

```
template <class T, class Container = vector<T>,  
    class Compare = less<typename Container::value_type> > class  
priority_queue;
```

Priority queue

Priority queues are a type of container adaptors, specifically designed such that its first element is always the greatest of the elements it contains, according to some *strict weak ordering* criterion.

This context is similar to a *heap*, where elements can be inserted at any moment, and only the *max heap* element can be retrieved (the one at the top in the *priority queue*).

Priority queues are implemented as *container adaptors*, which are classes that use an encapsulated object of a specific container class as its *underlying container*, providing a specific set of member functions to access its elements. Elements are *popped* from the "back" of the specific container, which is known as the *top* of the priority queue.

The underlying container may be any of the standard container class templates or some other specifically designed container class. The container shall be accessible through [random access iterators](#) and support the following operations:

- `empty()`
- `size()`
- `front()`
- `push_back()`
- `pop_back()`

The standard container classes [vector](#) and [deque](#) fulfill these requirements. By default, if no container class is specified for a particular [priority_queue](#) class instantiation, the standard container [vector](#) is used.

Support of [random access iterators](#) is required to keep a heap structure internally at all times. This is done automatically by the container adaptor by automatically calling the algorithm functions [make_heap](#), [push_heap](#) and [pop_heap](#) when needed.

```
template <class T, class Container = deque<T> > class queue;
```

FIFO queue

queues are a type of container adaptor, specifically designed to operate in a FIFO context (first-in first-out), where elements are inserted into one end of the container and extracted from the other.

queues are implemented as *containers adaptors*, which are classes that use an encapsulated object of a specific container class as its *underlying container*, providing a specific set of

member functions to access its elements. Elements are *pushed* into the "back" of the specific container and *popped* from its "front".

The underlying container may be one of the standard container class template or some other specifically designed container class. This underlying container shall support at least the following operations:

- `empty`
- `size`
- `front`
- `back`
- `push_back`
- `pop_front`

The standard container classes [deque](#) and [list](#) fulfill these requirements. By default, if no container class is specified for a particular queue class instantiation, the standard container [deque](#) is used.

Heap

```
template <class RandomAccessIterator>
default void make_heap (RandomAccessIterator first,
(1) RandomAccessIterator last);

template <class RandomAccessIterator, class Compare>
custom void make_heap (RandomAccessIterator first,
(2) RandomAccessIterator last,
Compare comp );
```

Make heap from range

Rearranges the elements in the range `[first, last)` in such a way that they form a *heap*.

A *heap* is a way to organize the elements of a range that allows for fast retrieval of the element with the highest value at any moment (with [pop_heap](#)), even repeatedly, while allowing for fast insertion of new elements (with [push_heap](#)).

The element with the highest value is always pointed by *first*. The order of the other elements depends on the particular implementation, but it is consistent throughout all heap-related functions of this header.

The elements are compared using `operator<` (for the first version), or `comp` (for the second): The element with the highest value is an element for which this would return `false` when compared to every other element in the range.

The standard container

adaptor [priority queue](#) calls `make_heap`, [push_heap](#) and [pop_heap](#) automatically to maintain *heap properties* for a container.