



# CAS CS200 LECTURE 1

## C++ STL AND SYNTAX

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# C++ in 50 minutes

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# Objectives

- Understand the basic syntax and I/O in C++
- Useful STL data-structures (containers), their related functions, and basic algorithms

## Basic C++ Template

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;

int main(){
    // These declaration ensure that cin/cout work
    // just as fast as scanf/printf
    ios::sync_with_stdio(false);
    cin.tie(0);

    int input;
    cin >> input;

    cout << "Hello world: " << input << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

## Conventions for "Problem Solving"

General:

- `bits/stdc++` imports all available STL functions
- `using namespace std` saves you time from typing `std::` everytime

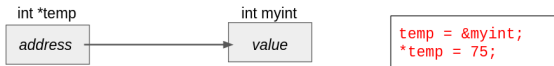
Data Types (`char`, `int`, `bool`, `double`, ...):

- use `std::string` instead of `char[]`
- optionally substitute `int` with `long long` to avoid overflow
- `auto` keyword

# Pointers

C++ uses explicit pointers. Declare with asterisk.

- A pointer stores the address of a piece of data in its own data field.
  - Example: a "pointer" `*temp` points to an integer `myint`.



- We can get the address with `&`
- Use pointers when:
  - passing data you want to change to a function
  - have a lot of values you want to hold in one data structure

# Array

Arrays hold pre-specified amounts of data elements.

- You "can" initialize an array in global scope with a large number based on the known input upperbound. (bad practice for SWE, but easier for problem solving.)

- For fast initialization, use `memset` to fill the array with 0 or -1.

```
int A[1001];  
memset(A, -1, sizeof A);
```

- To specify the array content:

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

# Standard Template Library (STL)

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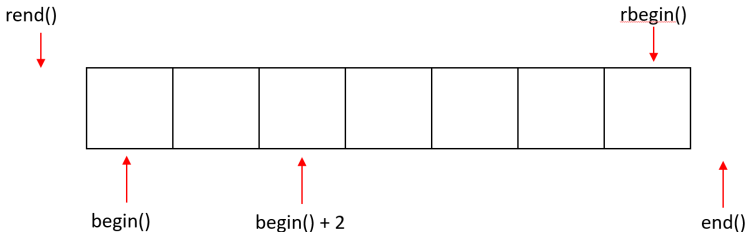


## Standard Template Library

- STL contains many useful containers and algorithms.
- Our favorite container: `std::vector<T>`
  - `map`, `unordered_map`, `set`, `multiset`, `stack`, `queue`, `priority_queue`...
- Our favorite algorithm: `std::sort`
  - `upper_bound`, `lower_bound`, ...

# Iterator

- pointer for STL containers



- use `auto` keyword to store them easily

For example, container `v`:

```
auto vpitr = v.begin()
```

## vector

STL vectors are **dynamic**, a predefined size is **optional**.

```
vector<int> v1;
int n = 5;
vector<int> v2(n); // Initialize vector of size n with 0
vector<int> v3(4, 100); // four ints with val 100
vector<int> v4(v3); // copy of v3

v1.push_back(77); // v1 grow by 1 element, {77}
v1.push_back(88); // v1 grow by 1 element , {77, 88}
int sz = v1.size(); // size is now 2
int access = v1[1]; // 88

v1.clear();
```

## queue/stack

```
//=====//
//      Queue      //
//=====//

queue<int> q;
q.push(5), q.push(6);
while(!q.empty()){
    cout << q.front() << ' ' << q.size() << ' ';
    q.pop();
}

//=====//
//      Stack      //
//=====//

stack<int> st;
st.push(5), st.push(6);
while(!st.empty()){
    cout << st.top() << ' ' << st.size() << ' ';
    st.pop();
}
```

**Queue** : 5 2 6 1    **Stack** : 6 2 5 1

## map/unordered\_map

map (Implemented as BST)

- Use when keys need to be ordered, traversal is required
- has iterator (i.e `m.begin()`, `m.end()`)
- Search time:  $O(\log n)$
- Insertion / Deletion  $O(\log n)$  + "self-balance" overhead

unordered\_map (Implemented as HashMap)

- Use when keeping count, single element access..
- Search time:  $O(n)$  worst case but  $O(1)$  on average.
- Insertion / Deletion same as search

## map vs unordered\_map

```
map<string, int> m1;

m1.insert({"Ben", 2022});
// {"Ben", 2022}

m1.insert({"Howie", 2023});
// {"Ben", 2022}, {"Howie", 2023}

m1.find("Ben")->second = m1.find("Ben")->second + 1;
// {"Ben", 2023}, {"Howie", 2023}

if(m1.find("Ben") != m1.end())
    cout << "Ben exists in the map.";
```

## set/multiset

Stores ordered, immutable set of data

- Search time:  $O(\log n)$
- Insertion/Deletion:  $O(\log n)$  worst case but  $O(1)$  on average.

Only difference between `set` and `multiset` is the elements are unique/can be duplicate.

## set vs multiset

```
set<float> s1;
s1.insert(3.0);
// {3.0}
s1.insert(98.5);
// {3.0, 98.5}
s1.insert(0.66);
// {0.66, 3.0, 98.5}

if(s1.find(7.6) != s1.end()){
    cout << "7.6 in the set." << endl;
}else{
    cout << "7.6 not in the set." << endl;
}
```



## sort

Sometimes, it's useful to sort before interaction with a container.

```
1 // given list of numbers, print the middle-value
2 vector<int> v{10, 39, 11, 30, 35};
3
4 // sorts vector in O(nlogn)
5 sort(v.begin(), v.end());
6 // {10, 11, 30, 35, 39}
7
8 cout << v.size() / 2 << endl;
```

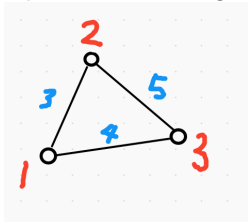
## Struct

Classes are secured but have overhead. Use `struct` for custom data.

- We can define a `struct` with the following template:

```
struct name{  
    int data;  
    name(int n):data(n){}  
};
```

Let's put what we learned together by creating a data structure to represent this triangle.



## Struct

```
1 // define our structure for edges of triangle
2 // notice it is before the main function
3 ▼ struct edge {
4     // members
5     int node1, node2, length;
6     // constructor
7     edge(int n1, int n2, int len) : node1(n1), node2(n2), length(len){}
8 };
9
10 ▼ int main() {
11     vector<edge> triangle;
12     // {n1,n2,len} goes into our vector
13     triangle.push_back({1,2,3});
14     triangle.push_back({2,3,5});
15     triangle.push_back({3,1,4});
16
17     // print out all edges of triangle
18     for (auto &side : triangle) {
19         cout << side.length << endl;
20     }
21 }
```

## Macros

A common trick people use to take shortcuts is defining macros.

- **Data Types:**

```
typedef long long ll
```

- **Data Structures:**

```
typedef vector<int> vii  
typedef pair<int,int> pii
```

- **Functions:**

```
#define rep(i,a,b) for(int i = a; i < (b) ; i++)  
#define all(x) begin(x), end(x)  
#define pb push_back
```

**Trade-off:** Less Clarity