

## Strength and Weakness of STL vectors

Quiz!

### Advantages of STL vectors (over standard C/C++ arrays)

- ✓ Flexible element access
  - `vec[i]` → No range check, but more efficient
  - `vec.at(i)` → With range check
- ✓ Dynamic growth of arrays
  - Memory are automatic allocated (and reallocated)
- ✓ Less likely to have memory leak
  - No need to delete/free memory explicitly
- ✓ Built-in methods for common array operations

### Disadvantages of STL vectors

- Not as efficient as standard C/C++ arrays
- Comprehensive comparison
  - [http://cs.smu.ca/~porter/csc/ref/stl/tutorial\\_intro.html](http://cs.smu.ca/~porter/csc/ref/stl/tutorial_intro.html)

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STL pro:

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`vec.at(i)`--range check

- Dynamic growth of array
- Less memory leak
- Built-in-function for common array operation