

5.6 Vector resize

Commonly, the size of a list of items is not known during a program's compile time. Thus, a vector's size need not be specified in the vector's declaration. Instead, a vector's size can be set or changed while a program executes using **resize(N)**. Ex: `highScore.resize(10)` resizes the `highScores` vector to have 10 elements.

`resize()` can be called multiple times. If the new size is larger, `resize()` adds elements at the end. If smaller, `resize()` deletes elements from the end. If `userScores` has size 3 (elements 0, 1, 2), `userScores.resize(2);` would delete element 2, leaving elements 0 and 1. A subsequent access to `userScores.at(2)` would result in an error.

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5.6.1: Vector resize.



1 2 3 ◀ ✓ 2x speed

```
vector<int> carSales;

// carSales.at(0) = 122; Would be out-of-range error

carSales.resize(3);

carSales.at(0) = 122;
carSales.at(1) = 11;
carSales.at(2) = 7;
```

96		
97	122	carSales.at(0)
98	11	carSales.at(1)
99	7	carSales.at(2)
100		carSales

`carSales.resize(3)` allocates 3 elements with indices 0, 1, and 2. Elements can now be accessed using the `.at()` function.

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The program below asks a user to indicate the number of values the user will enter, allocates that number of elements for a vector, assigns the vector's elements with user-entered values, and then displays the vector's elements.

Figure 5.6.1: Resizing a vector based on user input.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    vector<int> userVals; // No elements yet
    int numVals;
    unsigned int i;

    cout << "Enter number of integer values: ";
    cin >> numVals;

    userVals.resize(numVals); // Allocate elements

    cout << "Enter " << numVals << " integer values..." <<
endl;
    for (i = 0; i < userVals.size(); ++i) {
        cout << "Value: ";
        cin >> userVals.at(i);
    }

    cout << "You entered: ";
    for (i = 0; i < userVals.size(); ++i) {
        cout << userVals.at(i) << " ";
    }
    cout << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

```
Enter number of integer values:
7
Enter 7 integer values...
Value: -5
Value: -99
Value: 0
Value: 13
Value: 7
Value: -22
Value: 1
You entered: -5 -99 0 13 7 -22 1
```

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5.6.2: Vector resize and size functions.



Given the vector declaration:

```
vector<int> agesVctr;
```

- 1) Immediately after the declaration, agesVctr has only 1 element.

☐ True
☒ False

Correct

The vector has no elements. agesVctr.at(0) would yield an error.



- 2) agesVctr.size(4) allocates 4 elements for agesVctr.

☐ True
☒ False

Correct

agesVctr.resize(4) allocates elements. agesVctr.size() returns the current size of vector agesVctr.



- 3) Given agesVctr has 3 elements,

Correct

agesVctr.resize(4) adds 4 more elements, totalling 7 elements.

- ☐ True
☒ False

agesVctr.resize(4) adds just 1 more element, to bring the total to 4.

- 4) Given agesVctr has 3 elements with values 22, 18, and 19, agesVctr.resize(2) changes agesVctr to have 2 elements with values 22 and 18.

- ☒ True
☐ False

Correct

When the new size is smaller than the existing size, resize removes elements from the end.

- 5) After agesVctr.resize(5) and agesVctr.at(0) = 99, agesVctr.size() evaluates to 1.

- ☐ True
☒ False

Correct

agesVctr.size() evaluates to the number of allocated elements, regardless of whether those elements have been assigned with values yet. agesVctr.size() would return 5.

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5.6.1: Determining the size of a vector.

Assign currentSize with the size of the sensorReadings vector.

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 #include <vector>
3 using namespace std;
4
5 int main() {
6     vector<int> sensorReadings(4);
7     int currentSize;
8     int input;
9     cin >> input;
10
11     sensorReadings.resize(input);
12
13     /* Your solution goes here */
14     currentSize = sensorReadings.size();
15
16     cout << "Number of elements: " << currentSize << endl;
17 }
```

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18     return 0;
19 }

```

Run

✓ All tests passed

✓ Testing with input: 10

Your output

Number of elements: 10

✓ Testing with input: 2

Your output

Number of elements: 2

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5.6.2: Resizing a vector.



Resize vector `countDown` to have `newSize` elements. Populate the vector with integers `{newSize, newSize - 1, ..., 1}`. Ex: If `newSize = 3`, then `countDown = {3, 2, 1}`, and the sample program outputs:

3 2 1 Go!

```

5  int main() {
6      vector<int> countDown(0);
7      int newSize;
8      unsigned int i;
9
10     cin >> newSize;
11
12     /* Your solution goes here */
13     countDown.resize(newSize);
14     for (i = 0; i < countDown.size(); ++i) {
15         countDown.at(i) = newSize;
16         newSize--;
17     }
18
19     for (i = 0; i < countDown.size(); ++i) {
20         cout << countDown.at(i) << " ";
21     }
22     cout << "Go!" << endl;
23
24     return 0;
25 }

```

Run

✓ All tests passed

✓ Testing size with input: 3

Your value

✓ Testing elements with input: 3

Your output

✓ Testing size with input: 5

Your value

✓ Testing elements with input: 5

Your output

✓ Testing size with input: 1

Your value

✓ Testing elements with input: 1

Your output

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