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Map in C++ Standard Template Library (STL)

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Maps are [associative containers](#) that store elements in a mapped fashion. Each element has a key value and a mapped value. No two mapped values can have the same key values.

Some basic functions associated with Map:

- [begin\(\)](#) – Returns an iterator to the first element in the map.
- [end\(\)](#) – Returns an iterator to the theoretical element that follows the last element in the map.
- [size\(\)](#) – Returns the number of elements in the map.
- [max_size\(\)](#) – Returns the maximum number of elements that the map can hold.
- [empty\(\)](#) – Returns whether the map is empty.
- [pair insert\(keyvalue, mapvalue\)](#) – Adds a new element to the map.
- [erase\(iterator position\)](#) – Removes the element at the position pointed by the iterator.
- [erase\(const g\)](#) – Removes the key-value 'g' from the map.
- [clear\(\)](#) – Removes all the elements from the map.

Begin() function :

C++

```
#include <iostream>
#include <map>

int main()
{
    // Create a map of strings to integers
    std::map<std::string, int> map;

    // Insert some values into the map
```



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```
map["three"] = 3;
```

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```
// Iterate through the map and print the elements
while (it != map.end())
{
    std::cout << "Key: " << it->first << ", Value: " << it->second << std::endl;
    ++it;
}

return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Key: one, Value: 1
Key: three, Value: 3
Key: two, Value: 2
```

Time complexity: $O(n)$ //where n is the size of map.

Auxiliary Space: $O(n)$

end ()function:

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C++

```
#include <iostream>
#include <map>
```

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```
// Create a map of strings to integers
std::map<std::string, int> map;

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map["one"] = 1;
map["two"] = 2;
map["three"] = 3;

// Get an iterator pointing to the first element in the map
std::map<std::string, int>::iterator it = map.begin();

// Iterate through the map and print the elements
while (it != map.end())
{
    std::cout << "Key: " << it->first << ", Value: " << it->second << std::endl;
    ++it;
}

return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Key: one, Value: 1
Key: three, Value: 3
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Time complexity: $O(n)$ //where n is the size of map.

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Size function:

C++

```
#include <iostream>
#include <map>

int main()
{
    // Create a map of strings to integers
    std::map<std::string, int> map;

    // Insert some values into the map
    map["one"] = 1;
    map["two"] = 2;
```

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```
// Print the size of the map
std::cout << "Size of map: " << map.size() << std::endl;
```

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Output

Size of map: 3

Time complexity: $O(1)$.

Implementation:

C++

```
// C++ Program to demonstrate the implementation in Map
// divyansh mishra --> divyanshmishra101010
#include <iostream>
#include <iterator>
#include <map>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    // empty map container
    map<int, int> gquiz1;

    // insert elements in random order
    gquiz1.insert(pair<int, int>(1, 40));
    gquiz1.insert(pair<int, int>(2, 30));
    gquiz1.insert(pair<int, int>(3, 60));
    gquiz1.insert(pair<int, int>(4, 20));
    gquiz1.insert(pair<int, int>(5, 50));
    gquiz1.insert(pair<int, int>(6, 50));

    gquiz1[7]=10;    // another way of inserting a value in a map

    // printing map gquiz1
    map<int, int>::iterator itr;
    cout << "\nThe map gquiz1 is : \n";
    cout << "\tKEY\tELEMENT\n";
    for (itr = gquiz1.begin(); itr != gquiz1.end(); ++itr) {
        cout << '\t' << itr->first << '\t' << itr->second
            << '\n';
    }
```

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```
// assigning the elements from gquiz1 to gquiz2
map<int, int> gquiz2(gquiz1.begin(), gquiz1.end());
```

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```
cout << "\n\nmap gquiz2 after\n";
    << " assign from gquiz1 is : \n";
cout << "\tKEY\tELEMENT\n";
for (itr = gquiz2.begin(); itr != gquiz2.end(); ++itr) {
    cout << '\t' << itr->first << '\t' << itr->second
        << '\n';
}
cout << endl;

// remove all elements up to
// element with key=3 in gquiz2
cout << "\ngquiz2 after removal of"
    << " elements less than key=3 : \n";
cout << "\tKEY\tELEMENT\n";
gquiz2.erase(gquiz2.begin(), gquiz2.find(3));
for (itr = gquiz2.begin(); itr != gquiz2.end(); ++itr) {
    cout << '\t' << itr->first << '\t' << itr->second
        << '\n';
}

// remove all elements with key = 4
int num;
num = gquiz2.erase(4);
cout << "\ngquiz2.erase(4) : ";
cout << num << " removed \n";
cout << "\tKEY\tELEMENT\n";
for (itr = gquiz2.begin(); itr != gquiz2.end(); ++itr) {
    cout << '\t' << itr->first << '\t' << itr->second
        << '\n';
}

cout << endl;

// lower bound and upper bound for map gquiz1 key = 5
cout << "gquiz1.lower_bound(5) : "
    << "\tKEY = ";
cout << gquiz1.lower_bound(5)->first << '\t';
cout << "\tELEMENT = " << gquiz1.lower_bound(5)->second
    << endl;
cout << "gquiz1.upper_bound(5) : "
    << "\tKEY = ";
cout << gquiz1.upper_bound(5)->first << '\t';
cout << "\tELEMENT = " << gquiz1.upper_bound(5)->second
    << endl;

return 0;
```

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Output

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1	40			
2	30			
3	60			
4	20			
5	50			
6	50			
7	10			

The map gquiz2 after assign from gquiz1 is :

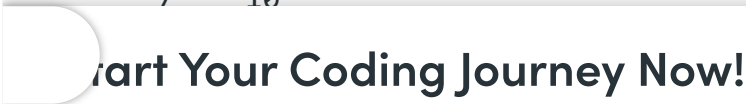
KEY	ELEMENT
1	40
2	30
3	60
4	20
5	50
6	50
7	10

gquiz2 after removal of elements less than key=3 :

KEY	ELEMENT
3	60
4	20
5	50
6	50
7	10

gquiz2.erase(4) : 1 removed

KEY	ELEMENT
3	60
5	50
6	50
7	10



```
gquiz1.lower_bound(5) :      KEY = 5      ELEMENT = 50  
gquiz1.upper_bound(5) :      KEY = 6      ELEMENT = 50
```

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Auxiliary space: $O(n)$

Example:

C++

```
#include <iostream>
#include <map>

int main()
{
    // Create a map of strings to integers
    std::map<std::string, int> map;

    // Insert some values into the map
    map["one"] = 1;
    map["two"] = 2;
    map["three"] = 3;

    // Print the values in the map
    std::cout << "Key: one, Value: " << map["one"] << std::endl;
    std::cout << "Key: two, Value: " << map["two"] << std::endl;
    std::cout << "Key: three, Value: " << map["three"] << std::endl;

    // Check if a key is in the map
    if (map.count("four") > 0)
    {
        std::cout << "Key 'four' is in the map" << std::endl;
    }
    else
    {
        std::cout << "Key 'four' is not in the map" << std::endl;
    }

    return 0;
}
```

Output

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Key: one, Value: 1

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Key 'four' is not in the map

Function

Definition

[map::insert\(\)](#)

Insert elements with a particular key in the map container -> $O(\log n)$

[map::count\(\)](#)

Returns the number of matches to element with key-value 'g' in the map. -> $O(\log n)$

[map](#)
[equal_range\(\)](#)

Returns an iterator of pairs. The pair refers to the bounds of a range that includes all the elements in the container which have a key equivalent to k.

[map erase\(\)](#)

Used to erase elements from the container -> $O(\log n)$

[map rend\(\)](#)

Returns a reverse iterator pointing to the theoretical element right before the first key-value pair in the map (which is considered its reverse end).

[map rbegin\(\)](#)

Returns a reverse iterator which points to the last element of the map.

[map find\(\)](#)

Returns an iterator to the element with key-value 'g' in the map if found, else returns the iterator to end.

[map crbegin\(\) and](#)
[crend\(\)](#)

crbegin() returns a constant reverse iterator referring to the last element in the map container. crend() returns a constant reverse iterator pointing to the theoretical element before the first element in the map.

[map cbegin\(\) and](#)

cbegin() returns a constant iterator referring to the first



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Function

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in the multimap.

[map_emplace\(\)](#)

Inserts the key and its element in the map container.

[map_max_size\(\)](#)Returns the maximum number of elements a map container can hold $\rightarrow O(1)$ [map_upper_bound\(\)](#)

Returns an iterator to the first element that is equivalent to mapped value with key-value 'g' or definitely will go after the element with key-value 'g' in the map

[map_operator=](#)

Assigns contents of a container to a different container, replacing its current content.

[map_lower_bound\(\)](#)Returns an iterator to the first element that is equivalent to the mapped value with key-value 'g' or definitely will not go before the element with key-value 'g' in the map $\rightarrow O(\log n)$ [map_emplace_hint\(\)](#)

Inserts the key and its element in the map container with a given hint.

[map_value_comp\(\)](#)

Returns the object that determines how the elements in the map are ordered ('<' by default).

[map_key_comp\(\)](#)

Returns the object that determines how the elements in the map are ordered ('<' by default).

[map::size\(\)](#)

Returns the number of elements in the map.

[map::empty\(\)](#)

Returns whether the map is empty

[map::begin\(\) and end\(\)](#)

begin() returns an iterator to the first element in the map. end() returns an iterator to the theoretical element that follows the

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Function

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position given inside the operator.

[map::clear\(\)](#)

Removes all the elements from the map.

[map::at\(\) and
map::swap\(\)](#)

at() function is used to return the reference to the element associated with the key k. swap() function is used to exchange the contents of two maps but the maps must be of the same type, although sizes may differ.

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