CSCI 104

C++ STL; Iterators, Maps, Sets

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Container Classes

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Container Classes

• ArrayLists, LinkedList, Deques, etc. are classes used simply for storing (or contain) other items

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  – ArrayList => O(1) // contiguous memory, so just go to location
  – LinkedList => O(i) or O(n) // must traverse the list to location i
Iteration

- Consider how you iterate over all the elements in a list
  - Use a for loop and get() or operator[]
- For an array list this is fine since each call to at() is O(1)
- For a linked list, calling get(i) requires taking i steps through the linked list
  - 0th call = 1 step
  - 1st call = 2 steps
  - 2nd call = 3 steps
  - 1+2+...+n-2+n-1+n = O(n^2)
- You are re-walking over the linked list a lot of the time

```cpp
ArrayList<int> mylist;
...
for(int i=0; i < mylist.size(); ++i)
{
    cout << mylist.get(i) << endl;
}
```

```cpp
LinkedList<int> mylist;
...
for(int i=0; i < mylist.size(); ++i)
{
    cout << mylist.get(i) << endl;
}
```
Iteration: A Better Approach

• Solution: Don't use get()
• Use an **iterator**
  – An object containing an internal state variable (i.e. a pointer or index) that moves one step in the list at a time as you iterate, saving your position
• Iterator tracks the internal location of each successive item
• Iterators provide the semantics of a **pointer** to the values in the list
• Assume
  – mylist.begin() returns an iterator to the beginning item
  – mylist.end() returns an iterator "one-beyond" the last item
  – ++it (preferred) or it++ moves iterator on to the next value

```
// new iterator approach
LinkedList<int> mylist;
...
iterator it;
for(it = mylist.begin();
    it != mylist.end();
    ++it)
{
    cout << *it << endl;
}
```

```
// old index approach
int size = mylist.size();
int i;
for(i = 0;
    i < size;
    i++)
{
    cout << mylist[i];
}
```
Iterators

• List implementations may allow us to use array-like indexing (e.g. myvec[i], myvec.at(i), myvec.get(i)) that finds the correct data “behind-the-scenes” (giving the illusion that data is contiguous in memory though it may not be)

• To iterate over the whole set of items we could use a counter variable and the array indexing (‘myvec[i]’), but it can be more efficient (based on how the data structure is actually implemented) to keep an internal pointer to the next item and update it appropriately

• C++ STL containers define ‘helper’ classes called *iterators* that store these internal pointers and help iterate over each item or find an item in the container
Iterators

- Iterators are a new class type defined in the scope of each container
  - Type is `container::iterator` (`vector<int>::iterator` is a type)
- Initialize them with `objname.begin()`, check whether they are finished by comparing with `objname.end()`, and move to the next item with `++` operator

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    vector<int> my_vec(5); // 5 = init. size
    for(int i=0; i < 5; i++){
        my_vec.push_back(i+50);
    }
    vector<int>::iterator it;
    for(it = my_vec.begin(); it != my_vec.end(); ++it){
        cout << *it << endl;
    }
}
```

Iterators

- Iterator variable has the same semantics as a pointer to an item in the container
  - Use * to ‘dereference’ and get the actual item
  - Since you're storing integers in the vector below, the iterator acts and looks like an \texttt{int*}

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        my_vec.push_back(i+50);
    }
    for(vector<int>::iterator it = my_vec.begin() ; it != my_vec.end(); ++it){
        cout << *it << endl;
    }
    return 0;
}
```
Iterator Tips

• Think of an iterator variable as a pointer...when you declare it, it points at nothing

• Think of begin() as returning the address of the first item but really returns an iterator to the first item.

• Think of end() as returning the address AFTER the last item (i.e. off the end of the collection or maybe NULL) but really returns an iterator to the one-off-the-end)
  – So as long as your iterator is less than or not equal to the end() iterator, you are safe
**Iterator Pro Tip**

- NEVER (accidentally) compare iterators from different containers (i.e. always compare iterators obtained from the same instance of the data structure)
  - May allow iterator to go off the end of a container

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <cstdlib>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
  Scores s;
  ...
  vector<int>::iterator it = s.mtGrades().begin();
  it != s.mtGrades().end();
  ++it)
  {
    cout << *it << endl;
  }
  return 0;
}
```

```cpp
class Scores {
  public:
    vector<int> mtGrades()
    {
      return mt;
    }
  private:
    vector<int> mt;
};
```

```cpp
vector<int> g = s.mtGrades();
for(vector<int>::iterator it = g.begin();
  it != g.end(); ++it)
  {
    ... 
  }
```
C++ STL Algorithms

• Many useful functions defined in <algorithm> library

• All of these functions usually accept iterator(s) to elements in a container

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#include <vector>
#include <cstdlib>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    vector<int> my_vec(5); // 5 = init. size
    for(int i=0; i < 5; i++){
        my_vec.push_back(rand());
    }
    sort(my_vec.begin(), my_vec.end());
    for(vector<int>::iterator it = my_vec.begin(); it != my_vec.end(); ++it){
        cout << *it << endl;
    }
    return 0;
}
```
Maps (a.k.a. Dictionaries or Ordered Hashes)

ASSOCIATIVE CONTAINERS
class Student {
public:
    Student();
    Student(string myname, int myid);
    ~Student();
    string get_name() { return name; } // get their name
    void add_grade(int score); // add a grade to their grade list
    int get_grade(int index); // get their i-th grade
private:
    string name;
    int id;
    vector<int> grades;
};

Note: This class is just a sample to hold some data and will be used as the 'value' in a map shortly.
Creating a List of Students

• How should I store multiple students?
  – Array, Vector, LinkedList?
• It depends on what we want to do with the student objects and **HOW we want to access them**
  – If we only iterating over all elements a list performs fine
  – If we want to access random (individual) elements where we have to search for them, lists give poor performance.
  – O(n) [linear search] or O(log n) [binary search] to find student or test membership

```cpp
#include <vector>
#include "student.h"
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    vector<Student> studs;
    ...
    unsigned int i;
    // compute average of 0-th score
    double avg = 0;
    for(i=0; i < studs.size(); i++){
        avg += studs[i].get_score(0);
    }
    avg = avg / studs.size();

    // check "Tommy"'s score
    int tommy_score = -1;
    for(i=0; i < studs.size(); i++){
        if(studs[i].get_name() == "Tommy"){
            tommy_score = studs[i].get_score(2);
            break;
        }
    }
    cout<< "Tommy’s score is: " <<
        tommy_score << endl;
}
```
Index and Data Relationships

- Arrays and vectors are indexed with integers 0...N-1 and have no relation to the data
- Could we somehow index our data with a meaningful "keys" – studs["Tommy"].get_score(2)
- YES!!! Associative Containers

```cpp
#include <vector>
#include "student.h"
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int main()
{
    vector<student> studs;
    ...

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    // compute average of 0-th score
double avg = 0;
    for(i=0; i < studs.size(); i++){
        avg += studs[i].get_score(0);
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            break;
        }
    }
    cout << "Tommy’s score is: " << tommy_score << endl;
}
Maps / Dictionaries

• Stores key, value pairs
  – Example: Map student names to their GPA
• Keys must be unique (can only occur once in the structure)
• No constraints on the values
• No inherent ordering between key, value pairs
  – Can't ask for the 0\textsuperscript{th} item...
• Operations:
  – Insert
  – Remove
  – Find/Lookup

Grade Inflation in the Ivy League!!
C++ Pair Struct/Class

- C++ library defines a struct ‘pair’ that is templatized to hold two values (first and second) of different types
  - Templates (more in a few weeks) allow types to be specified differently for each map that is created
- C++ map class internally stores its key/values in these pair objects
- Defined in ‘utility’ header but if you include <map> you don’t have to include utility
- Can declare a pair as seen in option 1 or call library function make_pair() to do it

```cpp
template <class T1, class T2>
struct pair {
    T1 first;
    T2 second;
}

#include <iostream>
#include <utility>
#include <string>
using namespace std;

void func_with_pair_arg(pair<char, double> p) {
    cout << p.first << " " << p.second << endl;
}

int main() {
    string mystr = "Bill";
    pair<string, int> p1(mystr, 1);
    cout << p1.first << " " << p1.second << endl;

    // Option 1: Anonymous pair constructed and passed
    func_with_pair_arg( pair<char, double>('c', 2.3) );

    // Option 2: Same thing as above but w/ less typing
    func_with_pair_arg( make_pair('c', 2.3) );
}
```

Bill 1
c 2.3
c 2.3
Associative Containers

- C++ STL ‘map’ class can be used for this purpose
- Maps store (key,value) pairs where:
  - key = index/label to access the associated value
  - Stored value is a copy of actual data
- Other languages refer to these as ‘hashes’ or ‘dictionaries’
- Keys must be unique
  - Just as indexes were unique in an array or list
- Value type should have a default constructor [i.e. Student() ]
- Key type must have less-than (<) operator defined for it
  - Use C++ string rather than char array
- Efficient at finding specified key/value and testing membership
  \( O(\log_2 n) \)

\[
\text{stumap is a map that associates C++ strings (keys) with Student objects (values)}
\]

#include <map>
#include "student.h"
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    map<string,Student> stumap;
    Student s1("Tommy",86328);
    Student s2("Tina",54982);
    ...
    // Option 1: this will insert the pair:
    // {Tommy,Copy of s1}
    stumap[ "Tommy" ] = s1;
    // Option 2: using insert()
    stumap.insert( pair<string,Student>("Tina", s2));
    // or stumap.insert( make_pair("Tina", s2));
    ...
    int tommy_score = stumap["Tina"].get_score(1);
    // Returns 'Copy of s2' and then you can call Student member functions
    stumap.erase( "Tommy" );
    cout << "Tommy dropped the course..Erased!";
    cout << endl;
}

NEVER use a 'for' loop to iterate through a map to FIND a key,value pair.
Just use find()...it's O(log n)
Maps & Iterators

• If you still want to process each element in a map you can still iterate over all elements in the map using an iterator object for that map type

• Recall: Iterator is a "pointer'/iterator to a pair struct
  – it->first is the key
  – it->second is the value

```cpp
tom omain()
{
    map<string, student> stumap;
    Student s1("Tommy", 86328);
    Student s2("Jill", 54982);
    ...
    stumap["Tommy"] = s1;
    stumap[s1.get_name()].add_grade(85);
    stumap["Jill"] = s2;
    stumap["Jill"]/add_grade(93);
    ...
    map<string, student>::iterator it;
    for(it = stumap.begin(); it != stumap.end(); ++it){
        cout << "Name/key is " << it->first;
        cout << " and their 0th score is ";
        cout << it->second.get_score(0);
    }
}
```

Name/key is Tommy and their 0th score is 85
Name/key is Jill and their 0th score is 93
Map Membership [Find()]

- Check/search whether key is in the map object using `find()` function
- Pass a key as an argument
- Find returns an iterator
- If key is IN the map
  - Returns an iterator/pointer to that (key,value) pair
- If key is NOT IN the map
  - Returns an iterator equal to `end()`’s return value
- **Runs in log(n) time**
  - Do not loop/iterate to find something in a map (or set)

```cpp
#include <map>
#include "student.h"
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    map<string, student> stumap;
    Student s1("Tommy", 86328), s2("Jill", 14259);
    string name;

    stumap["Tommy"] = s1;    // Insert an item
    stumap["Tommy"].add_grade(85);  // Access it

    if (stumap.find("Jill") != stumap.end()) {
        cout << "Jill exists!" << endl;
    } else {
        cout << "Jill does not exist" << endl;
        stumap["Jill"] = s2;  // So now add him
    }

    cin >> name;
    map<string, student>::iterator it = stumap.find(name);
    if( it != stumap.end() ){
        cout << it->first << " got score=" << it->second.get_grade(0) << endl;
    }
}
```
Another User of Maps: Sparse Arrays

• Sparse Array: One where there is a large range of possible indices but only small fraction will be used (e.g. are non-zero, etc.)

• Example 1: Using student ID’s to represent students in a course (large 10-digit range, but only 30-40 used)

• Example 2: Count occurrences of zip codes in a user database
  – Option 1: Declare an array of 100,000 elements (00000-99999)
    • Wasteful!!
  – Option 2: Use a map
    • Key = zipcode, Value = occurrences
Set Class

- C++ STL "set" class is like a list but each value can appear just once
- Think of it as a map that stores just keys (no associated value)
- **Keys are unique**
- **insert()** to add a key to the set
- **erase()** to remove a key from the set
- Very efficient at testing membership (O(log₂n))
  - Is a specific key in the set or not!
- Key type must have a less-than (<) operator defined for it
  - Use C++ string rather than char array
- Iterators to iterate over all elements in the set
- **find()** to test membership

```cpp
#include <set>
#include <string>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    set<string> people;
    people.insert("Tommy");
    people.insert("Johnny");
    string myname = "Jill";
    people.insert(myname);
    for(set<string>::iterator it=people.begin(); it != people.end(); ++it){
        cout << "Person: " << *it << endl;
    }
    myname = "Tommy";
    if(people.find(myname) != people.end()){
        cout<< "Tommy is a CS-related major!" << endl;
    }
    else {
        cout<< "Tommy wants to change his major!" << endl;
    }
    people.erase("Johnny"); // erase Johnny
    // more code
    return 0;
}
```
A Deeper Look: Binary Tree

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Binary Search Tree

- Tree where all nodes meet the property that:
  - All descendants on the left are less than the parent’s value
  - All descendants on the right are greater than the parent’s value
- Can find value (or determine it doesn’t exist) in log₂n time by doing binary search

Q: is 19 in the tree?

19 < 25..left
19 > 18..right
19 < 20..left

Q: is 34 in the tree?

34 > 25..right
34<47..left
34>32..right
34 != 45 and we’re at a leaf node...34 does not exist
Trees & Maps/Sets

- Maps and sets use binary trees internally to store the keys.
- This allows logarithmic find/membership test time.
- This is why the less-than (<) operator needs to be defined for the data type of the key.

Map::find("Greg")
Returns iterator to corresponding pair<string, Student>

Map::find("Mark")
Returns iterator to end() [i.e. NULL]