

Standard Library Algorithms



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Discoverability

```
std::vector<int> v{ 1,2,3,4,5,6 };
```

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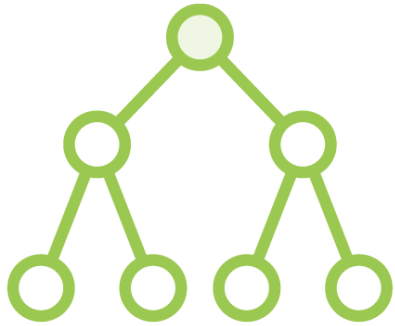
- ◉ `emplace_back`
- ◉ `empty`
- ◉ `end`
- ◉ `erase`
- ◉ `front`
- ◉ `get_allocator`
- ◉ `insert`
- ◉ `max_size`

Not everything is a member function

Just because you don't see `find` in the list, doesn't mean you need to code it yourself



Collections, Algorithms, Iterators



Collections

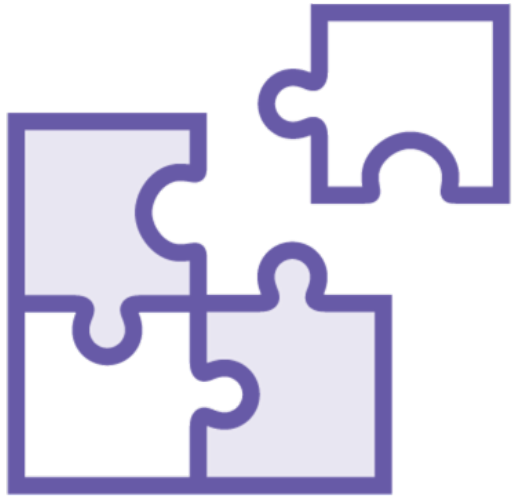


Algorithms

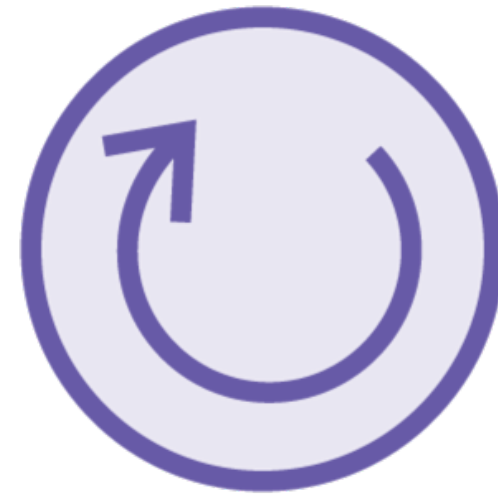


Iterators

Say What You Mean



Why make someone puzzle out your code?



All for loops look similar



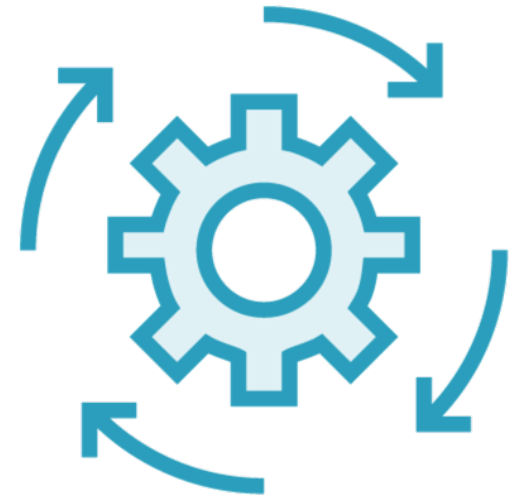
Algorithms Have Names That Are Clues



If you're sorting, use
sort



If you're finding, use
find



If you're generating
elements, use
generate

Less Fuss Over Style

`i++?`
`++i?`
In the for
statement?
In the loop body?

Iterators vs.
random access []

Names for indices,
iterators, etc



```
vector<int> v;
```

```
for (int i = 0; i<5; i++)
```

```
    v.push_back(i++);
```

```
for (auto it = begin(v3); it !=end  
    (v3);it++)
```

```
{
```

```
    if (*it == 3)
```

```
        v3.erase(it);
```

```
}
```

◀ Double incrementing

◀ Invalidating iterators

◀ And plenty more



Do Not Write Raw Loops!





Learn to recognize standard algorithms

- Usually a giant hint in the name



Standard Often Means Interchangeable



The algorithms work with iterators

Most containers support most iterators

**Easy to change containers without
changing other code**

Beautiful C++: STL Algorithms

Counting and Finding

Sorting

Comparing and Accumulating

Generating and Manipulating Collections

Using the Power of Iterators

Unexpectedly Useful Operations

Conventions



Summary



Calling named functions makes your code expressive and readable

Not having to write them saves you work

- They handle edge cases
- They may be faster than what you would write

It's pretty easy to change container and use the same algorithms

The only tough part is finding and learning them

