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### **Vectors**

Data Structures – C++ Fundamentals

### Agenda

What Are Vectors? **Properties Benefits** Drawbacks Dynamic-array Details Abstract Data Types How Do They Work? Operations Vector-specific Details

Dynamic Allocation The Stack Return-value Optimization The Heap Vectors and the Heap Working with Vectors Syntax Undefined Behavior Iterator Invalidation

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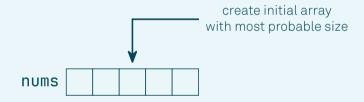
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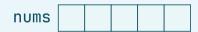
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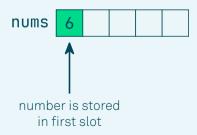
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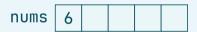
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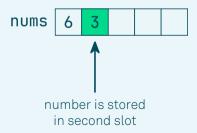


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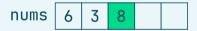




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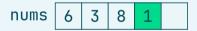




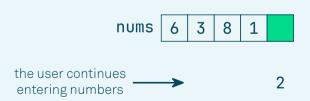


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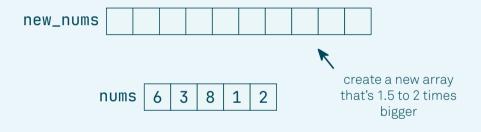


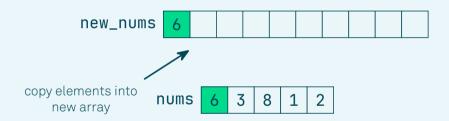
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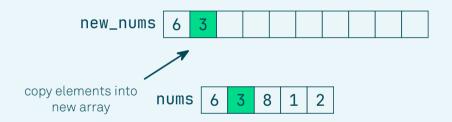




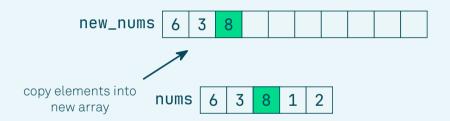




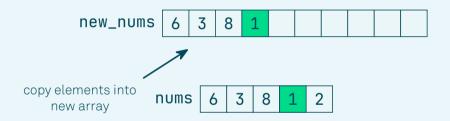
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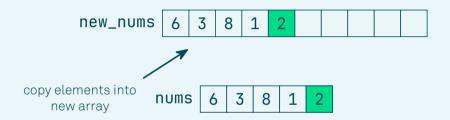
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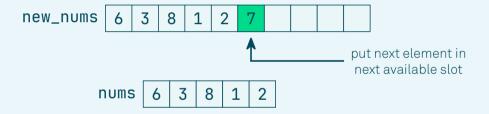
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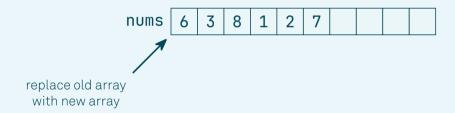


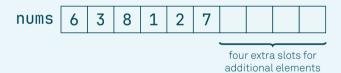
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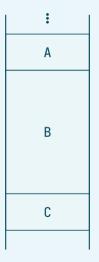
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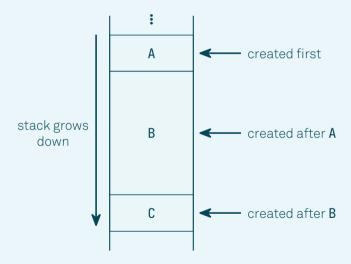
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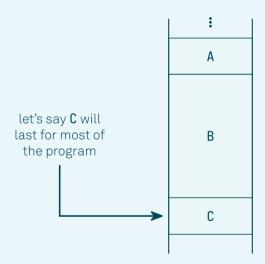
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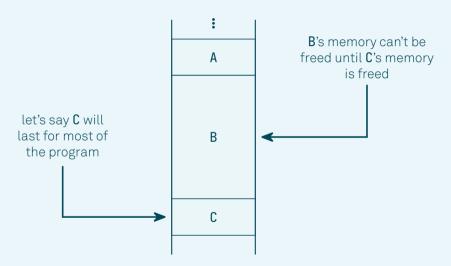
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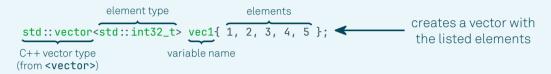
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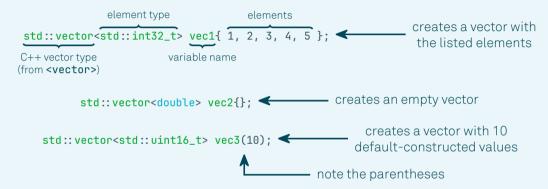
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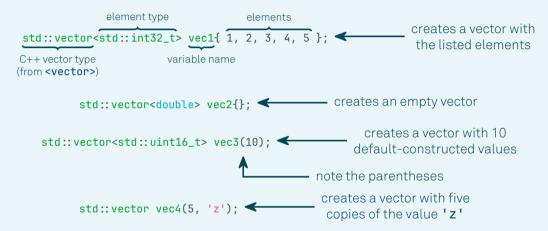
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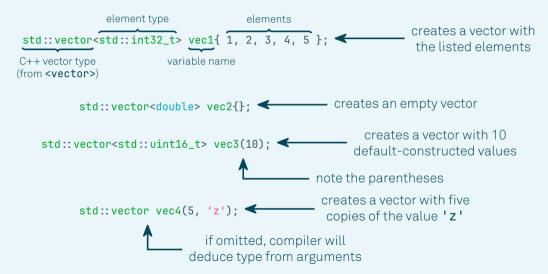
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                                         Java
6 words.at(-1) = "word":
```

```
libc++abi: terminating due to uncaught exception of type std::out_of_range: vector
Process finished with exit code 134 (interrupted by signal 6:SIGABRT)
```

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```

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                                          new middle element: 0
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14    nums.insert(nums.end(), 2U, 6U);
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[11110000, 11001100, 10101010]

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cout << letters << '\n';
letters.pop_back();
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```

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auto middle_iter{std::next(letters.begin(), letters.size() >> 1)};
cout << *middle_iter << '\n';
middle_iter = letters.erase(middle_iter);
cout << *middle_iter << '\n';
cout << letters << '\n';</pre>
```

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const auto start_iter{std::prev(letters.end(), 3)};
auto end_iter{std::prev(letters.end())};
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end_iter = letters.erase(start_iter, end_iter);
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                                            [a, b, a, b, f]
16
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17
    cout << "removed " << removed_count << '\n';</pre>
18
    cout << letters << '\n':
                                           removed 2
                                            [b, b, f]
```

```
19  std::vector<std::int16_t> nums{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 };
20  cout << nums << '\n';
21  removed_count = std::erase_if(nums, [](const std::int16_t num) noexcept {
22   return 3 ≤ num && num ≤ 6;
23  });
24  cout << "removed" << removed_count << '\n';
25  cout << nums << endl;</pre>
```

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24
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   cout << nums << endl;
                                          [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]
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                                          [1, 2, 7, 8]
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4 nums.clear();
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```
[1.2, 3.4, 4.7] : size: 3, cap: 3, empty: false
[] : size: 0, cap: 3, empty: true
Process finished with exit code 0
```

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std::vector<std::int32_t> nums{};
cout << nums << " : cap: " << nums.capacity() << ", size: " << nums.size() << '\n';
nums.reserve(10U); // can only increase capacity
cout << nums << " : cap: " << nums.capacity() << ", size: " << nums.size() << '\n';
for (std::int32_t i{0}; i < 10; ++i) { nums.push_back(i); }
cout << nums << " : cap: " << nums.capacity() << ", size: " << nums.size() << '\n';</pre>
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[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9] : cap: 10, size: 10
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nums.push_back(10);
cout << nums << " : cap: " << nums.capacity() << ", size: " << nums.size() << '\n';
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Don't overuse these methods!

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[1.1, 2.2, 3.3]
```

```
7  nums.resize(6U, 3.14);
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```
const std::vector<std::int16_t> nums{ 1, -2, 23, 4, 13 };
   cout << "nums: ":
    for (std::size_t i{OU}; i < nums.size(); ++i) {</pre>
       cout << nums.at(i) << ' ':
 5
                                         Output:
                                                      nums: 1 -2 23 4 13
    cout << '\n':
    cout << "nums: ";
    for (std::size_t i{nums.size()}; i > 0U; --i) {
       cout << nums.at(i - 1U) << ' ';
10
                                         Output:
                                                      nums: 13 4 23 -2 1
11
    cout << '\n':
```

```
cout << "nums: ";
    for (auto iter{nums.cbegin()}; iter # nums.cend(); +iter) {
13
14
      cout << *iter << ' ':
15
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16
    cout << '\n':
17
    cout << "nums: ";
    for (auto iter{nums.crbegin()}; iter ≠ nums.crend(); +iter) {
18
19
      cout << *iter << ' ':
20
                                        Output:
                                                     nums: 13 4 23 -2 1
21
    cout << '\n':
```

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22    cout << "nums: ";
23    for (const std::int16_t num : nums) { cout << num << ' '; }
24    cout << '\n';
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const auto middle_iter{std::next(nums.begin(), nums.size() >> 1)};
nums.erase(middle_iter); // middle_iter and all after invalidated
cout << *middle_iter << '\n'; // \( \ddle \)
for (auto iter{nums.begin()}; iter \( \neq \) end_iter; ++iter) { // \( \ddle \)
cout << *iter << ' ';
}
cout << '\n';</pre>
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   cout << *iter << ' ';
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