Lecture 8 C++ Features II

Namespace and STL

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Namespace

- Every name used in the code must be unique within the current scope.
- **Namespace** provides a controllable mechanism for preventing name collisions.



```
class Box {
public:
    void print() {
        std::cout << "Box : ";
        std::cout << height << " " << width << " " << length << std::endl;
    }
    double height, width, length;
};</pre>
```

```
class Box {
public:
    void print() {
        std::cout << "### Box ###" << std::endl;
        std::cout << height << "\n" << width << "\n" << std::endl;
    }
    double height, width;
};</pre>
```

```
#include "Box_3D.h"
#include "Box_2D.h"

void main() {
   Box box;
   box.height = 3; box.width = 5; box.length = 7;
   box.print();
}
```

Compilation Error!

Box redefinition



```
namespace three_dim {
    class Box {
    public:
       void print() {
          std::cout << "Box : ";
          std::cout << height << " " << width << " " << length << std::endl;
    }
    double height, width, length;
};
}</pre>
```

```
namespace two_dim {

class Box {
public:
    void print() {
        std::cout << "### Box ###" << std::endl;
        std::cout << height << "\n" << width << "\n" << std::endl;
    }
    double height, width;
};
}</pre>
```

```
#include "Box_3D.h"
#include "Box_2D.h"

void main() {
    three_dim::Box box;
    box.height = 3; box.width = 5; box.length = 7;
    box.print();
}
```



```
namespace three_dim {
    class Box {
    public:
       void print() {
          std::cout << "Box : ";
          std::cout << height << " " << width << " " << length << std::endl;
    }
    double height, width, length;
};
}</pre>
```

```
namespace two_dim {

class Box {
public:
    void print() {
        std::cout << "### Box ###" << std::endl;
        std::cout << height << "\n" << width << "\n" << std::endl;
    }
    double height, width;
};
}</pre>
```

```
#include "Box_3D.h"
#include "Box 2D.h"
using namespace three_dim;
void main() {
   Box box;
   box.height = 3; box.width = 5; box.length = 7;
   box.print();
}
```



- It brings huge innovation in C++ programming.
- It is generic library (i.e., based on template) which provides
 - Container (ex. vector, string)
 - Iterators
 - Algorithms
 - Functors
- It is very general, efficient, and easy to use.



- string Library
 - supports variable-length character strings
 - takes care of managing the memory associated with storing the characters
 - provides various useful operations
 - efficient



```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

void main() {
   const char* a = "Programming Methodology";
   const char* b = "is easy";

   char str[256] = "";
   strcat(str, a); strcat(str, " "); strcat(str, b);

   printf("%s\n",str);
}
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>

using namespace std;

void main() {
    string a = "Programming Methodology", b = "is easy";
    cout << (a + " " + b) << endl;
}</pre>
```



- vector<T> Library
 - dynamic array
 - similar to array, but size is flexible
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dynamic_array
 - takes care of managing the memory associated with storing the elements
 - implemented as a class template

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>

void main() {
    std::vector<int> ivec;
    for(int i=5;i<=10;++i)
        ivec.push_back(i);

for(std::vector<int>::size_type i=0;i!=ivec.size();++i)
        std::cout << ivec[i] << " ";
    std::cout << std::endl;
}
```



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- Iterator
 - STL defines an **iterator** type for each of the standard containers.
 - such as vector, list, deque
 - Iterators are more general than subscripts.
 - similar to array pointer.



```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>

void main() {
   std::vector<int> ivec;
   for(int i=5;i<=10;++i)
        ivec.push_back(i);

for(std::vector<int>::iterator it=ivec.begin();it!=ivec.end();++it)
        std::cout << *it << " ";
   std::cout << std::endl;
}</pre>
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include <list>

void main() {
    std::list<int> ilist;
    for(int i=5;i<=10;++i)
        ilist.push_back(i);

for(std::list<int>::iterator it=ilist.begin();it!=ilist.end();++it)
        std::cout << *it << " ";
    std::cout << std::endl;
}</pre>
```

An iterator is a pointer.



- Algorithms
 - STL provides several generic algorithms.
 - such as find, replace, sort,...

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>
void main() {
   int iarray[3] = \{5,3,4\};
   std::vector<int> ivec(3); ivec[0] = 5; ivec[1] = 3; ivec[2] = 4;
   std::sort(iarray, iarray + 3);
   std::sort(ivec.begin(), ivec.end());
   for(int i=0;i<3;++i)</pre>
      std::cout << iarray[i] << " ";</pre>
   std::cout << std::endl:</pre>
   for(std::vector<int>::iterator it=ivec.begin();it!=ivec.end();++it)
      std::cout << *it << " ":
   std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
```



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