# Intermediate Programming Day 23

## Outline

- Templates and the STL
- std::vector
- Iterators
- Review questions

Q: What is a template?

A: Consider an example:

 What needs to change if I want to make the payload member a float/string/etc. instead of an int?

```
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
template < class PType >
struct Node
    PType payload;
    Node* next;
template< class T>
void print( const Node< T >* n )
    cout << n->payload << " ";</pre>
     if( next ) print( n->next );
              cout << endl:
    else
int main(void)
    Node int > n:
    print( n );
```

Q: What is a template?

A: Templates are a way of writing a generic class (Node) or function (print) and allowing it to work with a parameterized family of types\*

⇒ Instead of defining a single class / function, we provide the compiler with a recipe for generating the class / function for whichever type we need

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#### In this example:

 Node is now a template class, parameterized by a type referred to as PType

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          cout << endl;
     else
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    print( n );
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  - We declare payload to be of generic type PType

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};
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               cout << endl:
     else
int main(void)
     Node < int >* n;
     print( n );
```

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- When declaring a variable of type **Node**, we specify the **payload** type, in angle brackets
- When defining a function with a generic Node argument, the function is templated by Node's parameter
  - We are creating a recipe for the function
  - Note: We do not need to use the same parameter name  $T \neq PType$

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  - We specify Node's parameter to be the generic type T

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## The Standard Template Library

- The Standard Template Library (STL) is C++'s compendium of useful data structures and algorithms
  - pair pair of values (possibly of different types)
  - tuple a tuple of values (possibly of different types and arbitrary long)
  - list linked list!
  - vector dynamically-sized array
  - array fixed-length array (not as useful as vector)
  - map associative list, i.e. dictionary
  - stack last-in first-out (LIFO)
  - deque double-ended queue, flexible combo of LIFO/FIFO
  - and many more

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#### A dynamically sized array of elements:

 The template parameter specifies the element type

```
main.cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using std::vector;
using std::cin;
using std::cout;
int main(void)
    vector< float > grades;
    float grade;
    while( cin >> grade ) grades.push_back( grade );
    grades.insert( grades.begin() , 100 );
    cout << "First grade was " << grades[1] << endl;</pre>
    cout << "Last grade was " << grades[ grades.size()-1 ] << endl;</pre>
     return 0;
```

- push\_back:
  - inserts an element at the end
- insert
  - Insert an element before the prescribed position
- [ ] operator:
  - gives access to an element at a prescribed index
- size:
  - returns the number of elements in the vector

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main.cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using std::vector;
using std::cin;
using std::cout;
int main(void)
    vector< float > grades;
    float grade;
    while( cin >> grade ) grades.push_back( grade );
    grades.insert( grades.begin() , 100 );
    cout << "First grade was " << grades[1] << endl;</pre>
    cout << "Last grade was " << grades[ grades.size()-1 ] << endl;</pre>
    return 0;
```

- back:
  - returns the last element
- pop\_back:
  - removes the last element
- resize:
  - resizes the vector to be able to store a specified number of elements
- erase
- clear
- at
- empty

#### See:

http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/vector/vector/ for more std::vector functionality

Using the [ ] operator and the size method, we can iterate over the

entries of a vector

```
main.cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using std::vector;
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
int main (void)
    vector int > values;
    values.push_back( 1 );
    values.push_back( 3 );
    values.push_back( 2 );
     for(int i=0; i<values.size(); ++i)
         cout << values[i] << " ";</pre>
    cout << endl;
                                        >> ./a.out
    return 0;
                                        1 3 2
```

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Or we can use iterators

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    values.push_back( 1 );
    values.push_back( 3 );
    values.push_back( 2 );
    for(vector int >::iterator it=values.begin(); it!=values.end(); ++it)
         cout << *it << " ";
    cout « endl:
                                       >> ./a.out
    return 0:
                                       1 3 2
```

Using the [ ] operator and the size method, we can iterate over the

entries of a vector

#### Or we can use iterators:

- Iterators are "clever pointers" that know how to move over elements of a container
  - Container could be simple (e.g. array) or more complicated (e.g. linked list) or very complicated (e.g. tree)

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main.cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using std::vector;
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
int main(void)
    vector int > values:
    values.push_back( 1 );
    values.push_back( 3 );
    values.push_back( 2 );
    for(vector int >::iterator it=values.begin(); it!=values.end(); ++it)
         cout << *it << " ";
    cout << endl:
                                       >> ./a.out
    return 0;
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```
vector< int > values;
...
for( <u>vector< int >::iterator</u> it=values.begin(); it!=values.end(); ++it ) cout << *it << " ";
```

For an STL container of type T (in this example , vector < int >):

• The forward iterator has type **T**::iterator

```
vector< int > values;
...
for( vector< int >::iterator it=<u>values.begin()</u> ; it!=values.end() ; ++it ) cout << *it << " ";
```

- The forward iterator has type **T**::iterator
- The container defines a **T::begin** method
  - Returns an iterator to the first element in the container

```
vector< int > values;
...
for( vector< int >::iterator it=values.begin() ; it!=<u>values.end()</u> ; ++it ) cout << *it << " ";
```

- The forward iterator has type **T**::iterator
- The container defines a T::begin method
- The container defines a T::end method
  - Returns an iterator to the element just past the last element in the container

```
vector< int > values;
...
for( vector< int >::iterator it=values.begin() ; it!=values.end() ; <u>++it</u> ) cout << *it << " ";
```

- The forward iterator has type T::iterator
- The container defines a T::begin method
- The container defines a T::end method
- The iterator overloads the pre-increment operator ++
  - Advances the iterator to the next element

```
vector< int > values;
...
for( vector< int >::iterator it=values.begin() ; <u>it!=values.end()</u> ; ++it ) cout << *it << " ";
```

- The forward iterator has type T::iterator
- The container defines a T::begin method
- The container defines a T::end method
- The iterator overloads the pre-increment operator ++
- The iterator overloads the inequality operator !=
  - Checks if two iterators are different

```
vector< int > values;
...
for( vector< int >::iterator it=values.begin() ; it!=values.end() ; ++it ) cout << <u>*it</u> << " ";
```

- The forward iterator has type T::iterator
- The container defines a T::begin method
- The container defines a T::end method
- The iterator overloads the pre-increment operator ++
- The iterator overloads the inequality operator !=
- The iterator overloads the dereference operator \*
  - Returns the contents of what the iterator is "pointing to"

#### Reverse iterators

```
vector< int > values;
...
for( vector< int >::reverse_iterator it=values.rbegin() ; it!=values.rend() ; ++it ) cout << *it << " ";
```

- The reverse iterator has type T::reverse\_iterator
- The container defines a T::rbegin method
- The container defines a T::rend method

### Reverse iterators

```
vector< int > values;
for( vector< int >::reverse_
                                                                   main.cpp
                              #include <iostream>
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                              using std::vector;
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        • The container d using std::endl;
                              int main(void)
        • The container d {
                                   vector< int > values;
                                   values.push_back( 1 );
                                   values.push_back( 3 );
                                   values.push_back( 2 );
                                   for(vector int >::reverse_iterator it=values.rbegin(); it!=values.rend(); ++it)
                                       cout << *it << " ";
                                   cout << endl:
                                                                               >> ./a.out
                                   return 0;
                                                                               2 3 1
```

#### Constant iterators

```
vector< int > values;
...
for( vector< int >::const_iterator it=values.cbegin() ; it!=values.cend() ; ++it ) cout << *it << " ";
```

- The constant iterator has type T::const\_iterator
  - The contents of the container cannot be modified
- The container defines a T::cbegin method
- The container defines a T∷cend method

### Constant iterators

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                                   vector< int > values;

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                                   values.push_back( 3 );
                                   values.push_back( 2 );
                                   for(vector< int >::const_iterator it=values.cbegin(); it!=values.cend(); ++it)
                                        cout << *it << " ";
                                   cout << endl:
                                                                                >> ./a.out
                                   return 0;
```

#### **Iterators**

In general, iterators act like "smart" pointers, allowing us to iterate through the contents of a container and get its values.

For iterators iter1 and iter2, supported operations include:

- Increment: iter1++ or ++iter1
- Dereference: \*iter
- Assignment: iter1=iter2
- Comparison: iter1!=iter2 or iter1==iter2

#### Random access iterators

Like pointers, some iterators also support arithmetic (random access). For iterators iter1 and iter2 and integer n supported operations include:

- Arithmetic: iter1=iter2+n or iter1=iter2-n
- Compound arithmetic: iter1+=n or iter1-=n
- Comparison: iter1<=iter2, iter1>iter2, etc.
- Differencing: n=iter2-iter1

Not all iterators support random access:

- ✓ Iterators for vectors do✗ Iterators for linked lists do not

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1. What is a template in C++?

A way of writing an object (generalization of a struct) so that they can work with any type

2. What is the standard template library?

A collection of standardly used, templated objects and functions

3. How do you iterate a std::vector and print out its elements?

4. What is an iterator in C++?

Clever pointers that know how to move over the components of a data structure (e.g. support increment and dereferencing)

5. How do you add an element to an existing std::vector?

Use the **push\_back** or **insert** method.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using std::cin;
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
using std::vector;
int main(void)
    vector< double > v:
    for( int i=1; i<=10; i++)
         if( i%2==1 ) v.insert( v.begin() , i/2.0 );
         else v.push_back( i*2.0 );
    vector< double >::iterator it = v.begin();
    cout << "first == " << *it << endl;
    cout << "middle1 == " << *(it + 4) << endl;
    cout << "middle2 == " << *(it + 5) << endl;
    cout << "last == " << *(it + 9) << endl;
```

```
v = \{\}
```

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```

```
i=1
v = {0.5}
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using std::cin;
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
using std::vector;
int main(void)
    vector< double > v:
    for( int i=1; i<=10; i++)
         if( i%2==1 ) v.insert( v.begin() , i/2.0 );
         else v.push_back( i*2.0 );
    vector< double >::iterator it = v.begin();
    cout << "first == " << *it << endl;
    cout << "middle1 == " << *(it + 4) << endl;
    cout << "middle2 == " << *(it + 5) << endl;
    cout << "last == " << *(it + 9) << endl;
```

```
i=2
v = {0.5, 4.}
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using std::cin;
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
using std::vector;
int main(void)
    vector< double > v:
    for( int i=1; i<=10; i++)
         if( i%2==1 ) v.insert( v.begin() , i/2.0 );
         else v.push_back( i*2.0 );
    vector< double >::iterator it = v.begin();
    cout << "first == " << *it << endl;
    cout << "middle1 == " << *(it + 4) << endl;
    cout << "middle2 == " << *(it + 5) << endl;
    cout << "last == " << *(it + 9) << endl;
```

```
i=3
v = {1.5, 0.5, 4.}
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using std::cin;
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
using std::vector;
int main(void)
    vector< double > v:
    for( int i=1; i<=10; i++)
         if( i%2==1 ) v.insert( v.begin() , i/2.0 );
         else v.push_back( i*2.0 );
    vector< double >::iterator it = v.begin();
    cout << "first == " << *it << endl;
    cout << "middle1 == " << *(it + 4) << endl;
    cout << "middle2 == " << *(it + 5) << endl;
    cout << "last == " << *(it + 9) << endl;
```

```
i=4
v = {1.5, 0.5, 4., 8.}
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using std::cin;
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
using std::vector;
int main(void)
    vector< double > v:
    for( int i=1; i<=10; i++)
         if( i%2==1 ) v.insert( v.begin() , i/2.0 );
         else v.push_back( i*2.0 );
    vector< double >::iterator it = v.begin();
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```

```
i=5
v = {2.5, 1.5, 0.5, 4., 8.}
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using std::cin;
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
using std::vector;
int main(void)
    vector< double > v:
    for( int i=1; i<=10; i++)
         if( i%2==1 ) v.insert( v.begin() , i/2.0 );
         else v.push_back( i*2.0 );
    vector< double >::iterator it = v.begin();
    cout << "first == " << *it << endl;
    cout << "middle1 == " << *(it + 4) << endl;
    cout << "middle2 == " << *(it + 5) << endl;
    cout << "last == " << *(it + 9) << endl;
```

```
i=6
v = {2.5, 1.5, 0.5, 4., 8., 12.}
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using std::cin;
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
using std::vector;
int main(void)
    vector< double > v:
    for( int i=1; i<=10; i++)
         if( i%2==1 ) v.insert( v.begin() , i/2.0 );
         else v.push_back( i*2.0 );
    vector< double >::iterator it = v.begin();
    cout << "first == " << *it << endl;
    cout << "middle1 == " << *(it + 4) << endl;
    cout << "middle2 == " << *(it + 5) << endl;
    cout << "last == " << *(it + 9) << endl;
```

```
i=7
v = {3.5, 2.5, 1.5, 0.5, 4., 8., 12.}
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using std::cin;
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
using std::vector;
int main(void)
    vector< double > v:
    for( int i=1; i<=10; i++)
         if( i%2==1 ) v.insert( v.begin() , i/2.0 );
         else v.push_back( i*2.0 );
    vector< double >::iterator it = v.begin();
    cout << "first == " << *it << endl;
    cout << "middle1 == " << *(it + 4) << endl;
    cout << "middle2 == " << *(it + 5) << endl;
    cout << "last == " << *(it + 9) << endl;
```

```
i=8
v = {3.5, 2.5, 1.5, 0.5, 4., 8., 12., 16.}
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using std::cin;
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
using std::vector;
int main(void)
    vector< double > v:
    for( int i=1; i<=10; i++)
         if( i%2==1 ) v.insert( v.begin() , i/2.0 );
         else v.push_back( i*2.0 );
    vector< double >::iterator it = v.begin();
    cout << "first == " << *it << endl;
    cout << "middle1 == " << *(it + 4) << endl;
    cout << "middle2 == " << *(it + 5) << endl;
    cout << "last == " << *(it + 9) << endl;
```

```
i=9
v = {4.5, 3.5, 2.5, 1.5, 0.5, 4., 8., 12., 16.}
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using std::cin;
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
using std::vector;
int main(void)
    vector< double > v:
    for( int i=1; i<=10; i++)
         if( i%2==1 ) v.insert( v.begin() , i/2.0 );
         else v.push_back( i*2.0 );
    vector< double >::iterator it = v.begin();
    cout << "first == " << *it << endl;
    cout << "middle1 == " << *(it + 4) << endl;
    cout << "middle2 == " << *(it + 5) << endl;
    cout << "last == " << *(it + 9) << endl;
```

```
i=10
v = {4.5, 3.5, 2.5, 1.5, 0.5, 4., 8., 12., 16., 20.}
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using std::cin;
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
using std::vector;
int main(void)
    vector< double > v:
    for( int i=1; i<=10; i++)
         if( i%2==1 ) v.insert( v.begin() , i/2.0 );
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    cout << "middle1 == " << *(it + 4) << endl;
    cout << "middle2 == " << *(it + 5) << endl;
    cout << "last == " << *(it + 9) << endl;
```

```
v = {4.5, 3.5, 2.5, 1.5, 0.5, 4., 8., 12., 16., 20.}

it it+4 it+5 it+9
```

```
#include <iostream>
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```

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#### Merge Sort:

Given an array of values

{1, 27, 7, 5, -2, 6, 5, 3, 13}

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 $\{1, 27, 7, 5, -2, 6, 5, 3, 13\}$ 

• Split in two

 $\{1, 27, 7, 5, -2\} \{6, 5, 3, 13\}$ 

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#### Merge Sort:

Given an array of values

• Split in two

Sort the two halves independently

{1, 27, 7, 5, -2, 6, 5, 3, 13}

 $\{1, 27, 7, 5, -2\} \{6, 5, 3, 13\}$ 

 $\{-2, 1, 5, 7, 27\}$   $\{3, 5, 6, 13\}$ 

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#### Merge Sort:

- Split in two
- Sort the two halves independently
- Merge the two sorted halves into a single sorted array

```
{1, 27, 7, 5, -2, 6, 5, 3, 13}

{1, 27, 7, 5, -2} {6, 5, 3, 13}

{-2, 1, 5, 7, 27} {3, 5, 6, 13}

{
```

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#### Merge Sort:

Given an array of values

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- Merge the two sorted halves into a single sorted array

{-2

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- Merge the two sorted halves into a single sorted array

```
{1, 27, 7, 5, -2, 6, 5, 3, 13}

{1, 27, 7, 5, -2} {6, 5, 3, 13}

{-2, 1, 5, 7, 27} {3, 5, 6, 13}

{-2, 1
```

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Given an array of values

- Split in two
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