

Lab Session: STL containers

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The Problem

- Write a program that manages the list of players of an arcade video-game and their scores. Create a function that can find and return a player with a given username
- As a starting point, you are provided with the implementation based on vector to collect players. Also a `binary_search` function has been implemented
- In the provided example, the search is profiled in case the player is in the vector or he/she is not
- Implement your solution once by using a set (ordered) to collect players, and another time using map (unordered)

The Questions

- Add to search.cc:
 - `bool set_search (`
 `const std::set<Arcade::Player> & player_set,`
 `unsigned username);`
 - `bool map_search (`
 `const std::unordered_map<unsigned, Arcade::Player> &`
 `player_map,`
 `unsigned username);`
- Implement `stl_binary_search()` for the initial vector-based solution, by relying on the STL `binary_search` which is:
 - `bool binary_search(`
 `player_vec_type::const_iterator first,`
 `player_vec_type::const_iterator last,`
 `const Arcade::Player & value);`
- Complete the main

Solution - 1

- 1) Write a class for players. Each player has a username and a vector of scores. In your main function, define a collection of players.

```
typedef std::set<Player> player_set_type;  
player_set_type player_set;
```

Hint: you need to overload operator< for class Player. Why?!

```
bool operator<(const Player &lhs, const Player &rhs)
```

- 2) Try inserting some new elements in your set, using container specific insert.

```
player_set.insert(random_player);
```

- 3) Define a search function that takes the collection of players and a username and looks for username within the container.

```
bool set_search(const player_set_type & stud_set, unsigned username)
```

Solution - 2

Do the same process by using an `unordered_map<id, player>` instead of a set.

```
typedef std::unordered_map<unsigned, Player> player_map_type;  
player_map_type player_map;
```

```
player_map.insert(make_pair(random_player.getUsername(), random_player));
```

```
bool map_search(const player_map_type & player_map, unsigned username);
```