

# Lecture 23

# Template IV

Generic Algorithms

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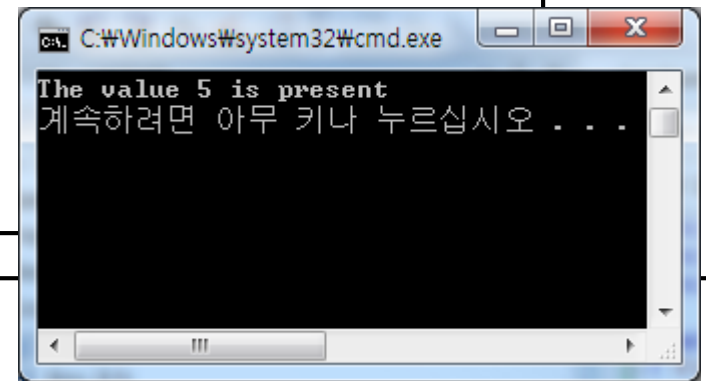
- Generic Algorithm (11.1, 16.1.6)

# Generic Algorithm

- The Standard Template Library (STL) provides a set of **generic algorithms**.
  - “Algorithm” because they implement commonly used operations.
  - “Generic” because they operate across multiple container types. (not only `std::vector` or `std::list`, but also the built-in array types and so on.)

# An Example of Simple Generic Algorithm

```
template<typename T, typename S>
T find(T begin, T end, S val) {
    for(T it = begin ; it != end ; it++) {
        if(*it == val)
            return it;
    }
    return end;
}
```



```
void main() {
    int ia[5] = { 1,2,3,4,5 };
    int val = 5;

    int * result = find(ia,ia+5,val); // T is int*, S is int

    cout << "The value " << val
         << (result == ia+5 ? " is not present"
          : " is present") << endl;
}
```

# An Example of Simple Generic Algorithm

- Same function can be applied to various types of containers.

```
template<typename T, typename S>
T find(T begin, T end, S val) {
    for(T it = begin ; it != end ; it++) {
        if(*it == val)
            return it;
    }
    return end;
}
```

```
int val = 5;

int * result = find(ia, ia+5, val);
vector<int>::const_iterator result = find(vec.begin(), vec.end(), val);
list<int>::const_iterator result = find(lst.begin(), lst.end(), val);

// ia is integer array
// vec is std::vector<int>
// lst is std::list<int>
```

# Generic Algorithm + Functor

```
template<typename T, typename F>
std::size_t count_if(T begin, T end, F& func) {
    std::size_t num = 0;
    for(T it = begin ; it != end ; it++) {
        if(func(*it) == true)
            ++num;
    }
    return num;
}
```

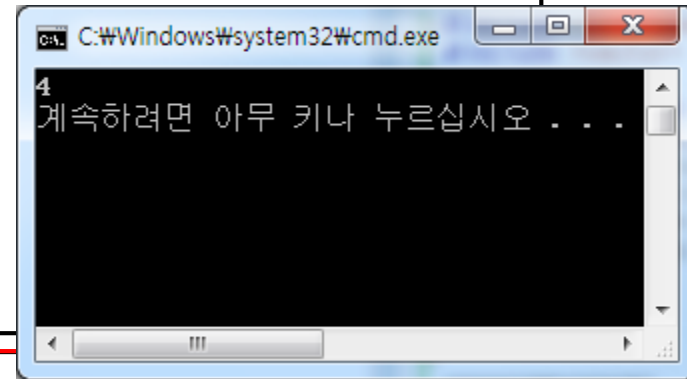
```
class GT_cls {
public :
    GT_cls(std::size_t b) : bound(b) {}
    bool operator()(const std::string& s) { return s.size() >= bound; }

private :
    std::size_t bound;
};
```

```
void main() {
    std::vector<std::string> words;

    words.push_back("Programming"); words.push_back("Methodology");
    words.push_back("is");           words.push_back("easy");
    words.push_back("or");           words.push_back("not easy");

    cout << count_if(words.begin(), words.end(), GT_cls(3)) << endl;
}
```



# Generic Algorithm + Functor

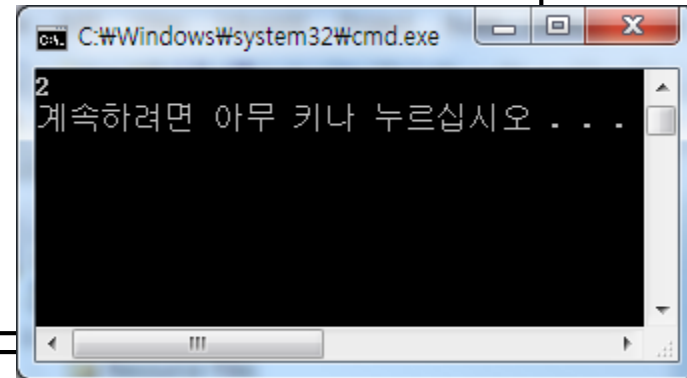
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std::size_t count_if(T begin, T end, F& func) {
    std::size_t num = 0;
    for(T it = begin ; it != end ; it++) {
        if(func(*it) == true)
            ++num;
    }
    return num;
}
```

```
class GT_integer {
public :
    GT_integer(int b) : bound(b) {}
    bool operator()(const int x) { return x >= bound; }

private :
    int bound;
};
```

```
void main() {
    int ia[5] = { 0,1,2,3,4 };

    cout << count_if(ia, ia+5, GT_integer(3)) << endl;
}
```



# Generic Algorithms in STL

- You can find a number of useful generic algorithms in Standard Template Library (STL).
  - find, count, copy, replace, remove, sort, ...
  - <http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/algorithm/>