

C++  
Arrays: - Collection of elements of same DT  
↳ No bound's checking

int A[10]; → Initializing Declaration

int A[10] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10};

↳ Initialization

+ Declaration

int A[] = {1, 2, 3, ..., n};

cin >> A[0];

Arr A[11] → out of bounds

Vectors:

- Container in the C++ Standard Template Library
- An array that can grow/shrink in size at execution time.
- Provides similar semantics as syntax as always.
- Very efficient
- Can provide bound's checking
- Can use lots of functions like sort, reverse, find, etc.



When we create a C++ vector  
↳ we create a C++ object  
The object can perform operations for us.

Declaring:

#include <vector> → Include Vector library  
using namespace std;

vector <char> vowels;      } Empty vector with  
vector <int> test-scores;      } no elements

↳ Must include the type of  
the elements of the vector inside  
< > angle brackets, since the  
vector is an obj-oriented template  
class

∴ vowels → vector or a collection of characters  
test-scores → " " of integers.

vector <char> vowels (5);

↳ Constructor initializer  
syntax

vector <int> test-scores (10);

↳ Automatically  
set to zero



vector <char> vowels { 'a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u' };

vector <int> test\_scores { 100, 98, 97, 39, 45 };

vector <double> hi-temp { 365, 80.0 }

First Param  
(Size of the  
vector)

Second Param  
(Value That will  
initialize all  
365 doubles  
with 80.0)

### Characteristics:

- Dynamic Size
- Elements are all same type
- Stored Contiguously in memory
- Individual elements can be accessed by their position or index.
- First element is at index 0
- Last element is at index -1
- `[]` - no checking to see if out of bounds
- But provides many useful functions that do bounds check
- Elements initialized to 0
- Very efficient
- Iteration/looping is used to process vectors.

## Accessing Vector elements - vector syntax

vector-name.at (element-index)

test\_scores.at (0)

↓  
Dot operator

↘  
method-name  
(Type of operation)

## Changing Contents of Vector elements

vector-name.at (element-index)

```
cin >> test_scores.at(0);
```

```
"
```

```
cin >> test_scores.at(1);
```

```
test_scores.at(0) = 90; // assignment statement
```

When do ~~A~~ vectors grow as needed?

vector-name.push\_back(element)

↳ adds new element  
to the end of the vector  
(Same type - all elements)

```
vector<int> test_scores{100, 95, 99}; // size 3
```

```
test_scores.push_back(80); // 100, 95, 99, 80
```

```
test_scores.push_back(90); // 100, 95, 99, 80, 90
```

vector will automatically allocate the required space.



Vector will take care of, allocating & de-allocating space

What if we are out of bounds in vector?

↳ Many vector methods provide bounds checking

↳ error message / exception is generated.

Example of a 2D-Vector:

2D-vector  $\rightarrow$  Vector of vectors

Vector <vector<int>> movie ratings &

{ 1, 2, 3, 4 },

{ 3, 4, 2, 1 },

{ 2, 5, 3, 4 },

For a 2D-vector, `at()`-method is,

↳ movie-ratings.at(i).at(j)