<char>
s2.append(s3);  // append "Bart"
s2.append(s, 4, 4); // append " Sim"
s2.append(s, 8, std::string::npos); // append "pson"
s2.push_back(' '); // append '
s2.append(3, 'z'); // append three characters: 'z' 'z' 'z'
```

std::strings: Inserting Characters (3/3)

- Can use <u>insert</u> member functions to insert characters
 - These functions require index of character in string after which new characters are inserted

```
std::string const cs{"Sim"};
std::string s{"Bart"};

s.insert(s.size(), "-");  // s: Bart-
s.insert(s.size(), cs);  // s: Bart-Sim
s.insert(s.size(), "pson"); // s: Bart-Simpson
```

std::strings: Removing Characters

Can use member functions <u>erase</u> and <u>pop back</u> to remove characters and replace to replace characters

```
std::string s{"i18n"}; // s: i18n

// s: internationalization
s.replace(1, 2, "nternationalization");
s.erase(13); // s: international
s.erase(7, 5); // s: internal
s.pop_back(); // s: interna
s.replace(0, 2, "ex"); // s: externa
```

std::strings: Numeric Conversions (1/2)

- Non-member convenience functions exist to convert std::strings into numeric values or to convert numeric values to std::strings which:
 - Skip leading whitespaces
 - Return index of first character after last processed character
 - Allow specifying number base to use for integral values
 - Might throw std::invalid_argument if no conversion is possible or std::out_of_range if converted value is outside range of values for return value

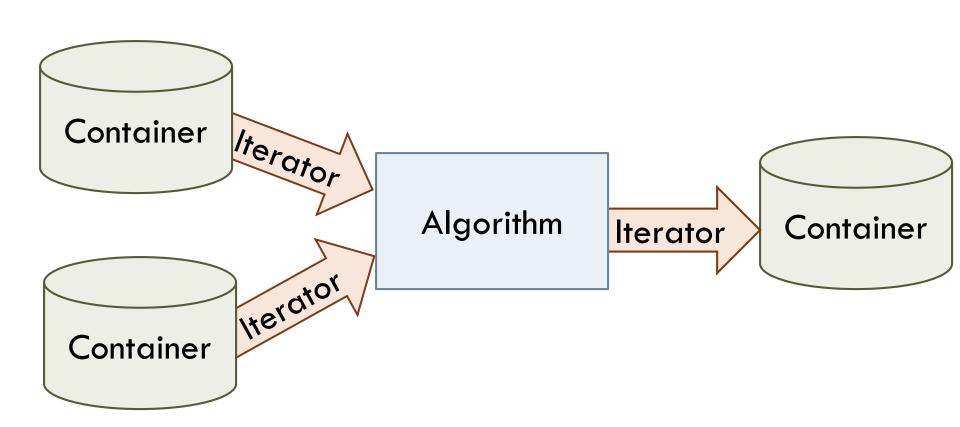
std::strings: Numeric Conversions (2/2)

Function	Effect
<pre>stoi(str, idx=nullptr, base=10)</pre>	Converts <i>str</i> to an int
<pre>stol(str, idx=nullptr, base=10)</pre>	Converts <i>str</i> to a long
<pre>stoul(str, idx=nullptr, base=10)</pre>	Converts <i>str</i> to an unsigned long
<pre>stoll(str, idx=nullptr, base=10)</pre>	Converts <i>str</i> to a long long
<pre>stoull(str, idx=nullptr, base=10)</pre>	Converts <i>str</i> to an unsigned long long
<pre>stof(str, idx=nullptr)</pre>	Converts <i>str</i> to a float
stod(<i>str</i> , <i>idx</i> =nullptr)	Converts <i>str</i> to a double
stold(str, idx=nullptr)	Converts <i>str</i> to a long double
to_string(val)	Converts <i>val</i> to a std::string

More Examples

See code and handout on strings for more examples ...

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Handout

See handout on vectors for more examples ...