# devector - a resizable contiguous sequence container with fast appends on either end

Unlike std::vector, devector can have free capacity both before and after the elements. This enables efficient implementation of methods that modify the devector at the front. Anything a std::vector can do, a devector can as well. devectors available methods are a superset of those of std::vector with identical behaviour, barring a couple of iterator invalidation guarantees that differ. The overhead for devector is one extra pointer per container. sizeof(devector) == 4\*sizeof(T\*) as opposed to the general implementation of sizeof(std::vector) == 3\*sizeof(T\*). Also, devector<br/>bool> is not specialized.

Whenever devector requires more free space at an end it applies the following allocation strategy:

1. Halve the amount of free space that will be left on the other end after the operation and calculate how much free space we want on this end after the operation.

```
new_free_other = free_other / 2
new_free_this = size() >= 16 ? size() / 3 : size()
```

2. If there isn't enough total memory to fit new\_free\_other + size() + new\_free\_this, then allocate more memory using an exponential factor of 1.5 with doubling for small sizes:

```
new_mem = old_mem >= 16 ? old_mem * 1.5 : old_mem * 2
```

3. Move the elements into the appropriate memory location, leaving new\_free\_other and new\_free\_this free space at the ends. If new memory was allocated deallocate the old memory.

Note that not every request for more space results in an reallocation. If half of the free space of the other side is enough to satisfy the needs of this side the elements are simply moved.

Constantly halving the amount of free space on the side that it is not used on prevents wasted space. In the worst case where you push at one end and pop at the other (FIFO), memory is bounded to 5n/3. This is because free space on the output end is constantly halved, but only size() / 3 free space is required on the input end.

## **Typedefs**

```
typedef T
                                                value_type;
typedef Allocator
                                                allocator_type;
typedef typename alloc_traits::size_type
                                                size_type;
typedef typename alloc_traits::difference_type difference_type;
typedef typename alloc_traits::pointer
                                               pointer;
typedef typename alloc traits::const pointer
                                                const pointer;
typedef T&
                                               reference;
typedef const T&
                                                const reference;
typedef pointer
                                                iterator;
typedef const_pointer
                                                const_iterator;
typedef std::reverse_iterator<iterator>
                                               reverse_iterator;
typedef std::reverse_iterator<const_iterator> const_reverse_iterator;
```

All these typedefs are the same as for std::vector.

## Construction/Assignment/Swapping/Destructor

```
~devector() noexcept;
devector() noexcept(std::is_nothrow_default_constructible<Allocator>::value);
explicit devector(const Allocator& alloc) noexcept;
explicit devector(size_type n, const Allocator& alloc = Allocator());
devector(size_type n, const T& value, const Allocator& alloc = Allocator());
template<class InputIterator>
    devector(InputIterator first, InputIterator last,
             const Allocator& alloc = Allocator());
devector(const devector<T>& other);
devector(const devector<T>& other, const Allocator& alloc);
devector(devector<T>&& other) noexcept;
devector(devector<T>&& other, const Allocator& alloc);
devector(std::initializer_list<T> il, const Allocator& alloc = Allocator());
devector<T>& operator=(const devector<T>& other);
devector<T>& operator=(devector<T>&& other) noexcept(/* See below.. */);
devector<T>& operator=(std::initializer_list<T> il);
template < class InputIterator>
    void assign(InputIterator first, InputIterator last);
void assign(size_type n, const T& t);
void assign(std::initializer_list<T> il);
```

All these operations have the exact same syntax and semantics as std::vector. The move assignment operator is marked noexcept if the allocator should propagate on move assignment.

#### Getters

```
get allocator()
allocator_type
                                                 const noexcept;
                        begin()
iterator
                                                        noexcept;
const iterator
                        begin()
                                                 const noexcept;
                        end()
iterator
                                                        noexcept;
const_iterator
                        end()
                                                 const noexcept;
reverse iterator
                        rbegin()
                                                        noexcept;
const_reverse_iterator rbegin()
                                                 const noexcept;
reverse iterator
                                                        noexcept;
const_reverse_iterator rend()
                                                 const noexcept;
const_iterator
                        cbegin()
                                                 const noexcept;
const_iterator
                        cend()
                                                 const noexcept;
                                                 const noexcept;
const_reverse_iterator crbegin()
const_reverse_iterator crend()
                                                 const noexcept;
reference
                        front()
                                                        noexcept;
const_reference
                        front()
                                                 const noexcept;
                        back()
reference
                                                        noexcept;
                        back()
const_reference
                                                 const noexcept;
                        data()
                                                        noexcept;
const T*
                        data()
                                                 const noexcept;
reference
                        operator[](size_type i)
                                                        noexcept;
                        operator[](size_type i) const noexcept;
const reference
reference
                        at(size_type i);
const reference
                        at(size type i)
                                                 const;
                        max size()
size_type
                                                 const noexcept;
size_type
                        size()
                                                 const noexcept;
bool
                        empty()
                                                 const noexcept;
```

All these operations have the exact same syntax and semantics as std::vector. The only difference is that some functions have been marked noexcept, even though the standard doesn't require it.

```
size_type capacity() const noexcept;
size_type capacity_front() const noexcept;
size_type capacity_back() const noexcept;
```

The function capacity is an alias for capacity\_back. capacity\_back returns the number of elements in the container plus the amount of elements that can fit in the free space at the back. capacity\_front does the exact same except for the free space at the front. This means that the total size of allocated memory is sizeof(T) \* (capacity\_front() + capacity\_back() - size()).

#### **Modifiers**

```
void swap(devector<T>& other) noexcept(/* See below. */);
void shrink_to_fit();
void clear() noexcept;
template<class... Args>
    void emplace_back(Args&&... args);
void push_back(const T& x);
void push_back(T&& x);
void pop_back();
```

All these operations have the exact same syntax and semantics as std::vector. The noexcept specifier for swap is only false if the allocator must be propagated on swap and it can not be swapped without exceptions.

```
template<class... Args>
    void emplace_front(Args&&... args);
void push_front(const T& x);
void push_front(T&& x);
```

Prepends an element to the container. If the new size() is greater than capacity\_front() all references and iterators (including the past-the-end iterator) are invalidated. Otherwise all iterators and references remain valid. The behaviour on exceptions is the same as push\_back/emplace\_back.

```
void pop_front();
```

Removes the first element of the container. Calling pop\_front on an empty container is undefined. No iterators or references except front() and begin() are invalidated.

```
void reserve(size_type n);
void reserve(size_type new_front, size_type new_back);
void reserve_front(size_type n);
void reserve_back(size_type n);
```

The single argument reserve is an alias for reserve\_back. reserve\_back has the exact same semantics as std::vectors reserve. reserve\_front does the same as reserve\_back except it influences capacity\_front() rather than the capacity at the back. The two argument reserve has the same behaviour as two calls to respectively reserve\_front and reserve\_back, but is more efficient by doing at most one reallocation.

```
void resize(size_type n);
void resize(size_type n, const T& t);
void resize_back(size_type n);
void resize_back(size_type n, const T& t);
void resize_front(size_type n);
void resize_front(size_type n, const T& t);
```

resize is an alias for resize\_back and has the exact same semantics as std::vector. resize\_front is the same as resize\_back except that it resizes the container with push\_front/pop\_front rather than push\_back/pop\_back.

```
itemplate<class... Args>
    iterator emplace(const_iterator position, Args&&... args);
iterator insert(const_iterator position, const T& t);
iterator insert(const_iterator position, T&& t);
iterator insert(const_iterator position, size_type n, const T& t);
iterator insert(const_iterator position, std::initializer_list<T> il);
template<class InputIterator>
    iterator insert(const_iterator position, InputIterator first, InputIterator last);
```

All these operations have the same semantics as std::vector, except for the iterators/references that get invalidated by these operations. If position -begin() < size() / 2 then only the iterators/references after the insertion point remain valid (including the past-the-end iterator). Otherwise only the iterators/references before the insertion point remain valid.

```
iterator erase(const_iterator position);
```

Behaves the same as as std::vector, except for which iterators/references get invalidated. If position - begin() < size() / 2 then all iterators and references at or before position are invalidated. Otherwise all iterators and references at or after (including end()) position are invalidated.

```
iterator erase(const_iterator first, const_iterator last);
```

Behaves the same as as std::vector, except for which iterators/references get invalidated. If first - begin() < end() - last then all iterators and references at or before last are invalidated. Otherwise all iterators and references at or after (including end()) first are invalidated.

Lastly, devector has lexical comparison operator overloads and swap defined in its namespace just like std::vector.