

# Randomly Shuffle Ranges

Rearrange the values in your range randomly, using `std::random_shuffle` and `std::shuffle`.

You can randomly shuffle ranges with `std::random_shuffle` and `std::shuffle`.

`std::random_shuffle` shuffles the elements in a range:

```
void random_shuffle(RanIt first, RanIt last)
```



`std::random_shuffle` shuffles the elements in the range, by using the random number generator `gen`:

```
void random_shuffle(RanIt first, RanIt last, RanNumGen&& gen)
```



`std::shuffle` shuffles the elements in a range, using the uniform random number generator `gen`:

```
void shuffle(RanIt first, RanIt last, URNG&& gen)
```



The algorithms need random access iterators. `RanNumGen&& gen` has to be a callable, taking an argument and returning a value within its arguments. `URNG&& gen` has to be a *uniform random number generator*.

## Prefer `std::shuffle`

Use `std::shuffle` instead of `std::random_shuffle`. `std::random_shuffle` has been *deprecated* since C++14 and removed in C++17, because it uses the C function `rand` internally.

```
#include <algorithm>
#include <chrono>
#include <iostream>
#include <random>
```



```
#include <vector>
```

```
int main(){

    std::cout << std::endl;

    std::vector<int> vec1{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9};
    std::vector<int> vec2(vec1);

    for (auto v:  vec1) std::cout << v << " ";

    std::cout << std::endl;

    unsigned seed= std::chrono::system_clock::now().time_since_epoch().count();

    std::cout << std::endl;

    std::random_shuffle(vec1.begin(), vec1.end());
    for (auto v:  vec1) std::cout << v << " ";

    std::cout << std::endl;

    std::shuffle(vec2.begin(), vec2.end(), std::default_random_engine(seed));
    for (auto v:  vec2) std::cout <<  v << " ";

    std::cout << "\n\n";

}
```



Randomly shuffle algorithms

**seed** initialises the random number generator.