# C++ Programming II

Introduction to Standard Template Library. Overview STL Containers

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### Motivation

```
size_t count_a(const std::vector<char> &vec)
{
    return std::count(vec.begin(), vec.end(), 'a');
}
```

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  - 2. Iterators for accessing the information stored
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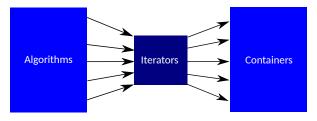
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```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
// Everything in STL Library is defined in the namespace std
using namespace std;
int main()
    // Container
    vector<int> vec:
    vec.push back(4);
   vec.push back(1);
    vec.push back(8); // vec{4, 1, 8}
    // Iterator
    vector<int>::iterator itr1 = vec.begin(); // Points to first
         element
    vector<int>::iterator itr2 = vec.end(); // Points to the
         spot afer the last element!
    for(vector<int>::iterator itr = itr1; itr!=itr2; ++itr)
        cout << *itr << " "; // Print out: 4 1 8
    // Algorithms work on iterators
    sort(itr1, itr2); // vec: {1, 4, 8}
    return 0:
```

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### **Example of STL Work Flow**

- ▶ The majority of our C++ programs should be using STL!
- Code reuse, no need to re-invent the wheel
- Efficiency Modern C++ compilers are tuned to optimize for C++ STL code
- Bullet proove
- less buggy
- clean and readable
- Best use of data structure and algorithms under the hood

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### **Types**

- Containers are STL classes that are used to store data. STL supplies three types of container classes:
  - 1. Sequential containers
  - 2. Associative containers
  - 3. Unordered containers
- In addition classes called *container adapters* with reduced functionality are provided

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- std::array Fixed size array with the performance and accessibility of a C-style array with the benefits of a standard container, such as knowing its own size, supporting assignment, random access iterators, etc.

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- std::priority\_queue Stores elements in a sorted order, such that the one whose value is evaluated to be the highest is always first in the queue

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#### Headers

In order to use STL containers you have to use the following headers:

```
#include <vector>
   #include <deque>
   #include <list>
                              // set and multiset
   #include <set>
                              // map and multimap
   #include <map>
   #include <unordered_set> // unordered_set/multiset
                              // unordered map/multimap
   #include <unordered map>
   #include <queue>
                               // queue / priority queue
   #include <stack>
   #include <iterator>
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   #include <algorithm>
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   #include <numeric>
                               // some numeric algorithms
   #include <functional>
```

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## **Initializing Vectors**

```
// empty vector of ints
   std::vector<int> vec1;
   std::vector<int> vec2(3);
                                            // 3 ints
   std::vector<int> vec2(3,10);
                                           // 3 ints with value 10
                                            // 4 ints: 1,2,3,4
   std::vector<int> vec3{1,2,3,4};
   std::vector<int> vec4(vec2.beqin(), vec2.end()); // via vec2
   std::vector<int> vec5(vec3);  // a copy of vec3
                                           // construct from arrays
   int myInt[] = \{1, 2, 3\};
   std::vector<int> vec6(myInt, myInt + sizeof(myInt)/sizeof(int));
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## **Using Vectors**

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// vec.size() -> 0
   vector<int> vec;
   vec.push back(4);
   vec.push_back(1);
   vec.push_back(8); // vec{4, 1, 8}: vec.size() -> 3
   // Vector specific (random access)
   cout << vec[2]; // 8 (no range check)</pre>
   cout << vec.at(2); // 8 (throws exception out of range)</pre>
   for(int i = 0; i < vec.size(); ++i)
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       cout << vec[i] << " "; // Random access possible</pre>
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   vector<int>::iterator itr; // Create iterator
   for(itr = vec.begin(); itr!=vec.end(); itr++)
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       cout << *itr << " ": // Recommended to use iterators:</pre>
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                                // 1) Faster than random access:
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                                 // 2) Universal way of container
                                 // traversing
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                             // C++ 11 - Most convinient
   for(auto elem : vec)
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       cout << elem << " ":
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    // Vector is a dynamically allocated contigous array in memory
   int* p = &vec[0];
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#### Properties of STL-Vector:

- fast insert/remove at end:  $\mathcal{O}(1)$
- ightharpoonup slow insert/remove at the beginning and middle:  $\mathcal{O}(n)$
- ▶ slow search:  $\mathcal{O}(n)$

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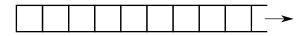
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vector<int> v;
for(int i = 0; i < 1000; ++i)
v.push_back(i);</pre>
```

Requires 2-18 reallocations!

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vector<int> v;
v.reserve(1000);
for(int i = 0; i < 1000; ++i)
    v.push back(i);
```

Reduces cost

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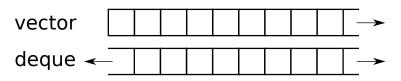
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# STL - Deque - Double-ended-queue

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# STL - Deque - Double-ended-queue

#### Usage

#### Properties of STL-Deque:

- ightharpoonup fast insert/remove at beginning and end:  $\mathcal{O}(1)$
- $\triangleright$  slow insert/remove at the middle:  $\mathcal{O}(n)$
- ▶ slow search:  $\mathcal{O}(n)$
- Not contigous in memory

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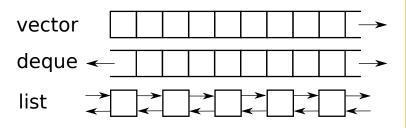
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#### STL - List

## Usage

```
list<int> 1 = {5, 2, 9};
                                   // C++11 container initialisation
   1.push back(6);
                                   // 1: {5, 2, 9, 6}
   1.push front(4);
                                   // 1: {4. 5. 2. 9. 6}
   list<int>::iterator itr = find(1.begin(), 1.end(), 2); // itr-> 2
                                   // 1: {4, 5, 8, 2, 9, 6}
   1.insert(itr,8);
                                   // O(1), faster than vector
                                   // itr \rightarrow 9
   itr++;
                                   // 1: {4, 5, 8, 2, 6} O(1)
   1.erase(itr);
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   // Main reason to use list:
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   myIist1.splice(itr, myList2, itr a, itr b); // O(1)
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```

## Properties of STL-List:

- fast insert/remove at any place:  $\mathcal{O}(1)$
- $\triangleright$  slow search:  $\mathcal{O}(n)$ , slower than vector!
- no random access, no [] operator
- Not contigous in memory
- ▶ Unique killer feature is splice  $\mathcal{O}(1)$

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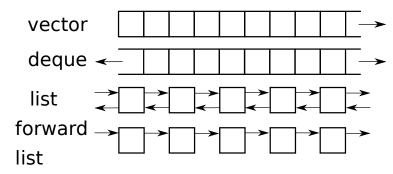
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# STL - Array

## Usage

```
int a[3] = {3,4,5};
a.begin();  // not existing!
a.end();  // not existing!
a.size();  // not existing!
a.swap();  // not existing!

// Solution
array<int,3> b = {3,4,5};
b.end();
b.size();
b.swap();
```

## Properties of STL-Array:

- Thin layer around C-Array
- Provides STL functionalty
- Size is fixed
- Size is deduced in the type: array<int, 3> is not the same type as array<int, 4>

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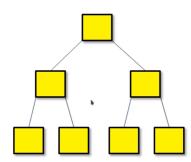
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## STL - Set / Multiset



- Implemented with binray tree (red-black tree 1)
- ▶ Always sorted, default criteria is <, but can be freely choosen

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<sup>1</sup>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red-black\_tree

## STL - Set / Multiset



```
set<int> myset;
myset.insert(3);  // myset: {3}
myset.insert(1);  // myset: {1, 3}
myset.insert(7);  // myset: {1, 3, 7}, O(log(n))

// Note: find function
set<int>::iterator it;
it = myset.find(7);  // O(log(n)), it points to 7

// Check insertion
pair<set<int>::iterator, bool> ret;
ret = myset.insert(3);  // no new element inserted

if (ret.second==false)
    it=ret.first;  // "it" now points to element 3
```

#### Properties of STL-Set:

- Sorting at insertion
- No dublicates allowed
- ▶ insert()  $(\mathcal{O}(\log n))$
- insertion checkable
- ▶ Fast find() function availabe ( $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ )

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## STL - Set / Multiset

## Advanced properties of STL-Set:

- Fast insertion with hint  $(\mathcal{O}(1))$
- erase() by iterator
- erase() by value!
- Note: set<int>::iterator are read only!
- ▶ Traversing is slow comp. to vector & deque
- No random access with [] operator

## **STL-Multiset**

Multiset works the same as set, but allows dublicated items

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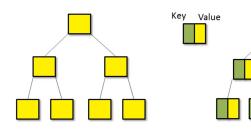
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# STL - Map / Multimap Usage



- Have key / value pairs
- Implemented with binray tree (red-black tree <sup>1</sup>)
- ▶ Always sorted, default criteria is <, but can be freely choosen
- Items are sorted by key

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# STL - Map / Multimap

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```
map<char,int> mymap;

// Init
mymap.insert( pair<char,int>('a',100) );
mymap.insert( make_pair('z',200) ); // types detected

map<char,int>::iterator it = mymap.begin();
mymap.insert(it, pair<char,int>('b',300)); // "it" is a hint

it = mymap.find('z'); // O(log(n))

// showing contents:
for ( it=mymap.begin() ; it != mymap.end(); it++ )
cout << (*it).first << " => " << (*it).second << endl;</pre>
```

#### Properties of STL-Map:

- Sorting at insertion
- No dublicated keys allowed
- ▶ insert()  $(\mathcal{O}(\log n))$
- insertion checkable
- **Fast** find() function availabe ( $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ )

# **STL-Multimap**

Multimap works the same as map, but allows dublicated keys

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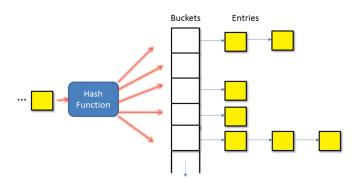
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#### Usage



- The order of elements is not defined and may change over time
- Implemented with hash tables (which is an array (buckets) of linked-list (entries))
- ▶ The hash function is used for insert and search
- Default hash function defined for fundamental types and string
- ightharpoonup Finding an element is very fast/ fastest among all containers (  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  )

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#### Properties of STL-Unordered Set:

- Sorting at insertion
- No subscript operator[] or at()
- No push\_back(), push\_front()
- Order of element values can not be changed

## **STL-Unordered Multiset**

Unordered Multiset works the same as unorderd set, but allows dublicated values

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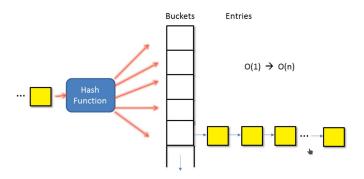
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#### **Hash Collision**



- In the worst case, all elements are inserted into one bucket!
- ▶ Search performance degrades from  $\mathcal{O}(1) \to \mathcal{O}(n)$

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#### Hash Collision

Hash specific API's

```
// Hash table specific APIs:
cout << "load_factor = " << myset.load_factor() << endl;
string x = "red";
cout << x << " is in bucket #" << myset.bucket(x) << endl;
cout << "Total bucket #" << myset.bucket_count() << endl;</pre>
```

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unordered_map<char, string> day = {{'S', "Sunday"}, {'M', "Monday"}};

cout << day['S'] << endl;  // No range check
cout << day.at('S') << endl;  // Has range check

vector<int> vec = {1, 2, 3};
vec[5] = 5;  // Compile Error

day['W'] = "Wednesday";  // Inserting {'W', "Wednesday}
day.insert(make_pair('F', "Friday"));  // Insert {'F', "Friday"}

day.insert(make_pair('M', "MONDAY"));  // Fail to modify
day['M'] = "MONDAY";  // Succeed to modify
```

- Associative array can be implemented using map or multimap
  - 1. test
  - 2. Search time:

```
unordered_map: \mathcal{O}(1) map: \mathcal{O}(log(n))
```

- 3. unordered\_map may degrade to  $\mathcal{O}(n)$ , map guarantees  $\mathcal{O}(\log(n))!$
- ▶ To modify elements use subscript operator []
- This means the subscript operator provides a write access to the container

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# **STL - Unordered Map Example**

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Use iterators to access read-only elements

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## **STL - Container Adapters**

#### For special needs

Container Adapters are implemented using fundamental container classes, providing a restricted interface for special needs:

- stack: LIFO, push(), pop(), top()
- queue: FIFO, push(), pop(), front(), back()
- priority queue: first item always has the greatest priority, push(),
  pop(), top()

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## **Standard Programming Requirements**

STL algorithms supplies the programmer with the most common used requirements

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▶ std::find - Finds a value in a collection

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- std::transform Applies a user-defined transformation function to elements in a container

## **STL Algorithms**

To use those algorithms include the standard header <algorithm>

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Example - find
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```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>
using namespace std;
int main()
    // A dynamic array of integers
   vector<int> intArray;
    intArray.push back (50);
    intArray.push_back(2991);
   intArray.push back (23);
   intArray.push back (9999);
    // Find an element (say 2991) using the 'find' algorithm
    vector<int>::iterator elFound = find(intArray.begin(),
        intArray.end(), 2991);
    // Check if value was found
    if (elFound != intArray.end())
        // Determine position of element using std::distance
        int elPos = distance(intArray.begin(), elFound);
        cout << "Value "<< *elFound;
        cout << " found in the vector at position: " << elPos <<
            end1:
    return 0;
```

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## STL Algorithms Example - find

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        intArray.push back (9999);
        // Use auto for convenience
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        auto elFound = find(intArray.begin(), intArray.end(), 2991);
        // Check if value was found
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        if (elFound != intArray.end())
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            // Determine position of element using std::distance
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            int elPos = distance(intArray.begin(), elFound);
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            cout << "Value "<< *elFound:
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            cout << " found in the vector at position: " << elPos <<
                 end1:
        return 0:
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```

## **Choosing the right Container**

- If you're developping a new application, your requirements might be satisfied by more than one STL container. Nevertheless, the wrong choice could result in performance issues and scalability bottlenecks
- Refer to the companion book to find a comprehensive list (p. 429)

Container	Advantages	Disadvantages
std::unordered_multiset (Associative Container)	Should be preferred over an unordered_set when you need to contain nonunique values too.	Elements are weakly ordered, so one cannot rely on their relative position within the con- tainer.
	Performance is similar to unordered_set, namely, constant average time for search, insertion, and removal of elements, independent of size of container.	
std::map (Associative Container)	Key-value pairs container that offers search performance proportional to the logarithm of number of elements in the container and hence often significantly faster than sequential containers.	Elements (pairs) are sorted on insertion, hence insertion will be slower than in a sequential container of pairs.
std::unordered_map. (Associative Container)	Offers advantage of near constant time search, insertion, and removal of elements independent of the size of the container.	Elements are weakly ordered and hence not suited to cases where order is important.
std::multimap. (Associative Container)	To be selected over std::map when requirements	Insertion of elements will be slower than in a sequential

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