C++ String Functions Cheat Sheet

Length & Access

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length()/size(): Gives length of string
string s = "hello";
cout << s.length(); // 5</pre>
empty(): Checks if string is empty
string s = "";
if (s.empty()) cout << "Empty";</pre>
at(index): Character at index (safe)
string s = "abc";
cout << s.at(1); // b
s[index]: Character at index (unsafe)
string s = "abc";
cout << s[1]; // b
front(): Returns first character
string s = "abc";
cout << s.front(); // a</pre>
back(): Returns last character
string s = "abc";
cout << s.back(); // c
Modification
append(str): Adds string at end
string s = "love";
s.append("babbar"); // lovebabbar
push_back(char): Adds character at end
string s = "abc";
s.push_back('d'); // abcd
pop_back(): Removes last character
string s = "abcd";
s.pop_back(); // abc
insert(pos, str): Insert at position
string s = "hlo";
s.insert(1, "el"); // hello
erase(pos, len): Remove from position
string s = "hello";
s.erase(1, 2); // hlo
replace(start, len, str): Replace part of string
string s = "abcde";
s.replace(1, 2, "XX"); // aXXde
Substring & Find
substr(pos, len): Extracts substring
string s = "babbar";
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cout << s.substr(2, 3); // bba</pre>
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find(str): Finds first occurrence
string s = "hello world";
cout << s.find("world"); // 6</pre>
rfind(str): Finds from end
string s = "abcabc";
cout << s.rfind("a"); // 3</pre>
Comparison
compare(str): Compares strings
string a = "abc", b = "abc";
cout << a.compare(b); // 0</pre>
==, !=, <, >: Operators to compare strings
if (a == b) cout << "Equal";</pre>
Conversion
to_string(num): Converts number to string
int x = 123;
string s = to_string(x); // "123"
stoi(str): Converts string to int
string s = "456";
int x = stoi(s); // 456
Utilities (<algorithm>)
reverse(): Reverses string
string s = "abcd";
reverse(s.begin(), s.end()); // dcba
sort(): Sorts characters
string s = "dcba";
sort(s.begin(), s.end()); // abcd
transform(): Changes case
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transform(s.begin(), s.end(), s.begin(), ::toupper);