

CS 32 Week 6

Discussion 2E

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Announcements

- Homework 4 is Up!
- Due : 11:00 PM Tuesday, March 7
- Project 3 will be coming out soon!

Outline

- Templates
- Standard Template Library (STL)
- Worksheet 6

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- Yes, operator overloading

```
bool operator<(const Ship& s1, const Ship&s2){
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- const T &, as copying might be expensive sometimes
- and we are guaranteed our passed element is not modified

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STL : Standard Template Library

Most of the **Data Structures** and **Algorithms** handling various **Types** are already written for you, so don't reinvent the wheel :)

However, Programmers should have fair idea of what's happening under the hood for debugging, efficiency etc.

Reference :- <https://www.cplusplus.com/reference/stl>

Or just google

vector c++ STL ...

queue c++ STL ...

list C++ STL ...

That should land you to good c++ site (<https://www.cplusplus.com/reference/vector/vector/>)

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A little usage...

`vector<int> V;`

`V[i]` - access

`V.at(i)` - access

`V.front()` - access front(0 th) element

`V.back()` - access last element

Both the above have undefined behaviour when V is empty.

`V.push_back(90)` - insert at last

`V.empty()` - check if empty

`V.size()` - get size

`V.erase(iterator it)` - remove element pointed by iterator it

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- Yes, contiguous memory

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    cout << *it <<endl;  
}
```

```
vector<int> v;  
int i=0;  
for(i=0; i<v.size(); i++){  
    cout << v[i] <<endl;  
}
```

Can always do this for a vector, not for other containers.
Use iterators for other containers.

vector iterator `it`, can we do `*(it+2)` or `it=it+2`?

- Yes, contiguous memory

list iterator `it`, can we do `*(it+2)` or `it=it+2`?

- No, NOT a contiguous memory
So use `it++` two times

STL : Algorithm

Have many algorithms like **find**, **sort** .. for containers

need to add `#include <algorithm>`

<https://www.cplusplus.com/reference/algorithm/>

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What if we want to insert a Chicken into list only if same color chicken doesn't exist.
i.e checking condition changes dynamically? How to find a chicken of any given color?

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- No, We don't know how to compare two Chickens

STL : Sort using Predicate

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