C++ Standard Template Library
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- New exercise ex12 out today. Due Monday morning.
  - (uses STL vector and sort)
- (ex11 – Vector class with heap-allocated data – still due Monday morning also)

- Midterm: Friday, 2/15 in class
  - Closed book, no notes
  - Old exams and topic list on the course web now
    - Everything up through C++ classes, dynamic memory, templates & STL
  - Review in sections next week
C++’s Standard Library

- C++’s Standard Library consists of four major pieces:
  1. The entire C standard library
  2. C++’s input/output stream library
     - `std::cin`, `std::cout`, `stringstream`, `fstream`, etc.
  3. C++’s standard template library (STL)
     - Containers, iterators, algorithms (sort, find, etc.), numerics
  4. C++’s miscellaneous library
     - Strings, exceptions, memory allocation, localization
STL Containers 😊

- A **container** is an object that stores (in memory) a collection of other objects (elements)
  - Implemented as class templates, so hugely flexible
  - More info in *C++ Primer* §9.2, 11.2

- Several different classes of container
  - **Sequence containers** (*vector, deque, list, ...*)
  - **Associative containers** (*set, map, multiset, multimap, bitset, ...*)
  - Differ in algorithmic cost and supported operations
STL Containers 😞

- STL containers store by *value*, not by *reference*
  - When you insert an object, the container makes a *copy*
  - If the container needs to rearrange objects, it makes copies
    - *e.g.* if you sort a `vector`, it will make many, many copies
    - *e.g.* if you insert into a `map`, that may trigger several copies
  - What if you don’t want this (disabled copy constructor or copying is expensive)?
    - You can insert a wrapper object with a pointer to the object
      - We’ll learn about these “smart pointers” soon
Our Tracer Class

- **Wrapper class for an** `unsigned int value_`
  - Default ctor, cctor, dtor, `op=, op<` defined
  - `friend function operator<<` defined
  - Also holds unique `unsigned int id_` (increasing from 0)
  - Private helper method `PrintID()` to return "(id_, value_)" as a string
  - Class and member definitions can be found in `Tracer.h` and `Tracer.cc`

- **Useful for tracing behaviors of containers**
  - All methods print identifying messages
  - Unique `id_` allows you to follow individual instances
STL \texttt{vector}

- A generic, dynamically resizable array
  - \url{http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/stl/vector/vector/}
  - Elements are stored in \textit{contiguous} memory locations
    - Elements can be accessed using pointer arithmetic if you’d like
    - Random access is $O(1)$ time
  - Adding/removing from the end is cheap (amortized constant time)
  - Inserting/deleting from the middle or start is expensive (linear time)
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include "Tracer.h"

using namespace std;

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    Tracer a, b, c;
    vector<Tracer> vec;

    cout << "vec.push_back " << a << endl;
    vec.push_back(a);
    cout << "vec.push_back " << b << endl;
    vec.push_back(b);
    cout << "vec.push_back " << c << endl;
    vec.push_back(c);

    cout << "vec[0]" << endl << vec[0] << endl;

    return 0;
}
STL iterator

- Each container class has an associated *iterator* class (*e.g.* `vector<int>::iterator`) used to iterate through elements of the container
  - **Iterator range** is from `begin` up to `end` i.e., `[begin, end)`
    - `end` is one past the last container element!
  - Some container iterators support more operations than others
    - All can be incremented (`++`), copied, copy-constructed
    - Some can be dereferenced on RHS (*e.g.* `x = *it;`)
    - Some can be dereferenced on LHS (*e.g.* `*it = x;`)
    - Some can be decremented (`--`)
    - Some support random access (`[ ]`, `+`, `->`, `+=`, `-=`, `<`, `>` operators)
iterator Example

```cpp
#include <vector>
#include "Tracer.h"

using namespace std;

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    Tracer a, b, c;
    vector<Tracer> vec;

    vec.push_back(a);
    vec.push_back(b);
    vec.push_back(c);

    cout << "Iterating:" << endl;
    vector<Tracer>::iterator it;
    for (it = vec.begin(); it < vec.end(); it++) {
        cout << *it << endl;
    }
    cout << "Done iterating!" << endl;
    return 0;
}
```
Type Inference (C++11)

- The `auto` keyword can be used to infer types
  - Simplifies your life if, for example, functions return complicated types
  - The expression using `auto` must contain explicit initialization for it to work

```cpp
// Calculate and return a vector containing all factors of n
std::vector<int> Factors(int n);

void foo(void) {
    // Manually identified type
    std::vector<int> facts1 = Factors(324234);

    // Inferred type
    auto facts2 = Factors(12321);

    // Compiler error here
    auto facts3;
}
```
auto and Iterators

- Life becomes much simpler!

```cpp
for (vector<Tracer>::iterator it = vec.begin(); it < vec.end(); it++) {
    cout << *it << endl;
}
```

```cpp
for (auto it = vec.begin(); it < vec.end(); it++) {
    cout << *it << endl;
}
```
Range \texttt{for} Statement (C++11)

- Syntactic sugar similar to Java’s \texttt{foreach}

\begin{verbatim}
for ( declaration : expression ) {
    statements
}
\end{verbatim}

- \textit{declaration} defines loop variable
- \textit{expression} is an object representing a sequence
  - Strings, initializer lists, arrays with an explicit length defined, STL containers that support iterators

\begin{verbatim}
// Prints out a string, one // character per line
std::string str("hello");

for ( auto c : str ) {
    std::cout << c << std::endl;
}
\end{verbatim}
Updated iterator Example

```cpp
#include <vector>

#include "Tracer.h"

using namespace std;

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    Tracer a, b, c;
    vector<Tracer> vec;

    vec.push_back(a);
    vec.push_back(b);
    vec.push_back(c);

    cout << "Iterating:" << endl;
    // "auto" is a C++11 feature not available on older compilers
    for (auto & p : vec) {
        cout << p << endl;
    }
    cout << "Done iterating!" << endl;
    return 0;
}
```
STL Algorithms

- A set of functions to be used on ranges of elements
  - **Range**: any sequence that can be accessed through *iterators* or *pointers*, like arrays or some of the containers
  - General form: `algorithm(begin, end, ...);

- Algorithms operate directly on range *elements* rather than the containers they live in
  - Make use of elements’ copy ctor, =, ==, !=, <
  - Some do not modify elements
    - *e.g.* find, count, for_each, min_element, binary_search
  - Some do modify elements
    - *e.g.* sort, transform, copy, swap
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>
#include "Tracer.h"
using namespace std;

void PrintOut(const Tracer& p) {
    cout << " printout: " << p << endl;
}

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    Tracer a, b, c;
    vector<Tracer> vec;

    vec.push_back(c);
    vec.push_back(a);
    vec.push_back(b);
    cout << "sort:" << endl;
    sort(vec.begin(), vec.end());
    cout << "done sort!" << endl;
    for_each(vec.begin(), vec.end(), &PrintOut);
    return 0;
}
STL \textit{list}

- A generic doubly-linked list
  - \url{http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/stl/list/}
  - Elements are \textit{not} stored in contiguous memory locations
    - Does not support random access (\textit{e.g.} cannot do \texttt{list[5]})
  - Some operations are much more efficient than vectors
    - Constant time insertion, deletion anywhere in list
    - Can iterate forward or backwards
- Has a built-in sort member function
  - Doesn’t copy! Manipulates list structure instead of element values
#include <list>
#include <algorithm>
#include "Tracer.h"
using namespace std;

void PrintOut(const Tracer& p) {
    cout << " printout: " << p << endl;
}

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    Tracer a, b, c;
    list<Tracer> lst;

    lst.push_back(c);
    lst.push_back(a);
    lst.push_back(b);
    cout << "sort:" << endl;
    lst.sort();
    cout << "done sort!" << endl;
    for_each(lst.begin(), lst.end(), &PrintOut);
    return 0;
}
**STL map**

- One of C++’s *associative* containers: a key/value table, implemented as a search tree
  - General form: `map<key_type, value_type> name;`
  - Keys must be *unique*
    - `multimap` allows duplicate keys
  - Efficient lookup (O(log n)) and insertion (O(log n))
    - Access value via `name[key]`
  - Elements are type `pair<key_type, value_type>` and are stored in *sorted* order (key is field `first`, value is field `second`)
    - Key type must support less-than operator (<)
# map Example

```cpp
void PrintOut(const pair<Tracer, Tracer>& p) {
    cout << "printout: [" << p.first << "," << p.second << "]" << endl;
}

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    Tracer a, b, c, d, e, f;
    map<Tracer, Tracer> table;
    map<Tracer, Tracer>::iterator it;

    table.insert(pair<Tracer, Tracer>(a, b));
    table[c] = d;
    table[e] = f;
    cout << "table[e]:" << table[e] << endl;
    it = table.find(c);

    cout << "PrintOut(*it), where it = table.find(c)" << endl;
    PrintOut(*it);

    cout << "iterating:" << endl;
    for_each(table.begin(), table.end(), &PrintOut);

    return 0;
}
```
Unordered Containers (C++11)

- `unordered_map`, `unordered_set`
  - And related classes `unordered_multimap`, `unordered_multiset`
  - Average case for key access is $O(1)$
    - But range iterators can be less efficient than ordered `map`/`set`
  - See *C++ Primer*, online references for details
Extra Exercise #1

- Using the `Tracer.h/.cc` files from lecture:
  - Construct a vector of lists of Tracers
    - *i.e. a vector container with each element being a list of Tracers*
  - Observe how many copies happen 😊
    - Use the sort algorithm to sort the vector
    - Use the `list.sort()` function to sort each list
Extra Exercise #2

- Take one of the books from HW2’s `test_tree` and:
  - Read in the book, split it into words (you can use your hw2)
  - For each word, insert the word into an STL `map`
    - The key is the word, the value is an integer
    - The value should keep track of how many times you’ve seen the word, so each time you encounter the word, increment its map element
    - Thus, build a histogram of word count
  - Print out the histogram in order, sorted by word count
  - **Bonus**: Plot the histogram on a log-log scale (use Excel, gnuplot, etc.)
    - x-axis: log(word number), y-axis: log(word count)