

Five STL containers

1. `std::vector<T>` - Implemented as a dynamic array of **T** elements.
Increasing or decreasing its size implies copy and move operations.
Good candidate when a container required for storing large number of elements *without heavy search load*.
Direct indexing is possible.
2. `std::list<T>` - Implemented as a doubly-linked list of **T** nodes,
where a node of $n \in (1, \dots, m)$ knows about its *previous* and *next* nodes,
while n_1 undefined for previous and n_m undefined for next.
Good candidate when a container required for storing large number of elements *with heavy element creation / deletion load*.
Increasing or decreasing its size doesn't imply any reallocation and copying operations on existing elements.
Direct indexing is not possible.
3. `std::map<K,V>` - Implemented as a balanced binary search tree of **T** nodes. Nodes are characterised by a *key* and a *value*.
Good candidate when a container required for storing large number of elements *with heavy search load*.
Direct indexing is possible with keys, where the retrieval cost is $O(\log(n))$.
4. `std::stack<T>` - Implemented by following the *FIFO* mechanism
 \Rightarrow First In Last Out.
5. `std::set<T>` - Represents the mathematical term \Rightarrow stores *unique* elements of **T** in a *sorted* way.