

C++ STLs

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Comparators



- ◉ It is a function or an object that is used to compare elements.
- ◉ Used to decide the order of elements inside a Data Structure. (vector, set, map, heap)

They can be implemented in different ways :-

① Function Pointers - A function that implements the logic of comparison.

Example → `sort()`

`vector<int> vec = { 3, 2, 1, 6 }`

- `sort(vec.begin(), vec.end()) ; //Default ASC`

`sort(vec.begin(), vec.end(), myComparator) ;`

```
bool myComparator(int a, int b) {  
    if (a > b) return True;  
    return False;  
}
```

②

Function Objects (Functors) :-

An object that can be treated as a function.

Example → `sort()` ⇐

`vector<int> vec = { 3, 2, 1, 6 } ⇐`

`Sort (begin(vec), end(vec), myComparator());`

Class myComparator {

`bool operator() (int a, int b) {`
 `return a < b; // Asc.`

`};`

③

Lambda Expressions :-

Example → `sort()`

`vector<int> vec = { 3, 2, 1, 6 }`

```
sort(begin(sort), end(sort), [](int a, int b) {  
    return a > b;  
});
```

capture clause

`{} (int a, int b) {`

// Body

```
return a > b;
```

// Desc.

}

`int main() {`

int main ()

vec = { ... } ←

→ int x = 3; ←

int y = 4;

unordered_map mp;

Sort(begin(vec), end(vec), [mp] (int a, int b)

mp ←

}

}

auto myLamba = [] (int a, int b) {
return a > b;
};

Sort(begin(vec), end(vec), myLamba);