



C++ Data Structures Detailed Guide

1. Array

- **Meaning:** Fixed-size collection of elements of the same type stored contiguously.
- **Syntax:**

cpp

```
int arr[5];    // array of 5 integers
int arr2[] = {1,2,3,4,5}; // initialized array
```

- **Important terms:**
 - `arr[i]` → access element at index `i`
 - `sizeof(arr)/sizeof(arr[0])` → size of array
- **Example & Printing:**

cpp

```
int arr[] = {10,20,30,40};
int n = sizeof(arr)/sizeof(arr[0]);
for(int i=0;i<n;i++)
    cout << arr[i] << " ";
```

2. Vector

- **Meaning:** Dynamic array; can grow or shrink automatically.
- **Syntax:**

cpp

```
#include <vector>

vector<int> v;           // empty vector
vector<int> v2 = {1,2,3}; // initialized vector
```

- **Important functions:**

Function	Meaning
<code>push_back(x)</code>	Add element at the end
<code>pop_back()</code>	Remove last element
<code>size()</code>	Number of elements
<code>empty()</code>	Check if vector is empty
<code>insert(pos, val)</code>	Insert <code>val</code> at <code>pos</code> (iterator or index)
<code>erase(pos)</code>	Remove element at position
<code>clear()</code>	Remove all elements
<code>front()</code>	Access first element
<code>back()</code>	Access last element

- **Example:**

cpp

```
vector<int> v;
v.push_back(10);
v.push_back(20);
v.push_back(30);
v.pop_back(); // removes 30
```

```
for(int x : v) // printing
    cout << x << " ";
```

3. String

- **Meaning:** Sequence of characters; can be dynamically resized.
- **Syntax:**

```
cpp

#include <string>
string s = "Hello";
```

- **Important functions:**

Function	Meaning
<code>length()</code> / <code>size()</code>	Get string length
<code>empty()</code>	Check if empty
<code>append(str)</code>	Add string at end
<code>substr(pos, len)</code>	Substring from <code>pos</code> with <code>len</code>
<code>erase(pos, len)</code>	Remove part of string
<code>find(str)</code>	Find substring
<code>at(i)</code>	Access character at index <code>i</code>

- **Example:**

```
cpp

string s = "Hello";
s.append(" World"); // "Hello World"
for(char c : s) cout << c << " "; // prints each character
```

4. Linked List (STL list)

- **Meaning:** Doubly-linked list (nodes with prev & next).
- **Syntax:**

cpp

```
#include <list>
list<int> l;
```

- **Functions:**

Function	Meaning
<code>push_back(x)</code>	Add at end
<code>push_front(x)</code>	Add at start
<code>pop_back()</code>	Remove last element
<code>pop_front()</code>	Remove first element
<code>insert(pos, val)</code>	Insert at iterator position
<code>erase(pos)</code>	Remove element at iterator position
<code>size()</code>	Number of elements
<code>empty()</code>	Check empty

- **Example & Printing:**

cpp

```
list<int> l = {1,2,3};
l.push_back(4);
l.push_front(0);
for(int x : l) cout << x << " ";
```

5. Stack

- **Meaning:** LIFO (Last In First Out).

- **Syntax:**

```
cpp

#include <stack>
stack<int> st;
```

- **Functions:**

Function	Meaning
push(x)	Add element at top
pop()	Remove top element
top()	Access top element
size()	Number of elements
empty()	Check empty

- **Example & Printing:**

```
cpp

stack<int> st;
st.push(10); st.push(20);
cout << st.top() << endl; // 20
while(!st.empty()) {
    cout << st.top() << " ";
    st.pop();
}
```

6. Queue

- **Meaning:** FIFO (First In First Out).
- **Syntax:**

```
cpp

#include <queue>
queue<int> q;
```

- **Functions:**

Function	Meaning
<code>push(x)</code>	Add element at back
<code>pop()</code>	Remove element from front
<code>front()</code>	Access first element
<code>back()</code>	Access last element
<code>size()</code>	Number of elements
<code>empty()</code>	Check empty

- **Example & Printing:**

```
cpp

queue<int> q;
q.push(1); q.push(2);
cout << q.front() << endl; // 1
while(!q.empty()) {
    cout << q.front() << " ";
    q.pop();
}
```

7. Priority Queue

- **Meaning:** Queue with priority; largest (max-heap) or smallest (min-heap) element always on top.
- **Syntax:**

```
cpp

#include <queue>
priority_queue<int> pq; // max-heap
priority_queue<int, vector<int>, greater<int>> pq_min; // min-heap
```

- **Functions:** Same as queue (`push` , `pop` , `top` , `size` , `empty`)
- **Example & Printing:**

```
cpp
```

```
priority_queue<int> pq;  
pq.push(30); pq.push(10); pq.push(20);  
while(!pq.empty()) {  
    cout << pq.top() << " "; // 30 20 10  
    pq.pop();  
}
```

8. Deque

- **Meaning:** Double-ended queue; can add/remove from both ends.
- **Syntax:**

```
cpp
```

```
#include <deque>  
deque<int> d;
```

- **Functions:**

Function	Meaning
<code>push_back(x)</code>	Add at end
<code>push_front(x)</code>	Add at front
<code>pop_back()</code>	Remove last
<code>pop_front()</code>	Remove first
<code>front()</code> , <code>back()</code>	Access first/last
<code>size()</code> , <code>empty()</code>	Standard

- **Example:**

```
cpp
```

```
deque<int> d = {1,2,3};  
d.push_front(0); d.push_back(4);  
for(int x : d) cout << x << " ";
```

9. Set / Multiset

- **Meaning:** Unique elements (sorted).
- **Syntax:**

cpp

```
#include <set>
set<int> s;
multiset<int> ms; // allows duplicates
```

- **Functions:** insert, erase, find, count, size, empty
- **Example:**

cpp

```
set<int> s = {3,1,4};
s.insert(2);
for(int x : s) cout << x << " "; // prints 1 2 3 4
```

10. Map / Multimap

- **Meaning:** Key-value pairs; sorted by key.
- **Syntax:**

cpp

```
#include <map>
map<int,string> m;
multimap<int,string> mm;
```

- **Functions:** insert, erase, find, count, size, empty, access by m[key]
- **Example:**

cpp

```
map<int,string> m;
m[1] = "One"; m[2] = "Two";
for(auto p : m) cout << p.first << "->" << p.second << " ";
```

11. Unordered Set / Map

- **Meaning:** Like set/map but **not sorted**, uses hash table.
- **Syntax:**

cpp

```
#include <unordered_map>
unordered_map<string,int> um;
unordered_set<int> us;
```

- **Example:**

cpp

```
unordered_map<string,int> um;
um["apple"]=2; um["banana"]=3;
for(auto p : um) cout << p.first << ":" << p.second << " ";
```

12. Bitset

- **Meaning:** Fixed-size sequence of bits; efficient for bit operations.
- **Syntax:**

cpp

```
#include <bitset>
bitset<8> b(13); // 00001101
```

- **Functions:** `set`, `reset`, `flip`, `test`, `count`, `size`
- **Example:**

cpp

```
bitset<8> b(13);
cout << b << endl; // prints 00001101
```

13. Pair

- **Meaning:** Store two values together (can be different types).
- **Syntax:**

cpp

```
#include <utility>
pair<int,string> p = {1,"Hello"};
```

- **Access:** `p.first` , `p.second`
- **Example:**

```
cpp

cout << p.first << " " << p.second << endl; // 1 Hello
```

14. `auto` keyword

- **Meaning:** Automatically deduces variable type from initializer.
- **Example:**

```
cpp

map<int,string> m;
m[1]="One"; m[2]="Two";
for(auto p : m) cout << p.first << "->" << p.second << " ";
```

- Saves time instead of writing `pair<const int,string>` .
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