



Modern "range-based" for loops

In recent versions of C++, there is a version of the **for** loop that automatically iterates over all of the things in a container. This is very useful when used with a standard library container, because you don't have to worry about trying to access memory outside of a safe range, for example: the loop will automatically begin and end in the right place.

for (*temporary variable declaration* : *container*) { *loop body* }

There's an important detail about the temporary variable. If you declare an ordinary temporary variable in the loop, it just gets a copy of the current loop item by value. Changes you make to that temporary copy won't affect the actual container!

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  #include <vector>
3  int main() {
4
5      // In the standard library, a std::vector is an array with automatic size.
6      // Let's make a vector of ints and loop over the contents.
7      // The syntax for std::vector<> is discussed further in the lecture on
        template types.
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9      std::vector<int> int_list;
10     int_list.push_back(1);
11     int_list.push_back(2);
12     int_list.push_back(3);
13
14     // Automatically loop over each item, one at a time:
15     for (int x : int_list) {
16         // This version of the loop makes a temporary copy of each
17         // list item by value. Since x is a temporary copy,
18         // any changes to x do not modify the actual container.
19         x = 99;
20     }
21
22     for (int x : int_list) {
23         std::cout << "This item has value: " << x << std::endl;
24     }
25
26     std::cout << "If that worked correctly, you never saw 99!" << std::endl;
27
28     return 0;
29 }
```

Run

Expected output:

```
1  This item has value: 1
2  This item has value: 2
3  This item has value: 3
4  If that worked correctly, you never saw 99!
```