

Note about naming in lecture slides

Today, all instances of "vector" refer to the vector we wrote in namespace mycollection, not `std::vector`.

We will either refer to this as `mycollection::vector`, or simply put using namespace mycollection above without using namespace std.

Warmup!

- Walk through the .h and .cpp files of our vector class.
- Collectively identify:
 - things you've seen before and you can reason why it makes sense in this context
 - things you've seen before but you aren't sure why it makes sense in this context
 - things you haven't seen before
- We'll regroup in 10 minutes.
- If your group finishes earlier and is really bored, here's a challenge: the code seems like it works fine, but there's one instance of undefined behavior. Can you find/fix it?

Template Classes

CS 106L Spring 2020 – Avery Wang and Anna Zeng
Stanford University

6 May 2020

Key questions we will answer today

- what is a template class and how do we create them?
- where do template classes appear in the STL?
- what exactly is the `::` (scope resolution) operator?
- what's the deal with `.h` vs. `.cpp` files?

Where we're going...

CS 106B has covered the absolute barebones of C++ class design.

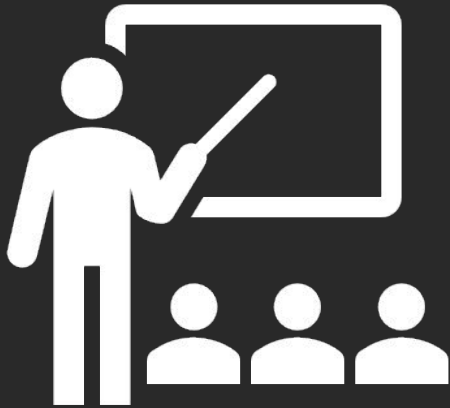
We will cover the rest:

- template classes
- const correctness
- operator overloading
- special member functions
- move semantics
- RAII

Thanks for the Feedback!

- Too fast! Too slow! Too many concepts in class. Please go faster! (we're trying to find a balance)
- More complicated code examples. (will do outside of class)
- Lectures too long. (we'll make them shorter)
- Tell us which supplemental material are important for the assignments. (none of them!)
- More centralized resources. (we'll make a central Piazza post)
- "occurrences" has been spelled correctly once on the slides (I didn't know that - please let us know if you find typos!)

Game Plan



- file organization
- template aliases
- member templates

Review of Classes

Review: Classes

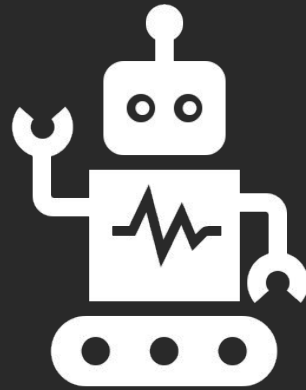
- A class defines a user-defined type (like a struct).
- By default, all members are private (unlike a struct).
- Classes give you more fancy C++ features than a struct.

review of class design

- **interface**: specifies the operations that can be performed on instances of the class.
- **implementation**: specifying how those operations are to be performed.

class design terminology

- **public methods:** methods that are part of the interface, can be called by a client (and inside the class).
- **private methods:** helper methods that can only be called inside the class.
- **private members:** variables only accessible inside the class (usually storing "state")



Questions

Answer 2 questions.

template class basics

Namespaces

- Namespaces are used to put code into logical groups, so that it prevents name clashes.
- Example: I can write my own function `max` in my own namespace, separate from the `std` namespace.
- Syntax for calling/using something in a namespace

`namespace_name::name`

Regular File Organization

```
// vector.h
```

```
class vector {  
    void at();  
}
```

Compile the .cpp and main.cpp
separately.

```
// vector.cpp
```

```
#include "vector.h"
```

```
void vector::at() {  
}
```

```
// main.cpp
```

```
#include "vector.h"
```

```
int main() {  
    vector vec;  
}
```

Template File Organization: Option 1

```
// vector.h
```

```
template <typename T>
class vector {
    void at();
}
```

```
template <typename T>
void vector<T>::at() {

}
```

Compile only main.cpp.

```
// main.cpp
#include "vector.h"

int main() {
    vector<int> vec;
}
```


Template File Organization: Option 2

```
// vector.h

template <typename T>
class vector {
    void at();
}
```

```
#include "vector.cpp"
```

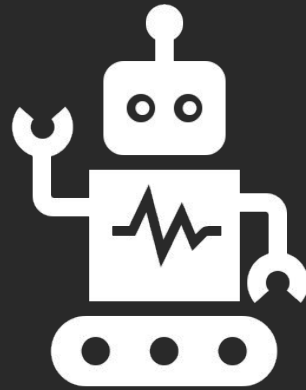
Compile only main.cpp.

```
// vector.cpp
template <typename T>
void vector<T>::at() {

}
```

```
// main.cpp
#include "vector.h"
```

```
int main() {
    vector<int> vec;
}
```



Questions

Answer 2 questions.

A closer look at the syntax

```
// vector.cpp
```

```
template <typename T>
value_type& vector<T>::at(size_t index) {
    if (index < 0 || index > _size)
        throw std::out_of_range("Out of bounds!");
    return _elems[index];
}
```

This is a template function

```
// vector.cpp
```

```
template <typename T>
value_type& vector<T>::at(size_t index) {
    if (index < 0 || index > _size)
        throw std::out_of_range("Out of bounds!");
    return _elems[index];
}
```

One template parameter T.

```
// vector.cpp
```

```
template <typename T>
value_type& vector<T>::at(size_t index) {
    if (index < 0 || index > _size)
        throw std::out_of_range("Out of bounds!");
    return _elems[index];
}
```

Will explain in the next section

```
// vector.cpp
```

```
template <typename T>
value_type& vector<T>::at(size_t index) {
    if (index < 0 || index > _size)
        throw std::out_of_range("Out of bounds!");
    return _elems[index];
}
```

This function is part of the `vector<T>` class, with name `at`.

```
// vector.cpp
```

```
template <typename T>
value_type& vector<T>::at(size_t index) {
    if (index < 0 || index > _size)
        throw std::out_of_range("Out of bounds!");
    return _elems[index];
}
```

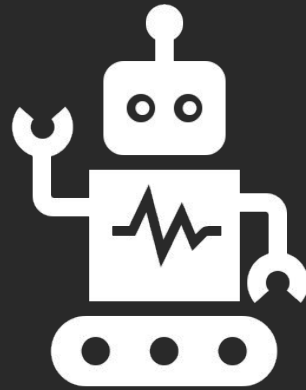
Since function is a member, you can access any private members.

```
// vector.cpp
```

```
template <typename T>
value_type& vector<T>::at(size_t index) {
    if (index < 0 || index > _size)
        throw std::out_of_range("Out of bounds!");
    return _elems[index];
}
}
```


Summary of Template Classes

- Syntax-wise pretty much the same as functions
- You must either:
 - Put interface + implementation in the .h file (standard and very common)
 - Separate .h and .cpp, but include .cpp at the end of .cpp (not common, but we'll do it on A2 and in this class)



Questions

Answer 2 questions.

2-min stretch break!



Announcements

Logistics

- Summary of Projects in CS 106L
 - Optional project 1 (GraphViz): already released
 - Optional project 2 (Interviews): already released
 - Required project 1 (Wiki Racer): due next week
 - Optional project 3 (Gap Buffer): to be released next week
 - Required project 2 (HashMap): released week 7, due week 10
 - Optional project 4 (K-d Trees): released week 8
- Each required project is around 120 lines of code

Logistics

- Mid-quarter survey, click link on Piazza to access survey
- Anna's Wiki Racer announcement
- Office Hours - Avery has 5 hours of them today (after class), and Anna has some tomorrow!

type aliases

Type Aliases: basics

- You can give a type another name using the following syntax:

```
using another_name = existing_type;
```

```
using iterator = ????
```

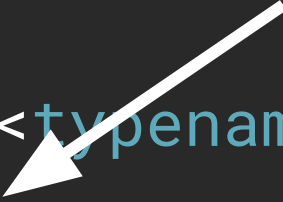

Type Aliases: basics

- If you declare a public type alias in your class, you've created a "member type".

Member types	
Member type	Definition
value_type	T
allocator_type	Allocator
size_type	Unsigned integer type (usually <code>std::size_t</code>)
difference_type	Signed integer type (usually <code>std::ptrdiff_t</code>)
reference	Allocator::reference (until C++11) value_type& (since C++11)
const_reference	Allocator::const_reference (until C++11) const value_type& (since C++11)
pointer	Allocator::pointer (until C++11) <code>std::allocator_traits<Allocator>::pointer</code> (since C++11)
const_pointer	Allocator::const_pointer (until C++11) <code>std::allocator_traits<Allocator>::const_pointer</code> (since C++11)
iterator	<i>LegacyRandomAccessIterator</i>
const_iterator	Constant <i>LegacyRandomAccessIterator</i>
reverse_iterator	<code>std::reverse_iterator<iterator></code>
const_reverse_iterator	<code>std::reverse_iterator<const_iterator></code>

Using type alias in your .cpp file

Compiler error: can't use the name "iterator" before you've declared that you're in the vector class.



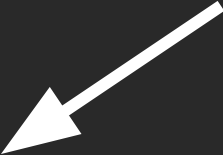
```
template <typename T>
iterator
vector<T>::insert(iterator pos, int value) {

}
```

```
In file included from main.cpp:1:
In file included from ./vector.h:57:
./vector.cpp:72:1: error: unknown type name 'iterator'
iterator vector<T>::insert(iterator pos, const value_type& value) {
^
```

Using type alias in your .cpp file

Compiler error: explanation not super important



```
template <typename T>
vector<T>::iterator
vector<T>::insert(iterator pos, int value) {

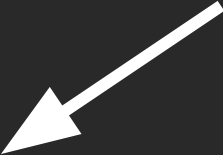
}
```

```
In file included from ./vector.h:57:
./vector.cpp:72:1: error: missing 'typename' prior to dependent type name 'vector<T>::iterator'
vector<T>::iterator vector<T>::insert(iterator pos, const value_type& value) {
^~~~~~
typename
```

Using type alias in your .cpp file

All good!

Literally just do what the compiler told you to do.



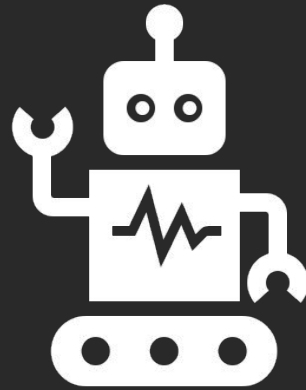
```
template <typename T>
typename vector<T>::iterator
vector<T>::insert(iterator pos, int value) {

}
```

Summary of Type Aliases

- Use them so your clients have a standardized way to accessing important types in your class.
- After class specifier: use alias directly.
- Before class specifier (eg. return): use

```
typename vector<T>::iterator iter = vec.begin();
```



Questions

Answer 2 questions.

member templates

Member templates in classes

- Your public member functions can be templated!
- Two problems:
 - Template declarations aren't prototypes, need to put implementation inside .h
 - Template class + template function, need to specify the template parameters for the class and for the function separately.

Non-template classes, template member function: declare in the .h file

```
// vector.h
```

Declare function template inside class



```
class vector {  
    template <typename InputIt>  
    void swap_elems(InputIt first, InputIt last);  
}
```

```
template <typename InputIt>  
void  
vector<T>::swap_elems(InputIt first, InputIt last) {  
  
}
```

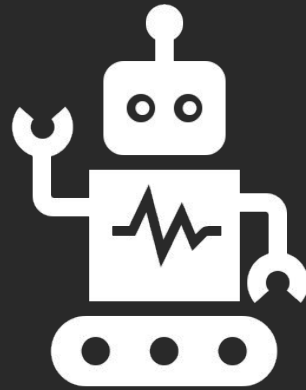
Template classes, template member function: declare in the .h file

```
// vector.h
template <typename T>
class vector {
    template <typename InputIt>
    void swap_elems(InputIt first, InputIt last);
}

template <typename T>
template <typename InputIt>
void
vector<T>::swap_elems(InputIt first, InputIt last) {
}
```

Declare function template inside class

First class template, then function template



Questions

Answer 2 questions.

where we're going next

Problems with our template class

```
void print_size(const vector<int>& vec) {  
    cout << vec.size() << endl;  
} // does not compile
```

const-correctness

```
void print_front(vector<int>& vec) {  
    cout << vec[0] << endl;  
} // does not compile
```

operator overloading

```
void make_copy(vector<int> vec) {  
    // anything  
} // crashes when function returns
```

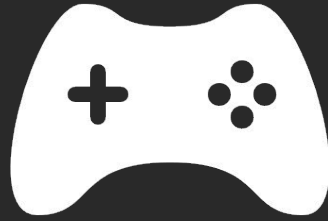
copy semantics

Where we're going...

CS 106B has covered the absolute barebones of C++ class design.

We will cover the rest:

- ~~template classes~~
- const correctness
- operator overloading
- special member functions
- move semantics
- RAII



Next time

Const Correctness + Operator Overloading
(part 1)

there are a few small details about template
classes that we don't have time to cover

A2 will walk you through them!

Dependent Qualified Types

Dependent Name: a type that depends on template parameter
`vector<T>, T&, T::iterator`

Qualified Name: a type that appears on the right of an operator::
`T::size_type, vector<int>::iterator`

Dependent Qualified Name: a type which has a name on the right of an operator::, and the type to its left is a template type.
`vector<T>::iterator, iterator<T, IsConst>::const_reference`

Fixing the bug

Make sure to fix the bug! Change line 58 in vector.cpp to

```
std::copy_backward(pos, end(), end()+1);
```

Reason: `copy(I1, I2, I3)` has undefined behavior if `I3` is between `I1` and `I2`.

Most implementations check for this, but always avoid undefined behavior!