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# STL APPLICATION 1

## \* Limitations of array

- size is fixed.
- Non-resizable.

## \* STL : Standard Template Library

### I. Vector

- dynamic array
- size can grow
- indexing is available.
- acts as container

### II Vector in programs :

- #include <vector> : header required to use vectors in program.  
Or,

If you are using `#include <bits/stdc++.h>`  
then it already contains `<vector>` and isn't  
needed to define separately.

- Declaration of vector

`vector <type> v` (uniformity of homogenous elements is maintained)  
Ex : ↳ This declares an empty vector.

`vector <int> v, vector <string> v`

- Insertion : `v.pushback(1)` //append 1 at the end of vector

Ex: v.pushback(1); // O(1)  
v.pushback(2);  
v.pushback(3);

V

0	1	2
1	2	3

- Output the vector using indexing

```
for( int i=0 ; i < v.size() ; i++ )
```

```
cout << v[i];
```

gives the size of vector.

Another way : carries copy

```
for( int num : v )
```

```
cout << num;
```

v.size()

Both gives similar output.

- Insert 4 at 1 index. // O(N)

V: 

1	2	3
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After ①

V: 

1	4	2	3
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$\uparrow$   
v.begin()

$\downarrow$   
end of vector, v.end()

①  $\Rightarrow$  v.insert(v.begin() + 1, 4);

address of  
the index where  
4 has to be inserted

element that will  
be inserted at  
v.begin() + 1

- Delete last element from the v. // O(1)

V: 

1	4	2	3
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 After 

1	4	2
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$\Rightarrow$  v.popback(); // remove the last element of the vector.

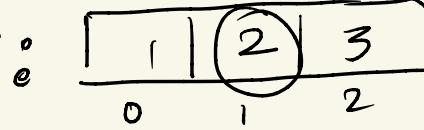
- v.insert() will always increase the size of vector by 1 even if you try to access an address that is outside v.size(). It will simply add a garbage value in the end. Better to make sure the address is valid.

- Remove an element from v.  $\text{O}(N)$



$\text{v.erase}(\text{v.begin}() + 1)$ ; // erases  $\text{v}[1]$  i.e 4.

- Find element in vector  $\text{O}(N)$
- ↳ returns an iterator address, so have to dereference it.

v:  start 

Find 2 in the range of  $\text{v.begin}()$  to  $\text{v.end}()$

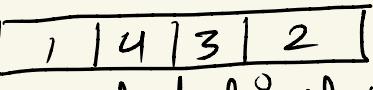
$\Rightarrow$  auto it = find [v.begin(), v.end(), 2]

cont << \*it; // returns the value 2

cont << it - v.begin(); // returns the index 1.

automatically assigns the data type

→ If we are looking for an element that is outside the vector then the above output will result in v.end()

- Search in vector. 

↳ vector should be sorted first with sort()

$\Rightarrow \text{sort}(\text{v.begin}(), \text{v.end}())$



After sort()

v:	0	1	2	3
	1	2	3	4

Now, we can use search  $\text{fx}^n$ .

$\Rightarrow$  auto it = binary-search(v.begin(), v.end(), 4);  
     $\rightarrow$  will hold a boolean value here.

cont << it // will result 1, i.e. the value 4 is present in the vector.

- Occurrence of Duplicates in sorted vectors

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4

$$\# \text{ of } 1's = 3 \quad \# \text{ of } 2's = 3 \quad \# \text{ of } 3's = 3$$

$$\# \text{ of } 4's = 2$$

use of lowerbound & upperbound

$\downarrow$   
will return iterator

address of given  
element (first address  
in case of duplicates)

$\Rightarrow$  int idx = lower\_bound(v.begin(), v.end(), 2) - v.begin();

cont << idx; // 3 (idx)  $\rightarrow$  first occurrence of 2

$\Rightarrow$  int idx2 = upper\_bound(v.begin(), v.end(), 2) - v.begin();

cont << idx2; // 6 (idx)  $\rightarrow$  first occurrence of  $x \geq 2$ .

$\downarrow$   
element 3  
at idx 6.



→ Total number of occurrences of element x in a sorted vector.

upper\_bound - lower\_bound

→ // find occurrence of 2.

cont <= upper\_bound(v.begin(), v.end(), 2) - v.lower\_bound(v.begin(), v.end(), 2)

// will count the occurrence of 2  
and the output will be 3.

- Print sum of all elements in a vector.

⇒ accumulate(v.begin(), v.end(), 0)

↳ will add here

- Max ele of vector

⇒ max\_element : returns an address.

\* max\_element(v.begin(), v.end())

↳ using dereferencing operator, we can access  
the max element.

- Declaration of vector of a size

⇒ vector<int> v(10, 1)

default size

it can still

grow or shrink.

fill the vector with  
value 1

1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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2 dimension vector with value 1.

⇒ vector <vector<int>> mat(3, vector<int>(3, 1));  
declaration of vector of vector

mat =

1	1	1
1	1	1
1	1	1