Vectors, iterators

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STL containers

With the exception of the string class, all the STL containers are templated:

- the types they hold must be specified at compile time
- you can indicate nearly any type to be used in the container
  - if you define your own type, you might have to do some work container ops

STL Containers

Sequential containers	Associative Containers
vector<T>	map<T,U>
list<T>	unordered_map<T,U>
deque<T>	set<T>
string	

Sequential containers have order to their elements, associative containers do not!

template type T

The "standard" name that C++ programmers use for the template type variable is `T`. Thus you will see in the documentation things like the below

`vector<T>` and `list<T>`

Differences

These containers have different characteristics that make them suitable for various operations:

vector: fast random access, only fast to add/delete at the vector end

list: fast insert/delete at any point. Fast to traverse in either direction.

deque (deck): double ended queue. fast random access, add/delete front or back

Handle their own memory

Containers also have internal methods that allow them to grow or shrink in size during runtime:

- this is a big deal. You got used to this in Python but in C++ it is some work to dynamically handle memory. STL makes that easy, but we will see ourselves later.

Concentrate on the vector

Bjarne Stroustrup, inventor of C++:

" Fundamentally, if you understand vector, you understand C++"

vector<T>: Definition

Example:

```
vector<double> temperatures;
vector<int> project_points;
vector<string> names;
```

Like we did with templated functions, we can have templated classes. The difference is that we ***must*** say the type

After that, the new class instance can *only* work with that type (no mixing!!)

Example

- vector<int> i
- vector<string> s
- vector<double> d

The angle bracket describes the type that will be used by the class template when making a variable (instance) of that class with the template type

Remember, class template is a pattern

- The class definition has every type represented by a variable (for example, T)
- When you make an variable/instance of the class, instantiate the class with the T type substituted for the T type
- The class instance is made with all the types substituted properly

size vs. capacity

Because each container manages their own memory, they can grow under demand. Methods that reflect this:

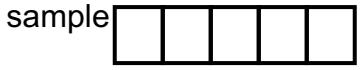
- `size`: how much the container presently holds.
- `capacity`: how much it could hold before it has to grow and manage memory.

Definition (Constructor)

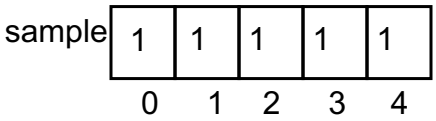
- Create a vector of size and capacity zero
  `vector<int> sample;`
- Create a vector of capacity 5, size 5, with each initialized to the default value (0 for `int`) `vector<int> sample(5);`
- Create a vector of capacity 5, size 5, and each with initial value 1
  `vector<int> sample(5,1);`
- Initialize the elements between { }
  `vector<int> sample{1,2,3,4,5};`

Definition

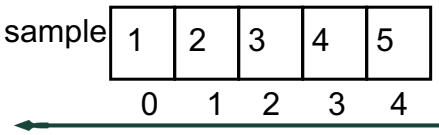
vector<int> sample(5);



vector<int> sample(5,1);



vector<int> sample{1,2,3,4,5};



Vector<T> Member Functions

- `v.capacity()` // v can store before growing
- `v.size();` // v currently contains
- `v.empty();` // true iff size == 0
- `v.reserve(n);` // grow capacity to n
- `v.push_back(value);` // append value to end of vector
- `v.pop_back();` // remove last value of v (no return)

Notes

- `v.size()` is useful because `v.size()-1` is the index of the last element in v
- `v.empty()` is equivalent to `v.size == 0`
- `v.reserve()` is not used often since `v.push_back(n)` implicitly increases the capacity of v. Allocates more memory for future use.

Access front and back

- `v.front()`
  - the element at the front of the vector (first element, no change to vector)
- `v.back()`
  - the element at the back of the vector (last element, no change to vector)

basic add, push_back

Like we saw in strings, the method to add something to the end of the a vector is `push_back`.

This is the primary way to add to a vector, as they are optimized to add elements at the end.

delete from the end, pop_back

Access to a vector is from the end, so we have available the `pop_back` method.

Does not return the value it removed, just removes it. If you wanted to know, you needed to check `.back()` first!

Operators

- Subscript: `v[i]` or `v.at(i)`
  - cannot use subscript to ***append***
  - to append use `v.push_back(i)` so capacity increases
- Assignment: `v1 = v2`
  - copy each element!
- Equality: `v1 == v2`
- Comparison: `v1 < v2`
  - lexicographical comparison like string

`[]` or `.at()` does not add elements

This is obvious but worth saying.

The only way to get elements into a vector is:

- init it with elements
- `push_back` elements

`[]` or `.at` can reference an existing element, change an existing element, ***but not add*** new elements

for iteration

Can iterate with a `for` iterator

- `auto` is convenient here again. It is the type of each element in the vector

```
for(auto element : vec)
  cout << element <<", ";
```

Trailing comma is irritating, how to fix?

Other operators

```
vector<int>v = {1, 2, 3}
```

- `v.front()`, first value, here 1
- `v.back()`, last value, here 3
- `v.clear()`, clear elements. Now `v.size()==0`
- `v.assign(3,10)` put 3 values of 10 into the vector. Now `v.size()==3`

some more

swap the contents of two vectors

- same size not required

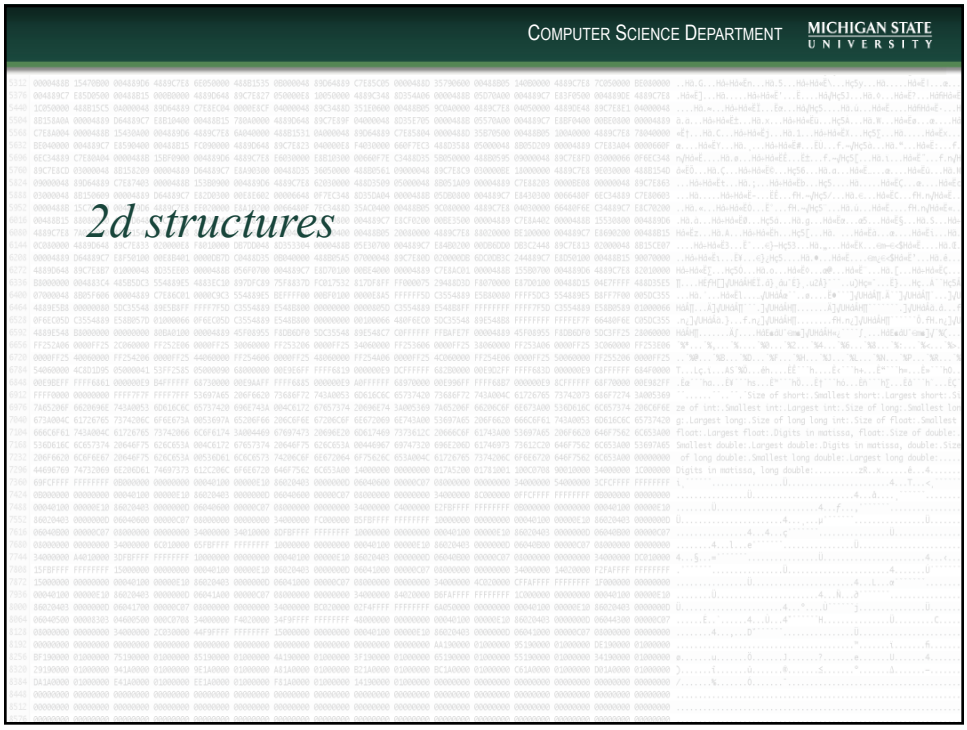
```
vector<int>v1(3,100);
vector<int>v2(2,10);
v1.swap(v2);
for(auto a : v2)
  cout << a << endl; // 3 100s
```


can't just print a vector

Like most containers, you cannot just print a vector.

You have to iterate through each element and print it out ☹

More on this in a minute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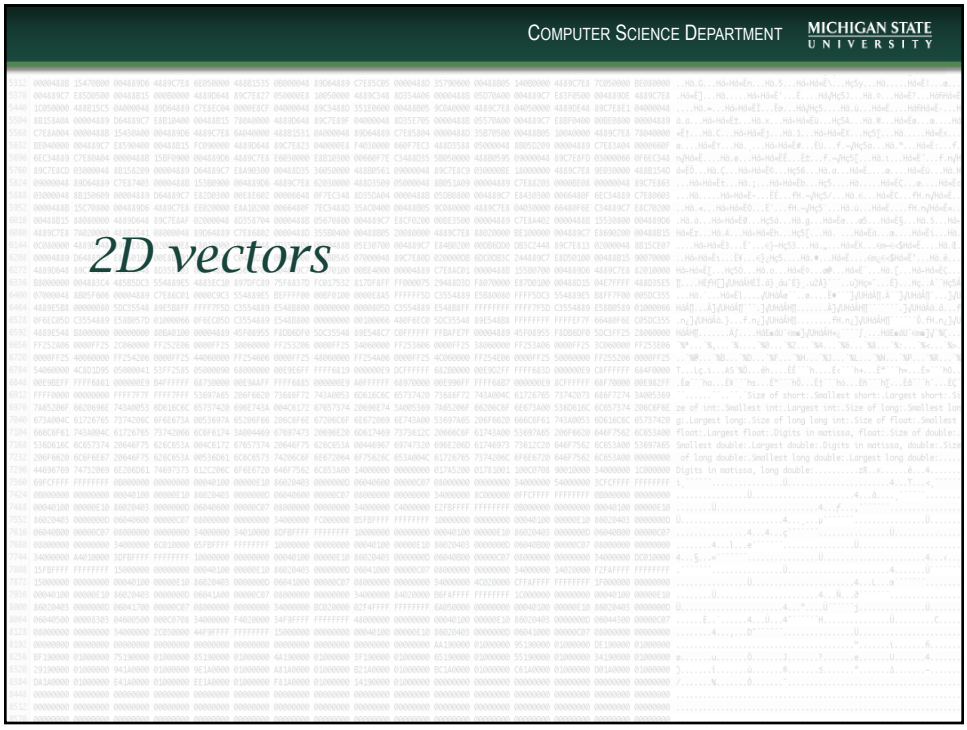
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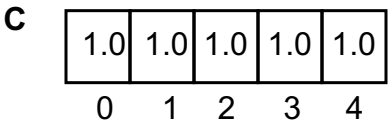
2D vectors

Review vector<T> constructors

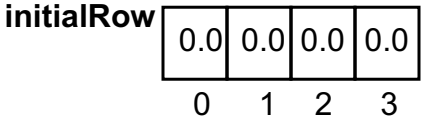
```
vector<double> A;
const int MAX = 5;
vector<double> B(MAX);
vector<double> C(MAX, 1.0);
```



2D vector<T> in Two Steps

- Form Row

```
const int COLS = 4;
vector<double> initialRow(COLS, 0.0);
```

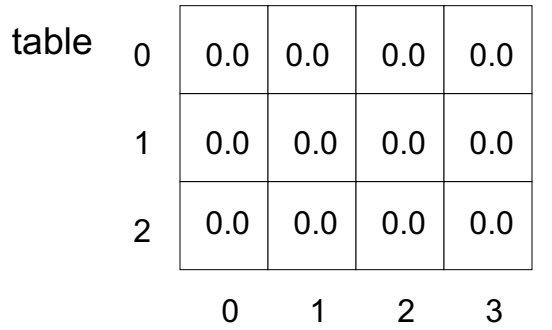


- Form Vector of Rows

```
const int ROWS = 3;
vector<vector<double>>table(ROWS,initialRow);
```

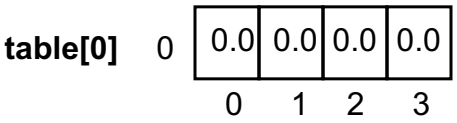
2-D vector<T> Table

```
vector<double> initialRow(COLS, 0.0);
vector<vector<double>>
                    table(ROWS,initialRow);
```

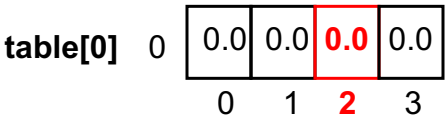


Subscript

- First Row: `table[0]`



- Element: `table[0][2]`



2-D vector<T> One Step

```
const int ROWS = 3;
const int COLS = 4;
vector<vector<double>>
  table(ROWS, vector<double>(COLS, 0.0));
```

Note the unnamed row vector (constructor).

Readable

```
using TableRow = vector<double>;
using Table = vector<TableRow>;

Table   aTable;  // empty table
const int ROWS = 3, COLS = 4;
Table theTable(ROWS, TableRow(COLS, 0.0));
```

Operations

- `size()`
  - Rows in Table: `theTable.size();`
  - Columns in Row "r":
    `theTable[r].size();`
    (Allows for variable-sized rows.)

push_back()

- Add a Row

```
theTable.push_back(TableRow(COLS, 0.0);
```

- Add a Column

```
for(int row = 0;
    row < theTable.size();
    row++)
       theTable[row].push_back(0.0);
```

Example: output

```
void Print (const Table &aTable){
  for (int row = 0;
       row < aTable.size();
       row++)
       for (int col = 0;
            col < aTable[row].size();
            col++)
                cout << aTable[row][col];
       cout << endl;
}
```


pass as a parameter

Pass the type (probably as a reference)

```
int func(vector<vector long> &v){
   …do some stuff
}
```