Interview cheatsheet

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1 C++ language

1.1 Bitwise operations

List of bitwise operations:

- ~ (NOT)
- & (AND)
- | (OR)
- ^ (XOR)

```
• << left shift
>> right shift
int a = 5; // a = 0101
int b = 7; // b = 0111
std::cout << (a & b) << '\n';
                                      // a \& b = 0101
std::cout << (a | b) << '\n';
                                      // a / b = 0111
std::cout << (~a) << '\n';
                                      // ~a = 1010
                                      // ~b
std::cout << (~b) << '\n';
                                               = 1000
std::cout << (a << 2) << '\n';
                                      // a << 2 = 010100 = 20
                                     // b << 2 = 011100 = 28
std::cout << (b << 2) << '\n';
std::cout << (a >> 2) << '\n';
                                     // a >> 2 = 01
                                     // b >> 2 = 01
std::cout << (b >> 2) << '\n';
                                     // a \ll 31 = -INT\_MAX
std::cout << (a << 31) << '\n';
std::cout << (b << 31) << '\n';
                                     // b << 31 = -INT\_MAX
std::cout << (a >> 31) << '\n';
                                     // a >> 31 = 0
                                      // b >> 31 = 0
std::cout << (b >> 31) << '\n';
                                      // a << 32 = a (UNDEFINED BEHAVIOR)
std::cout << (a << 32) << '\n';
                                     // b << 32 = b (UNDEFINED BEHAVIOR)
std::cout << (b << 32) << '\n';
                                     // a >> 32 = a (UNDEFINED BEVAHIOR)
std::cout << (a >> 32) << '\n';
std::cout << (b >> 32) << '\n';
                                      // b >> 32 = b (UNDEFINED BEHAVIOR)
std::cout << (1 << 31) << '\n';
                                      // 1 << 31 = -INT MAX
std::cout << ((1 << 31) - 1) << '\n'; // (1 << 31) - 1 = +INT MAX
std::cout << (1 >> 31) << '\n';
                                      // 1 >> 31 = 0
```

Left shifting int by 31 results in -INT_MAX

Right shifting int by 31 results int 0.

Right shifting int by 31 and subtracting 1 results int +INT_MAX.

Left or right shifting anything by 32 results in undefined behavior

1.2 Functions

```
Functions are defined by syntax: (and they can use auto return type deduction) return_type function_name(list_of_arguments) {}
```

```
In C++17
auto function_name(list_of_arguments) -> return_type {}
```

Functions may have special attributes (specified before function return type and name):

- inline very important if in header file which is included in multiple translation units
- [[nodiscard]] encourages the compiler to issue a warning if the return value is discarded
- [[noreturn]] indicates that the function does not return
- [[deprecated]] indicates that the use of the name or entity declared with this attribute is allowed, but discouraged for some reason
- [[maybe_unused]] suppresses compiler warnings on unused entities, if any
- [[likely]] and [[unlikely]] indicates that the compiler should optimize for the case where a path of execution through a statement is more or less likely than any other path of execution

1.3 Const and constexpr

```
Const means: I promise I won't change this value
const int foo = 5;
foo = 10; // compile error
Pointer to const vs. const pointer:
int a = 0;
int b = 1;
const int* foo = &a; // pointer to const int
foo = &b; // OK
*foo = 5; // compile error: cannot assign to variable that is const
int* const bar = &a; // const pointer to int
bar = &b; // compile error: cannot assign to variable that is const
*bar = 5; // OK
const int* const baz = &a; // const pointer to const int
baz = &b; // compile error: cannot assign to variable that is const
*baz = 5; // compile error: cannot assign to variable that is const
Constexnr roughly means. To be evaluated at compile time
int pow_3(int num) { return num * num * num; ]
constexpr int pow_2(const int num) { return num * num; }
int main()
{
    const int a = 2.0;
    constexpr int PI = 3.14;
                           // evaluated at compile time
   int p1 = pow_2(PI);
                              // evaluated at compile time
    int p2 = pow_2(a);
    int p3 = pow_2(pow_3(a)); // evaluated at runtime - pow_3() is not
        constexpr, p3 cannot be declared constexpr
}
```

1.4 new and delete

new

delete

Usage:

```
int* foo = new int(5);
delete foo; // free memory occupied by int foo
int* bar = new int[1000000];
delete[] bar; // free memory occupied by 1 million elements array
struct baz
    int* x;
    baz() : x(new int[1000000]) {}
    ~baz() { delete[] x; }
};
// Freeing memory of array of objects with custom destructor:
baz** baz_array = new baz*[100];
for (auto i = 0; i < 100; i++)
{
    delete baz_array[i];
}
delete[] baz_array;
Deleting a nullntr:
int* foo = nullptr;
delete foo; // no destructors are called, and the deallocation function is not
called
      Constructors (without copy and move)
1.5
class foo
public:
    int x = 42;
    foo() { std::cout << "Default constructor called!\n"; }</pre>
    foo(int z) : x(z) { std::cout << "One-argument constructor called!\n"; }</pre>
    foo(std::initializer_list<int> 1) { std::cout << "Initializer list</pre>
        constructor called!\n"; }
};
Invoking constructors foo f: // default constructor called
foo f1 = foo(); // default constructor called
                // one-argument constructor called
foo f2 = 1;
foo f3 = (1);
               // one-argument constructor called
foo f4 = \{1\};
                 // initializer list constructor called
foo f5(1);
                 // one-argument constructor called
foo f6(1);
                 // one-argument constructor called
foo f7{1};
              // initializer list constructor called
However if we define one or more argument constructor explicit:
class foo
{
public:
    int x = 42;
foo() { std::cout << "Default constructor called!\n"; }</pre>
```

```
explicit foo(int z) : x(z) { std::cout << "One-argument constructor
        called!\n"; }
    foo(std::initializer_list<int> 1) { std::cout << "Initializer list</pre>
        constructor called!\n"; }
};
Then we end un with;
                 // default constructor called
foo f;
foo f1 = foo(); // default constructor called
               // error: cannot convert from 'int' to 'foo'
foo f2 = 1;
foo f3 = (1); // error: cannot convert from 'int' to 'foo'
foo f4 = \{1\};
                // initializer list constructor called
foo f5(1);
                 // one-argument constructor called
foo f6(1);
                 // one-argument constructor called
foo f7{1};
               // initializer list constructor called
1.6 Destructor
class foo
private:
    int x*;
public:
    foo() { x = new int[1000000]; }
    ~foo() { delete[] x; }
Destructor should never throw an exception, because it may happen during stack unwinding!
      Copy
class foo
{
public:
    int x;
    foo() {}
    foo(const foo& f) : x(f.x) { std::cout << "Copy constructor called!\n"; }</pre>
    foo& operator=(const foo& f)
        std::cout << "Copy assignment operator called!\n";</pre>
        x = f.x;
        return *this;
    }
};
Invoking conv constructor
foo f1;
               // copy constructor called
foo f2(f1);
foo f3 = f1; // copy constructor called
foo f4 = (f1); // copy constructor called
foo f5 = {f1}; // copy constructor called
Invoking conv assignment operators
foo f1;
```

foo f2;

```
f2 = f1; // copy assignment operator called
foo f3;
f3 = (f1); // copy assignment operator called
foo f4;
f4 = {f1}; // copy assignment operator called
```

1.8 Move

```
std::exchange is basically an std::move for non-class types (it replaces the old value with new value and returns the old value)
#include <utility>
```

```
#include <utility>
// for std::move and std::exchange

class foo {
  public:
    int x;
    foo() {}
    foo(foo&& f) : x(std::exchange(f.x, 0)) { std::cout << "Move constructor called!\n"; }
    foo& operator=(foo&& f)
    {
        x = std::exchange(f.x, 0);
        std::cout << "Move assignment operator called!\n";
        return *this;
    }
};</pre>
```

```
Invoking move constructor:

foo f1;

foo f2;

foo f3;

foo f4;

foo f_move1(std::move(f1)); // move constructor called

foo f_move2 = std::move(f2); // move constructor called

foo f_move3 = (std::move(f3)); // move constructor called

foo f_move4 = {std::move(f4)}; // move constructor called
```

```
Invoking move assignment operator:
foo f1;
foo f2;
foo f3;

foo f_move1;
f_move1 = std::move(f3); // move assignment operator called
foo f_move2;
f_move2 = (std::move(f2)); // move assignment operator called
foo f_move3;
f_move3 = {std::move(f3)}; // move assignment operator called
```

1.9 Methods and friend functions/classes

Class/struct methods have to be defined inside of them:

```
class foo
{
private:
    int x;
public:
    foo();
    void bar(); // here
};
They can be declared inside of them:
class foo
{
private:
    int x;
public:
    foo();
    void bar() { std::cout << x << '\n'; } // here</pre>
};
or outside of them:
class foo
private:
    int x;
public:
    foo();
    void bar();
};
void foo::bar() { std::cout << x << '\n'; } // here</pre>
```

Methods can be declared: (it is written after function arguments list)

- const calling that method will not change objects internal state
- override just an indicator that method is overriding it's base class equivalent, see Virtual inheritance
- noexcept functions can have it as well, indicates that function cannot throw

Friend functions are functions which have access to object's protected/private members'
class foo
{
private:
 int x = 0;
public:
 foo();
 friend void print_x(foo& f);
};

void print_x(foo& f)
{
 std::cout << f.x << '\n';
}</pre>

```
Friend classes:
class foo
private:
   int x = 0;
public:
  friend class bar;
};
class bar
public:
   void print_foo(foo& f) { std::cout << "foo::x = " << f.x; }</pre>
};
int main()
{
   foo f;
   bar b;
   b.print_foo(f);
}
```

1.10 Inheritance class foo

```
public:
   foo(): x{0}, y{1}, z{2} {}
   int x;
private:
   int y;
protected:
   int z;
};
class bar : public foo
{
public:
  void baz()
       std::cout << x << '\n';
       std::cout << z << '\n';
};
auto main() -> int
{
   bar b;
   std::cout << b.x << '\n';
std::cout << b.y << '\n'; // error: cannot acces private member of foo
```

```
std::cout << b.z << '\n'; // error: cannot acces protected member of foo }
```

Inheritance always goes down, so:

- public inheritance doesn't change anything
- protected inheritance makes public members protected
- private inheritance makes public and protected members private

1.11 Virtual inheritance

```
A class in an abstract class if one or more of it's methods are declared nure virtual (= 0)!
class foo
}
public:
    foo() { std::cout << "foo() called!\n"; }</pre>
    virtual void baz() { std::cout << "foo's baz() called!\n"; } // virtual</pre>
        keyword does not matter here
    ~foo() { std::cout << "~foo() called!\n"; }
};
class bar : public foo // or here
public:
    bar() { std::cout << "bar() called!\n"; }</pre>
    void baz() { std::cout << "bar's baz() called!\n"; }</pre>
    ~bar() { std::cout << "~bar() called!\n"; }
};
int main()
{
    foo f;
              // foo() called
    f.baz(); // foo::baz() called
    bar b;
              // foo() called, bar() called
    b.baz(); // bar::baz() called
} // ~bar() called, ~foo() called, ~foo() called
```

Problems start with multiple inheritance:
class D
{
public:
 D() { std::cout << "D() called!\n"; }
 virtual void foo() { std::cout << "D's foo() called!\n"; }
 ~D() { std::cout << "~D() called!\n"; }
};

class C : public D
{
public:
 C() { std::cout << "C() called!\n"; }
 void foo() override { std::cout << "C's foo() called!\n"; }
 ~C() { std::cout << "~C() called!\n"; }
};</pre>

```
class B : public D
{
public:
    B() { std::cout << "B() called!\n"; }</pre>
    ~B() { std::cout << "~B() called!\n"; }
};
class A : public C, public B
{
public:
   A() { std::cout << "A() called!\n"; }
    ~A() { std::cout << "~A() called!\n"; }
};
auto main() -> int
    A a;
    a.foo(); // error: ambiguous access of 'foo', could be the 'foo' in base 'C',
        or could be the 'foo' in base 'D'
To solve this one can use virtual inheritance:
class D
public:
    D() { std::cout << "D() called!\n"; }</pre>
    virtual void foo() { std::cout << "D's foo() called!\n"; }</pre>
    virtual ~D() { std::cout << "~D() called!\n"; }</pre>
};
class C : public virtual D
public:
    C() { std::cout << "C() called!\n"; }</pre>
    virtual void foo() { std::cout << "C's foo() called!\n"; }</pre>
    virtual ~C() { std::cout << "~C() called!\n"; }</pre>
};
class B : public virtual D // B also has to do virtual inheritance
public:
   B() { std::cout << "B() called!\n"; }</pre>
    virtual ~B() { std::cout << "~B() called!\n"; }</pre>
};
class A : public C, public B
public:
    A() { std::cout << "A() called!\n"; }
    ~A() { std::cout << "~A() called!\n"; }
};
auto main() -> int
```

```
{
    A a;
    a.foo(); // outputs: C's foo() called!
}
```

1.12 Polymorphism

```
Coming back to Virtual inheritance a little bit.
class foo
{
public:
    foo() { std::cout << "foo() called!\n"; }</pre>
    void baz() { std::cout << "foo's baz() called!\n"; }</pre>
    ~foo() { std::cout << "~foo() called!\n"; }
};
class bar : public foo
{
public:
    bar() { std::cout << "bar() called!\n"; }</pre>
    void baz() { std::cout << "bar's baz() called!\n"; }</pre>
    ~bar() { std::cout << "~bar() called!\n"; }
};
int main()
{
    foo* f = new bar();
    f->baz(); // calls foo::baz() - we didn't want it
    delete f;
}
We can fix this by declaring foo.baz() virtual.
class foo
{
public:
    foo() { std::cout << "foo() called!\n"; }</pre>
    virtual void baz() { std::cout << "foo's baz() called!\n"; } // declared</pre>
        virtual
    ~foo() { std::cout << "~foo() called!\n"; }
};
class bar : public foo
}
public:
    bar() { std::cout << "bar() called!\n"; }</pre>
    void baz() override { std::cout << "bar's baz() called!\n"; }</pre>
    ~bar() { std::cout << "~bar() called!\n"; }
};
int main()
    foo* f = new bar();
f->baz(); // calls bar::baz() - OK!
```

```
delete f;
}
```

The two above examples have one problem: wrong destruction!

```
The problem lies in manipulating bar object via pointer to it's base class: foo:
int main()
{
    foo* f = new bar(); // foo() called, bar() called
    f->baz();
    delete f; // only ~foo() called - WRONG!
}
```

The rule is: Always define base classes' destructors virtual when they're meant to be manipulated polymorphically!

```
We fix it by declaring foo destructor virtual.
class foo
{
public:
    foo() { std::cout << "foo() called!\n"; }</pre>
    virtual void baz() { std::cout << "foo's baz() called!\n"; }</pre>
    virtual ~foo() { std::cout << "~foo() called!\n"; }</pre>
};
class bar : public foo
{
public:
    bar() { std::cout << "bar() called!\n"; }</pre>
    void baz() override { std::cout << "bar's baz() called!\n"; }</pre>
    ~bar() { std::cout << "~bar() called!\n"; }
};
int main()
{
    foo* f = new bar(); // foo() called, bar() called
    f->baz();
    delete f; // ~bar() called, ~foo() called - OK!
}
```

1.13 Casts

There are several types of casts in C++:

```
  plain old C cast (type_name)
    static_cast<>
        dynamic_cast<>
        const_cast<>
        reinterpret_cast<>

static_cast<>

Simple cast_performs no runtime checks:
double a = 5.0;
double b = 3.0;
double c = static_cast<int>(a / b);
```

```
dynamic_cast<>
```

```
IJseful when you don't know the type of the object. Returns nullptr if cast didn't succeddif (foo *f = dynamic_cast<foo*>(&baz)) {
    ...
} else if (bar *b = dynamic_cast<bar*>(&baz)) {
    ...
}
```

const_cast<>

Used to "cast away" the **const**, but still changing the value after casting can result in runtime error. It is primarly used to match the function prototype which sometimes wants non-const parameter, although it doesn't change it.

```
const int const_foo = 5;
int *nonconst_foo = const_cast<int*>(&foo); // removes const
*nonconst_foo = 10; // potential run-time error
```

reinterpret_cast<>

It handles conversions between certain unrelated types, such as from one pointer type to another incompatible pointer type. It will simply perform a binary copy of the data without altering the underlying bit pattern.

```
char c = 10; // 1 byte
int *q = static_cast<int*>(&c); // compile-time error (int is 4 bytes)
int *r = reinterpret_cast<int*>(&c); // forced conversion - works!
```

1.14 Templates

1.15 Exceptions and error handling

```
try
{
    auto result = foo();
}
catch (std::exception& e)
{
    std::cout << e.what() << '\n'
}</pre>
```

```
Ilser-defined exception:
#include <exception>
class foo : public std::exception
{
public:
    const char* what() const throw ()
    {
        return "C++ Exception";
    }
}
```

Other methods:

- return codes, usually based on enums
- errno

errno

```
We check a global variable errno for errors and print them out using std·strerror().
#include <cmath>
#include <cerrno>
#include <cstring>
#include <clocale>
int main()
{
    double not_a_number = std::log(-1.0);
    if (errno == EDOM) {
        std::cout << "log(-1) failed: " << std::strerror(errno) << '\n';</pre>
        std::setlocale(LC_MESSAGES, "de_DE.utf8");
        std::cout << "Or, in German, " << std::strerror(errno) << '\n';</pre>
    }
}
    STL containers
\mathbf{2}
```

2.1 std::tuple

```
Defined in <tuple>
std::tuple t1{1, 3.14, "Hello"}; // since C++17

auto t2 = std::make_tuple(1, 3.14, "Hello"); // before

Cetting the values:
std::tuple<int, double, std::string> get_tuple();
auto [id, value, comment] = get_tuple(); // C++17 structured bindings
```

2.2 std::pair

```
Defined in <utility>
std::pair p1{1, "word"};
auto p2 = std::make_pair(1, "word");

Gettin values:
auto [val, comment] = p1;
```

2.3 std::array

```
Defined in <array>
std::array<int> a = {1, 2, 3, 4};

Iterating:
for (auto& val: a)
```

```
for (auto& val: a)
{
    std::cout << val << '\n';
}</pre>
```

```
Getting the values:
auto first = a[0];
auto last = a[v.size() - 1];
auto first = *a.begin();
auto last = *(a.end() - 1);
auto first = a.at(0); // throws std::out_of_range
```

```
Inserting the values: a[0] = 42; // changing first value
2.4 std::vector
Defined in <vector>
std::vector<int> v{1, 2, 3, 4};
Iteratino:
for (auto& val: v)
{
    std::cout << val << '\n';
}
Getting the values
auto first = v[0];
auto last = v[v.size() - 1];
auto first = *v.begin();
auto last = *(v.end() - 1);
auto first = v.at(0); // throws std::out_of_range
Inserting the values:
v.push_back(42);
v.emplace_back(42); // in-place - faster if non-trivial
v[0] = 42 // changing first value
2.5
      std::list
Defined in <list>
std::list<int> 11 {1, 2, 3, 4};
std::list 12{v.begin(), v.end()}; // deduction guides
Iterating.
for (auto& val: 11)
    std::cout << val << '\n';
}
Getting the values: von shouldn't! std..list is meant for iterating it!
auto first_element = *l1.begin();
Inserting the values (front back): 11.push_front(42);
11.emplace_front(42);
11.push_back(42);
11.emplace_back(42);
Inserting the values anywhere:
#include <algorithm>
auto it = std::find(l1.begin(), l1.end(), 3); // insert a value before 3 by
    finding it
if (it != l1.end())
{
    11.insert(it, 42);
    11.emplace(it, 42); // in-place - faster if non-trivial
```

}

2.6 std::unordered set, std::set

Defined in <unordered_set>, <set>

```
std::unordered_set is generally a first choice because of performance, if you don't need values to
he ordered
std::unordered_set<std::string> u_set{"dog", "turtle", "cat"};
std::set<std::string> set{"dog", "turtle", "cat"};
std::unordered_set u_set1{1, 2, 3, 4}; // deduction guides

Iterating:
for(auto& val: u_set)
{
    std::cout << val << '\n';
}

Getting the values: vou shouldn't! std::unordered_set__std::set_are meant for iterating them!
auto_it = u_set.find("dog"); // returns_iterator

Inserting the values:
u_set.insert("elephant");
u_set.emplace("elephant"); // in-place - faster if non-trivial</pre>
```

2.7 std::unordered_map, std::map

Defined in <unordered_map>, <map>

std::unordered_map is generally a first choice because of performance, if you don't need keys to be
ordered
std::unordered_map<std::string, int> u_map = {{"key1", 7}, {"key2", 42}};
std::map<std::string, int> map = {{"key1", 7}, {"key2", 42}};

```
Iterating:
for(auto const& [key, val]: u_map)
{
    std::cout << key << ':' << val << '\n';
}</pre>
```

```
Getting the values:
auto v1 = u_map["key1"]; // doesn't throw
auto v2 = u_map.at("key1"); // can throw if no key
```

```
Inserting the values:
u_map.insert({"key3", 100}); // no need to create an std::pair, compiler will do
    it for us
u_map["key4"] = 1000;
```

```
or a faster constructing in place emplace():
u_map.emplace("key3", 100);
```

2.8 std::queue, std::deque

```
Defined in <queue> <deque> std::queue<int> q1 {1, 2}; std::deque<int> d1 {3, 4};
```

Inserting the values:

```
// Queue
q1.push(5);
q1.emplace(5); // in-place - faster if non-trivial
// Dequeue
q2.push_front(4);
q2.emplace_front(4);
q2.push_back(5);
q2.emplace_back(5);
Cetting the values
auto first = q1.front();
auto last = q1.back();
```

Deque stands for double-ended queue and is able to add and remove elements from the front it Removing with .pop(), .pop_front(), .pop_back() is void, they don't return the element, they just remove it!!!

2.9 std::priority_queue

The same methods as simple std::queue

3 STL algorithms

3.1 std::copy

Defined in <algorithm>

Requirements for user-defined types: .begin(), .end()

3.2 std::iota

Defined in <numeric>

Fills a container with incrementing values

```
On STL types:
std::vector<int> v(10);
std::iota(v.begin(), v.end(), 0);
```

Requirements for user-defined types: .begin(), .end()

3.3 std::sort

Defined in <algorithm>

```
On STL types:
std::sort(c.begin(), c.end());
struct {
    bool operator()(int a, int b) const
    {
        return a < b;
    }
} customLess;
std::sort(c.begin(), c.end(), customLess); // sort using a custom function object
std::sort(c.begin(), c.end(), [](int a, int b) { // sort using a lambda expression
    return a > b;
});
```

```
Requirements for user-defined types:
bool foo::operator<(const foo& 1, const foo& r) const;
```

3.4 std::find, std::find_if, std::find_if_not

Defined in <algorithm>

```
On STL types
auto result = std::find(c.begin(), c.end(), 42);
auto result1 = std::find_if(c.begin(), c.end(), someFunc);
auto result2 = std::find_if_not(c.begin(), c.end(), someFunc);
```

They search only for first occurrence!!!

You can write a function that takes the iterator they return and proceed further

```
Requirements for user-defined types:
bool foo::operator==(const foo& r) const;
```

3.5 std::swap

Defined in <algorithm>

```
On STI types'
int a = 3;
int b = 5;
std::swap(a, b);
std::vector<int> v{1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
std::swap(v.begin(), v.begin() + 1); // swap 1 with 2
```

Requirements for user-defined types: must be move assignable and move constructible!

3.6 std::accumulate

Defined in <numeric>

```
On STL types:
auto sum = std::accumulate(c.begin(), c.end(), 0);
#include <functional>
auto multiply = std::accumulate(c.begin(), c.end(), 1, std::multiplies<int>());
```

3.7 std::for each

Defined in <algorithm>

```
On STI types:
std::vector<int> v{3, 4, 2, 8, 15, 267};
auto print = [](const int& n) { std::cout << " " << n; };
std::for_each(v.begin(), v.end(), print); // using lambda

struct Sum
{
    Sum(): sum{0} { }
    void operator()(int n) { sum += n; }
    int sum;
};
std::for_each(v.begin(), v.end(), Sum); // // calls Sum::operator() for each
    number - not constructor!!!</pre>
```

Requirements for user-defined types:
void foo::operator()(type t);

3.8 std::random_shuffle

Defined in <algorithm>

```
On STI types:
std::vector<int> v = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10};

std::random_device rd;
std::mt19937 g(rd());

std::random_shuffle(v.begin(), v.end(), g);
```

Requirements for user-defined types: .begin(), .end()

3.9 std::lower_bound, std::upper_bound

Defined in <algorithm>

```
std::lower_bound returns iterator to first value comparing not less than
```

```
std::upper bound returns iterator to first value comparing greater than
std::vector<int> v{10, 10, 10, 20, 20, 20, 30, 30, 30};
std::lower_bound(v.begin(), v.end(), 20); // returns -> 3 (first position of 20)
std::upper_bound(v.begin(), v.end(), 20); // returns -> 6 (first position of 30)
```

4 C++ misc

4.1 File I/O

4.2 Smart pointers

There are few types of smart pointers in C++:

- unique_ptr basically a normal pointer with automatic deletion, no overhead
- shared_ptr reference-counted smart pointer, there's overhead
- weak_ptr holds a non-owning ("weak") reference to an object that is managed by shared_ptr
- auto_ptr deprecated, first attempt to smart pointer

They are all defined in <memory> header!

```
unique_ptr
Creation
std::unique_ptr<int> foo1(new int(47));  // constructor
std::unique_ptr<int> foo2 = std::make_unique<int>(47); // make_unique
std::unique_ptr<int> foo3(std::move(foo2)); // unique_ptr cannot be copied, it
 has to be moved
Getting the value accesing the fields.
int* ptr = foo1.get();
std::cout << *foo1 << '\n';
std::cout << foo1->bar << '\n';
Chaning the pointer or releasing it.
fool.reset(new int(100)); // deletes the previous object and assigns new one
foo1.release(); // returns pointer to managed object and releases ownership
   DOESN'T DELETE OBJECT
shared_ptr
Creation:
std::shared_ptr<int> foo1(new int(47));
                                                          // constructor
std::shared_ptr<int> foo2 = std::make_shared<int>(47); // make_shared
std::shared_ptr<int> foo3(foo2);
                                                          // shared_ptr can be
  copied
Getting the value accesing the fields:
int* ptr = foo1.get();
std::cout << *foo1 << '\n';
std::cout << foo1->bar << '\n';
std::cout << fool.use_count() << '\n'; // returns number of references to managed
std::cout << foo1.unique() << '\n'; // checks whether the managed object is
  managed only by the current shared_ptr instance
Chaning the pointer or releasing it fool.reset(new int(100)); // deletes the previous object and assigns new one
```

weak_ptr

```
Complete example:
std::weak_ptr<int> gw;

void observe()
{
```

```
std::cout << "use_count == " << gw.use_count() << ": ";
   if (auto spt = gw.lock()) // Has to be copied into a shared_ptr before usage,
        lock() creates shared_ptr
   {
       std::cout << *spt << "\n";
   }
   else
       std::cout << "gw is expired\n";</pre>
}
int main()
{
   {
       auto sp = std::make_shared<int>(42);
       gw = sp;
       observe();
   }
   observe();
}
```

```
Output:
use_count == 1: 42
use_count == 0: gw is expired
```

- 4.3 Atomics
- 4.4 Generating random numbers
- 4.5 Measuring the time
- 4.6 <filesystem>