

TDDE18 & 726G77

Standard Templated Library – Iterator and Containers

Lab 6 – wordlist

- No loops in your code (neither for-loop nor while-loop)
- No Range-based for loop
- No regex solutions allowed for this lab
- Use algorithms and containers in the Standard Templated Library (STL)

Standard Template Library

- The C++ Standard Library is a collection of classes and functions, which are written in the core language.
- Provides several generic containers with different strength and weakness
- A general way to iterate over all element in a container
- A number of algorithms to process data in the container in different ways.
- Everything is templated – works on all datatypes

Iterator concept

- Describes types that can be used to identify and traverse the elements of a container (eg. vector and list)
- Iterator can be dereferenced to get the object
- Iterator can be used with the pre- and post-increment to get to the next element in a container
- You can think of iterators as pointers, which are used in the Standard Library

Iterator concept

- To iterate a collection of data we need
 - A starting point (begin)
 - Some way to get to the next data in the collection (++)
 - Some way to get from the iterator to the actual data (*)
 - An ending point (end)



Forward iterator

- Begin
 - Refer to first element of container
 - Valid to dereference on non-empty container
 - Increment toward last element (forward iteration)
- End
 - Refer to just after last element of container
 - Invalid to dereference
- Data type
::iterator



Reverse iterator

- Rbegin
 - Refer to last element of container
 - Valid to dereference on non-empty container
 - Increment toward first element (backward iteration)
- Rend
 - Refer to just before first element of container
 - Invalid to reference
- Datatype
 - `::reverse_iterator`



Iterator over constant data

- `begin()`, `end()`, `rbegin()`, `rend()`
 - return mutable (non-const) iterator
 - data in container can be modified through iterator
 - None of the above refer to same position
- `cbegin()`, `cend()`, `crbegin()`, `crend()`
 - return immutable (const) iterators
 - data in container can only be read
 - type `::const_iterator` or `::const_reverse_iterator`

Which iterator to use

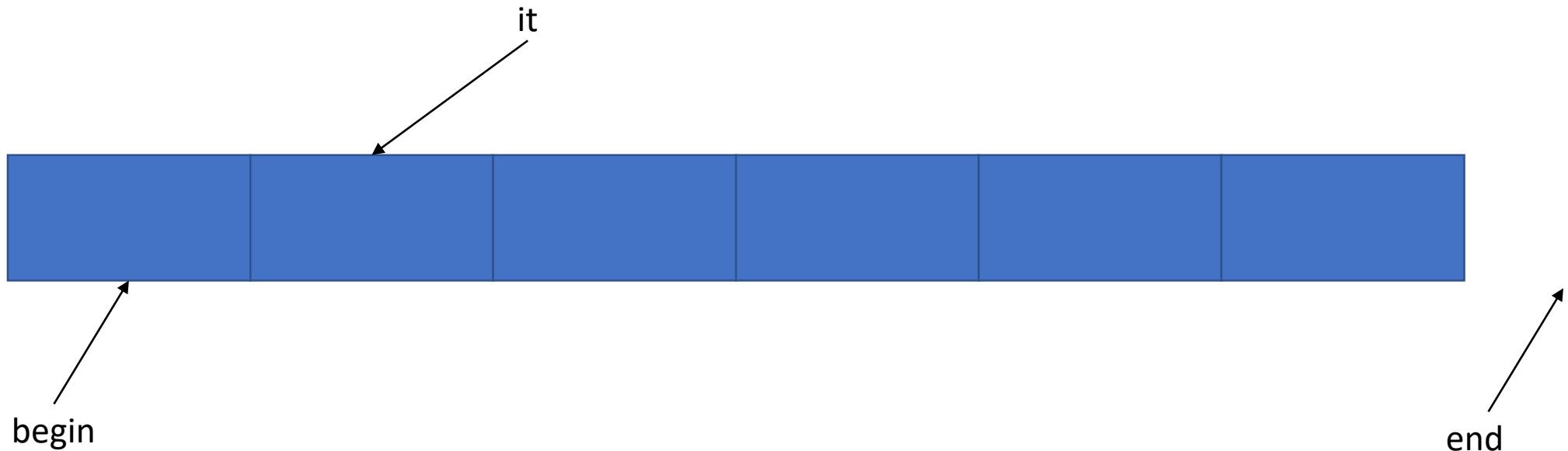
- Depend on what you want to do
- A good safe default
 - `::const_iterator, cbegin(), cend()`
- If you really need to change data
 - `::iterator, begin(), end()`
- If you really need to go backwards
 - `::const_reverse_iterator`
 - `::reverse_iterator` (if you need mutable access)

Iterator in STL

- Modeled after pointers and pointer increment

```
vector<int> v{};
```

```
for (vector<int>::iterator it{begin(v)}; it != end(v); it++) {  
    cout << *it << endl;  
}
```



Range-based for loop

- Used as a more readable equivalent to the traditional for loop operating over a range of values, such as all elements in a container

```
for (int & i : v) {  
    cout << i;  
}
```

// equivalent to

```
for (auto it{begin(v); it != end(v); it++}) {  
    int & i{*it};  
    cout << i;  
}
```

Containers

- pair
- tuple
- vector
- string
- list
- set
- map
- array

(Many more!)

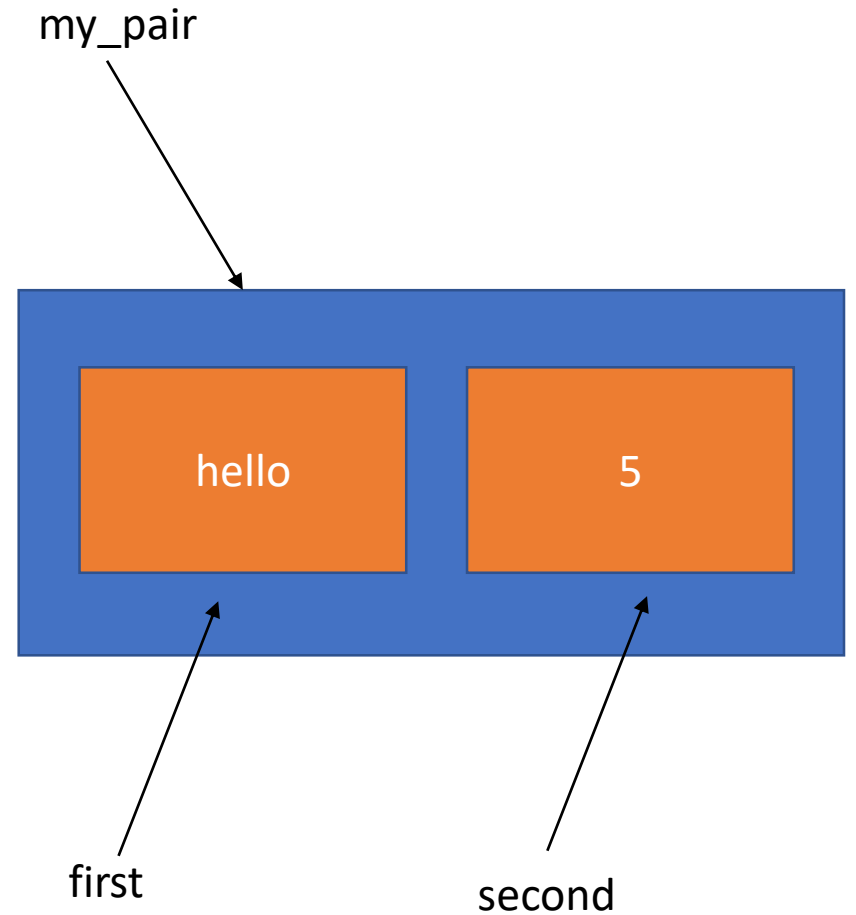
std::pair

- Store (groups) two data items
- They do not have to be of the same type

std::pair

```
#include <utility>
pair<string, int> my_pair{"hello", 5};
```

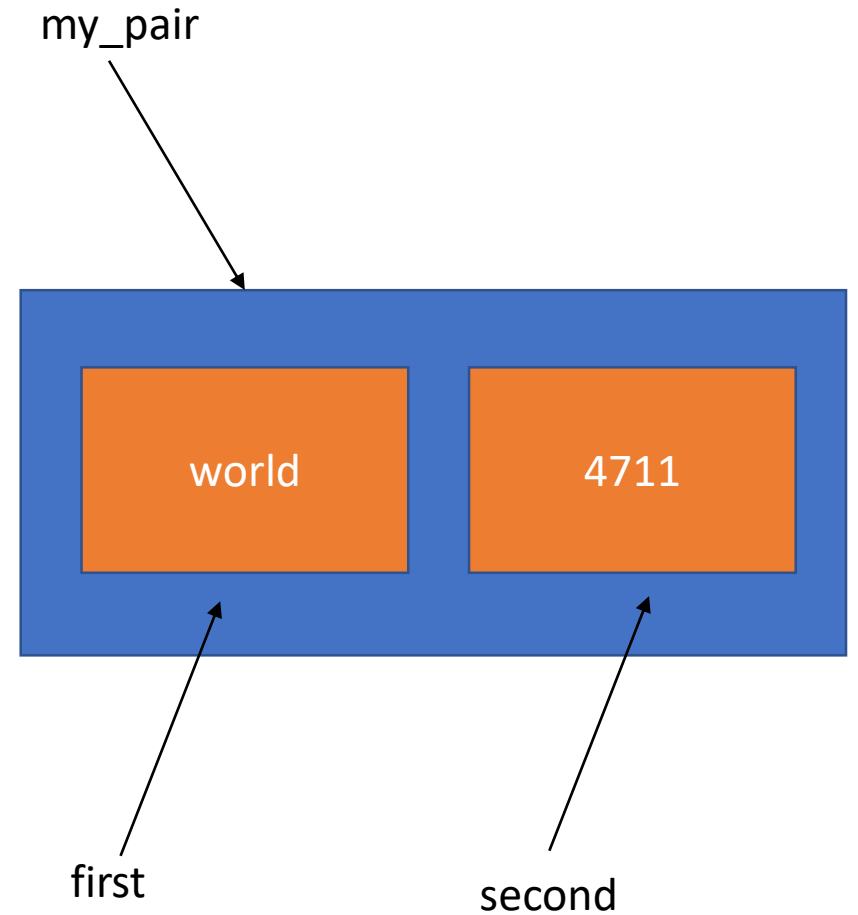
```
my_pair.first;    // returns "hello"
my_pair.second;  // return 5
```



std::make_pair

- Creates a `std::pair` object, deducing the target type from the types of arguments

```
my_pair = make_pair("world", 4711);
```



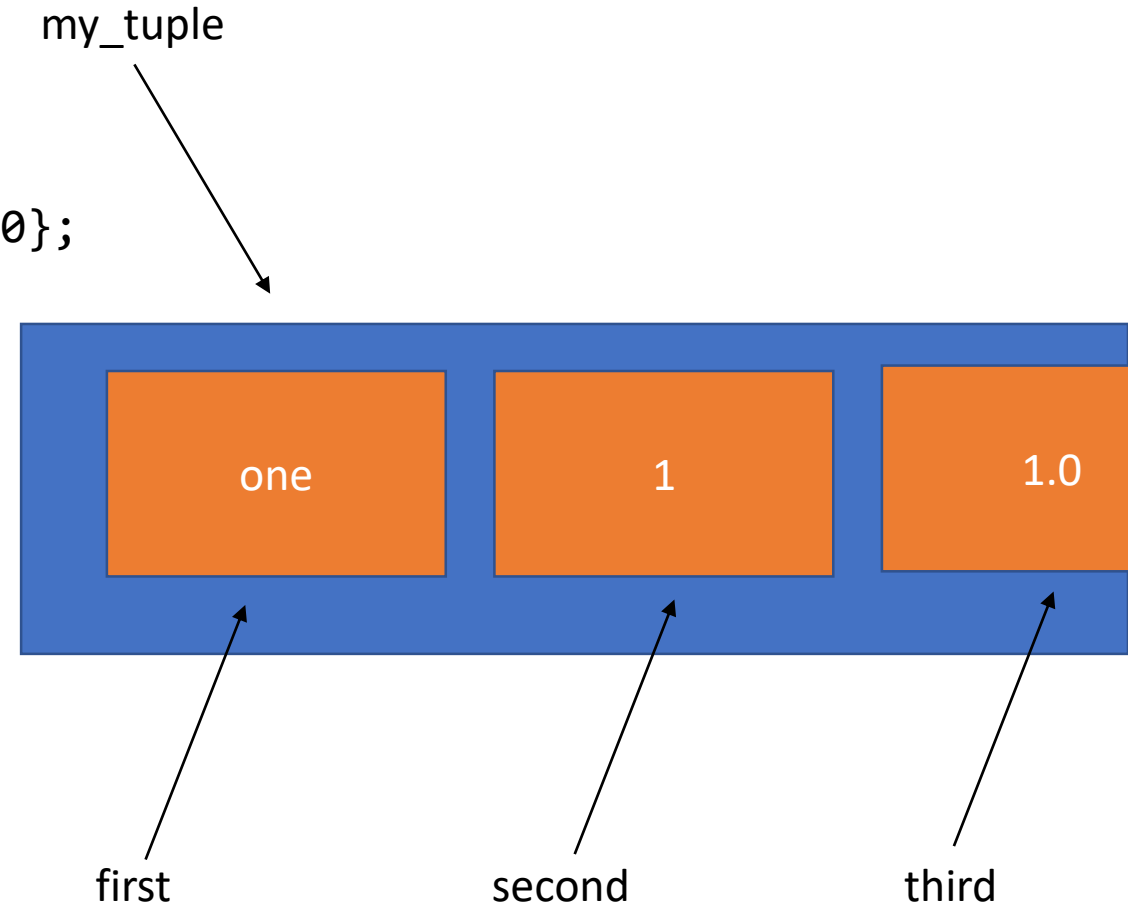
std::tuple

- Stores (groups) any fix number of data items
- They do not have to be of same type

std::tuple

```
#include <tuple>
tuple<string, int, float> my_tuple{"one", 1, 1.0};
```

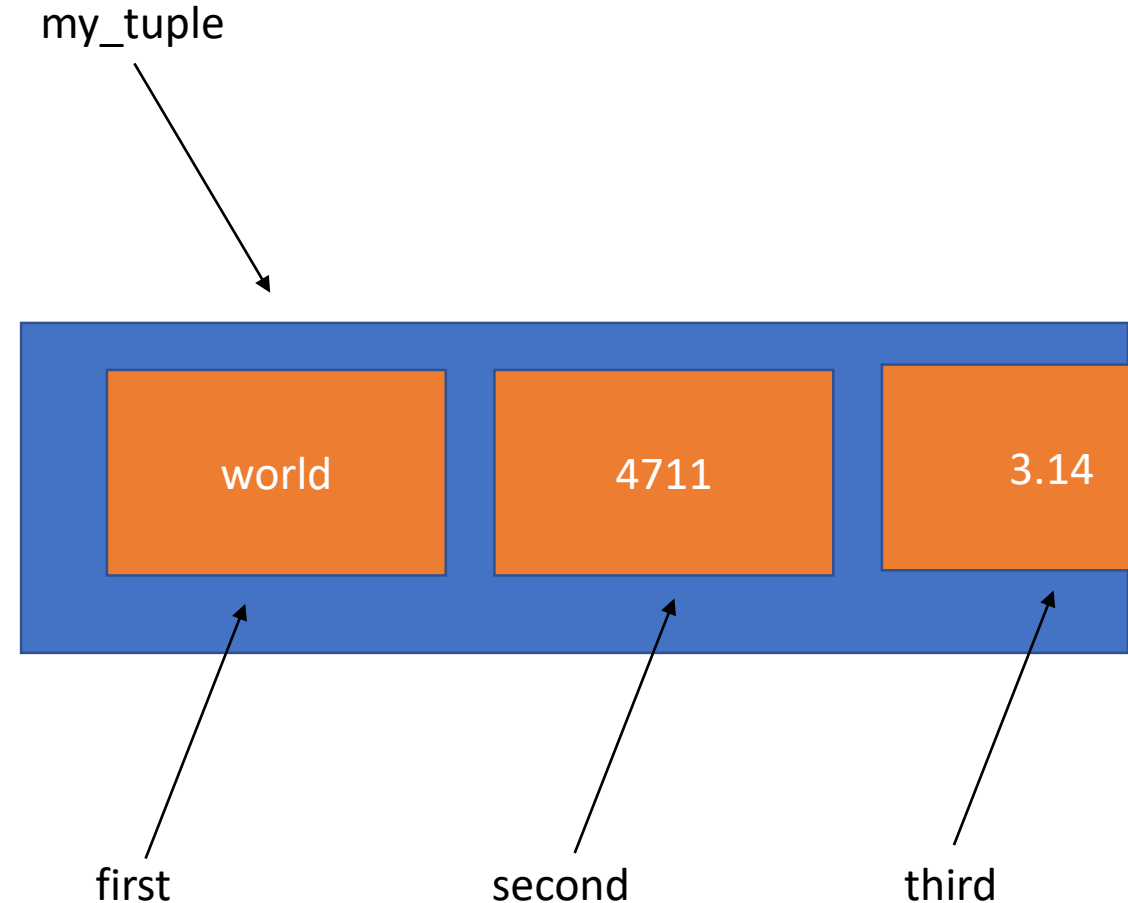
```
get<0>(my_tuple);    // return "one"
get<1>(my_tuple);    // return 1
get<2>(my_tuple);    // return 1.0
```



std::make_tuple

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```
my_tuple = make_tuple("world", 4711, 3.14);
```



std::vector

- vector is a sequence container that encapsulates dynamic size arrays
- The elements are stored contiguously, which means that elements can be access by using offsets
- The storage of vector is handled automatically, being expanded and contracted as needed

std::vector - constructor

```
vector<int> v1{}; // default constructor
vector<int> v2{v1}; // copy constructor
vector<int> v3{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}; // initializer list
vector<int> v4(5); // size is 5, all element are initialized to 0
vector<int> v5(5, 1); // size is 5, all element are initialized to 1

vector<int> v6{begin(v2), end(v2)}; // using iterators to initialize the vector
vector<int> v7{begin(v2) + 3, end(v2)}; // will have 2 elements: 4 and 5
```

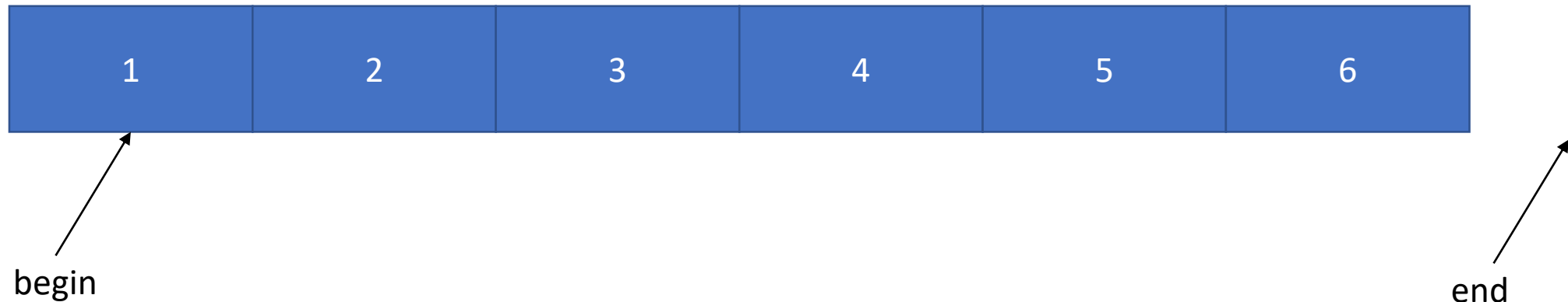
There are more at <http://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/container/vector/vector>

std::vector – begin- and end-iterator

```
vector<int> v{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6};
```

```
v.begin();      // begin(v) actually returns v.begin()
```

```
v.end();       // end(v) actually returns v.end()
```



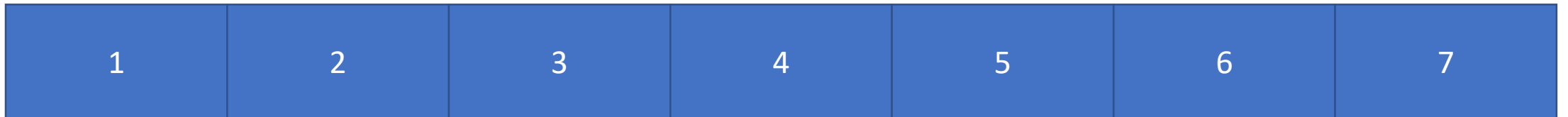
std::vector – size vs capacity

```
vector<int> v{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6};
```

```
v.push_back(7);
```

```
v.size();           // return 7
```

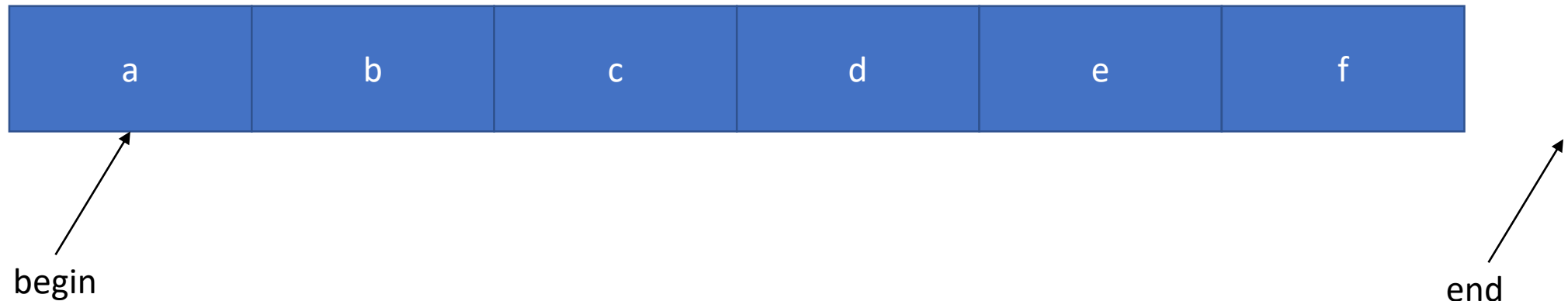
```
v.capacity();      // return 12
```



std::string

- Store and manipulates sequences of char-like objects
- The elements are stored contiguously, and can be accessed by offset
- strings in C++ are mutable (they can be changed)
- You can think of string as basically a `vector<char>`

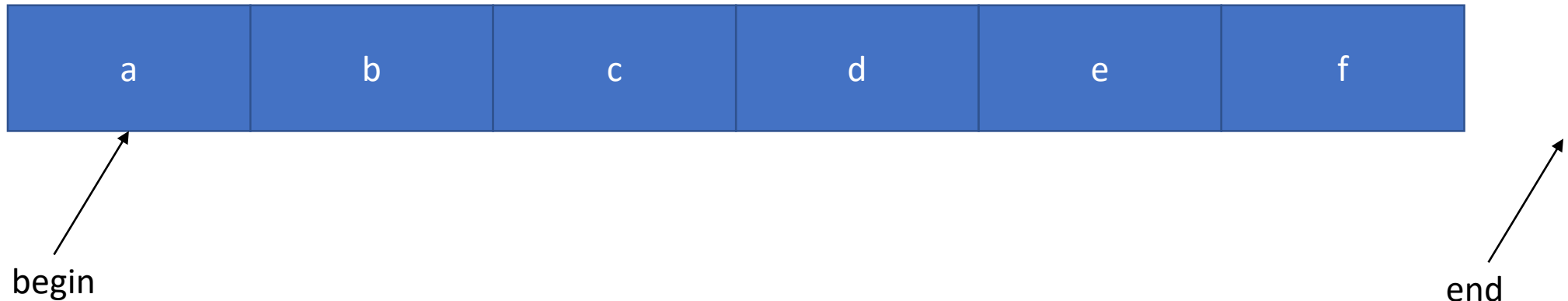
```
string s{"abcdef"};
```



Range based for loops for string

```
string s{"abcdef"};  
for (char c : s) {  
    cout << c;  
}
```

```
for (auto it{begin(s)}; it != end(s); it++) {  
    cout << *it;  
}
```



std::string – search

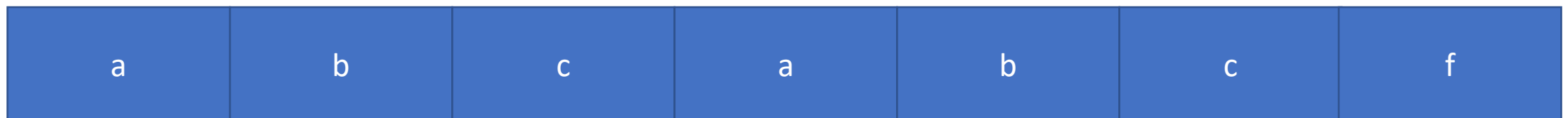
Search

<code>find</code>	find characters in the string (public member function)
<code>rfind</code>	find the last occurrence of a substring (public member function)
<code>find_first_of</code>	find first occurrence of characters (public member function)
<code>find_first_not_of</code>	find first absence of characters (public member function)
<code>find_last_of</code>	find last occurrence of characters (public member function)
<code>find_last_not_of</code>	find last absence of characters (public member function)

std::string - search

- return the position of the first character
- return string::npos if such substring is not found
- return type is string::size_type

```
string s{"abcabcd"};  
string::size_type index1{s.find("bc")};           // index1 is 1  
auto index2{s.find("bc", 2)};                     // index2 is 4  
auto index3{s.find_first_not_of("abc")};         // index3 is 6
```



std::forward_list

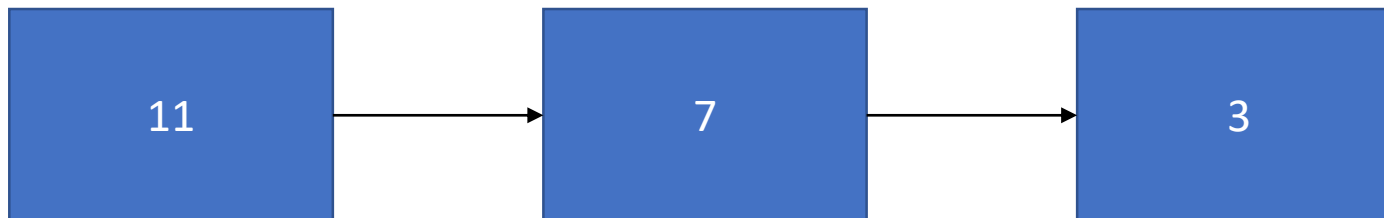
- Is a container that supports fast insertion and removal of elements from anywhere in the container.
- Stores a dynamic length sequence
- All elements must be of same type
- Not optimized for random access
- Forward list iterates only one way
- Implemented as a singly-linked list (your lab4)

std::forward_list – push_front / front

```
#include <forward_list>  
forward_list<int> my_forward_list{};
```

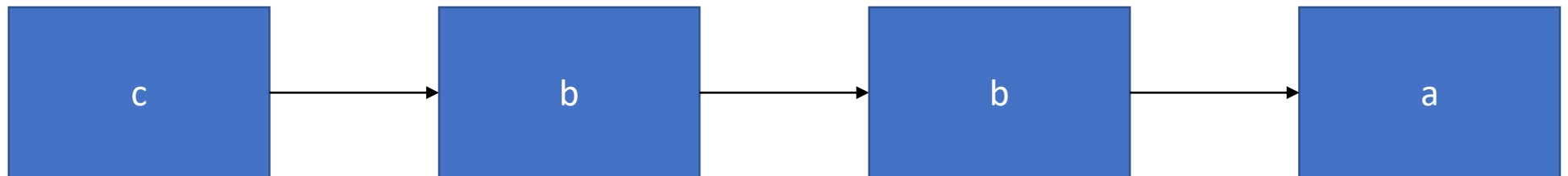
```
my_forward_list.push_front(3);  
my_forward_list.push_front(7);  
my_forward_list.push_front(11);
```

```
my_forward_list.front();    // return 11
```



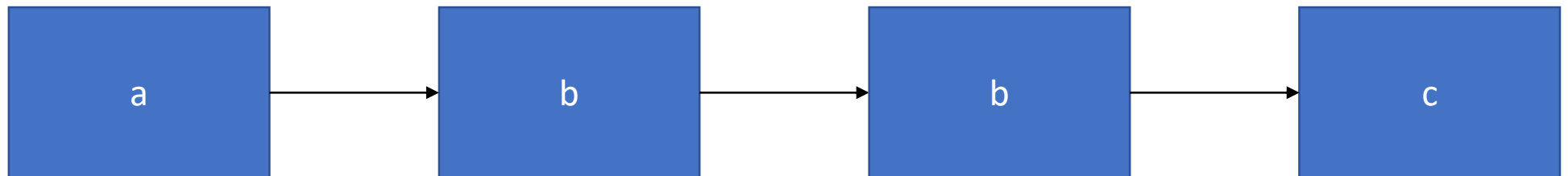
std::forward_list – initialize with string

```
string s{"cbba"};  
forward_list<char> my_forward_list{begin(s), end(s)};
```



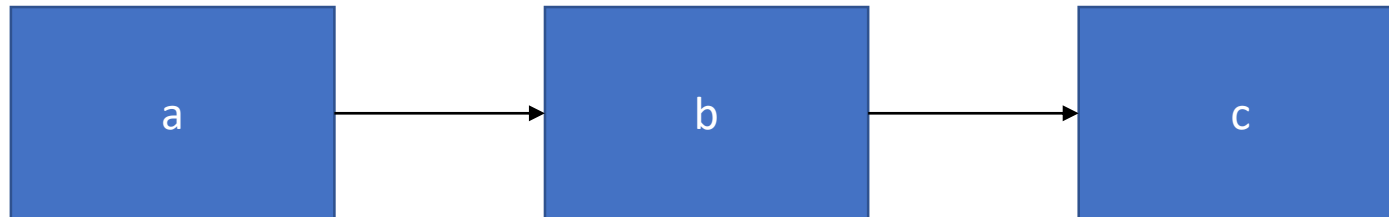
std::forward_list – sort

```
string s{"cbba"};  
forward_list<char> my_forward_list{begin(s), end(s)};  
my_forward_list.sort();
```



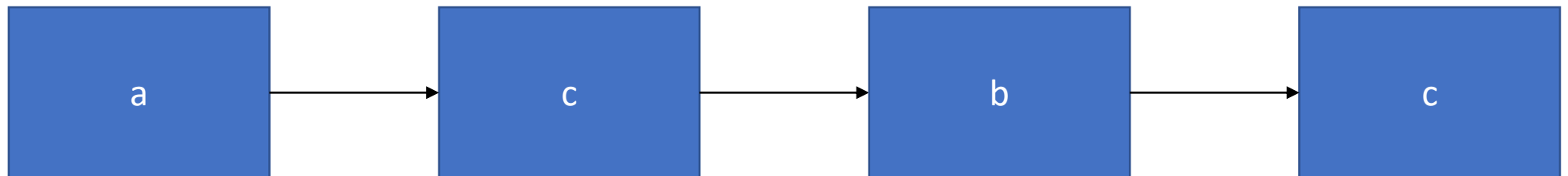
std::forward_list – unique

```
string s{"cbba"};  
forward_list<char> my_forward_list{begin(s), end(s)};  
my_forward_list.sort();  
my_forward_list.unique();
```



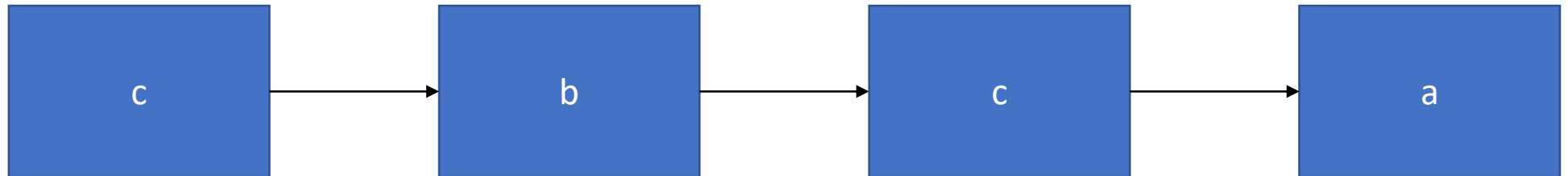
std::forward_list – insert_after

```
string s{"cbba"};  
forward_list<char> my_forward_list{begin(s), end(s)};  
my_forward_list.sort();  
my_forward_list.unique();  
my_forward_list.insert_after(begin(s), "c");
```



std::forward_list – reverse

```
string s{"cbba"};  
forward_list<char> my_forward_list{begin(s), end(s)};  
my_forward_list.sort();  
my_forward_list.unique();  
my_forward_list.insert_after(begin(s), "c");  
my_forward_list.reverse();
```



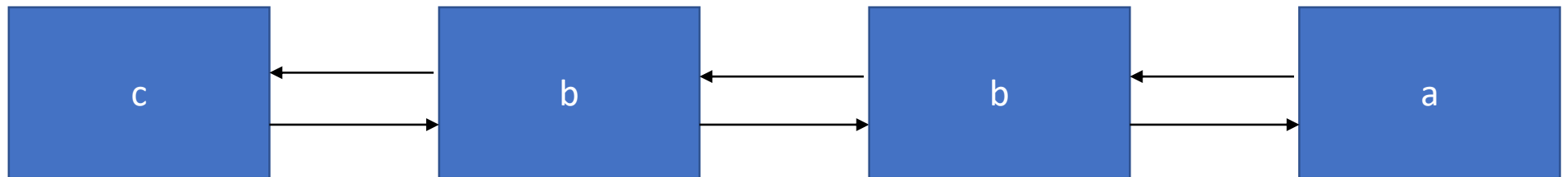
std::list

- Is a container that supports fast insertion and removal of elements from anywhere in the container.
- Stores a dynamic length sequence
- All elements must be of same type
- Not optimized for random access
- List iterates both ways, from begin to end and the other way around
- List uses more memory than forward_list

std::list – graphical representation

```
#include <list>
using namespace std;

string s{"cbba"};
list<char> list{begin(s), end(s)};
```



std::set

- Stores a collection of unique immutable values

```
#include <set>
set<string> s{"hello", "hello", "world", "me", "again"};
```



std::unordered_set

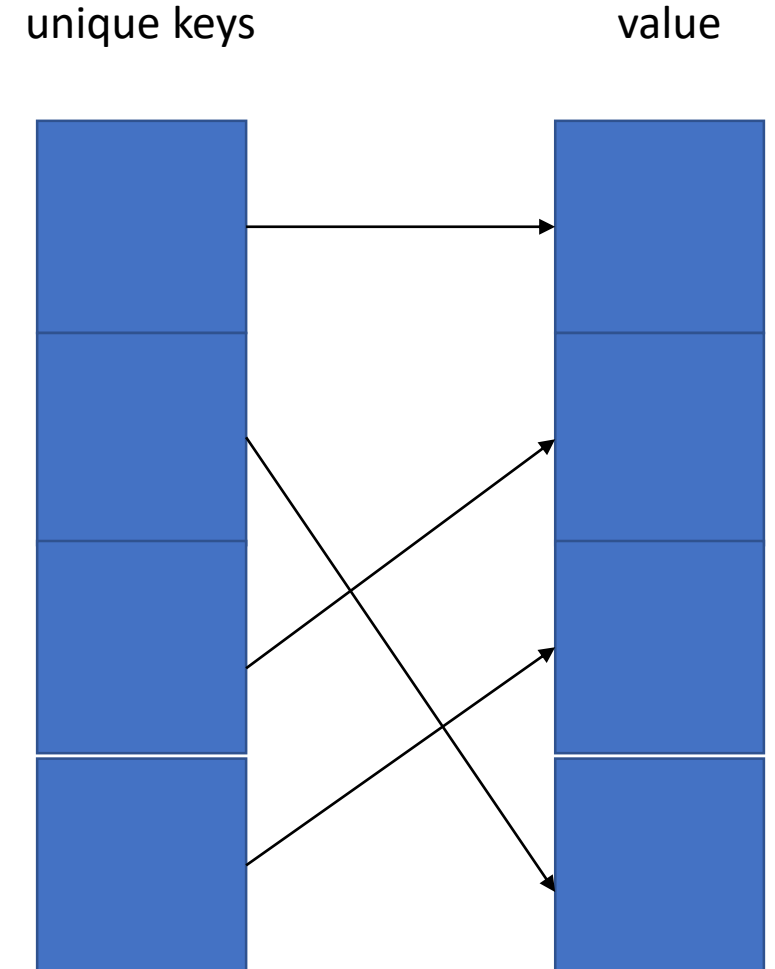
- Stores a collection of immutable values

```
#include <unordered_set>
unordered_set<string> s{"hello", "hello", "world", "me", "again"};
```



std::map

- Associative container
- Stores a collection of unique keys
- Each key is associated with a value
- Think of a set that stores `pair<key, value>`
- Key are sorted



std::map – constructor

unique keys

value

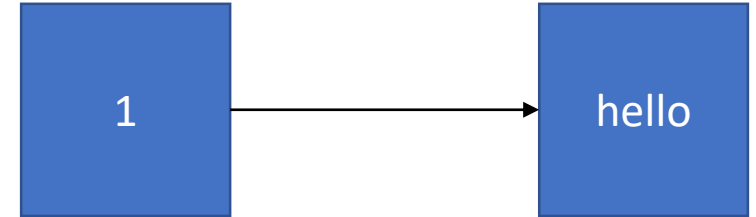
```
#include <map>
map<int, string> m{};
```

std::map – insert

```
#include <map>
map<int, string> m{};
m.insert(make_pair(1, "hello"));
```

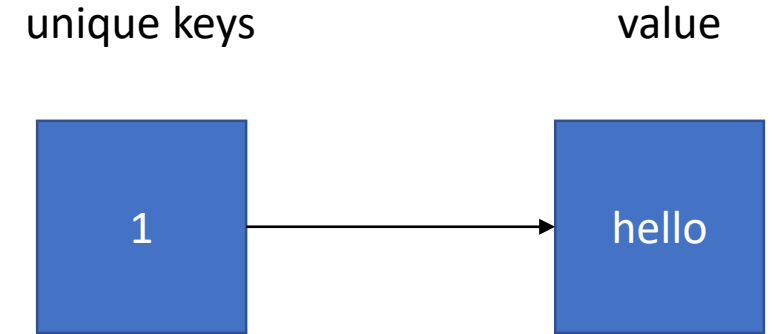
unique keys

value



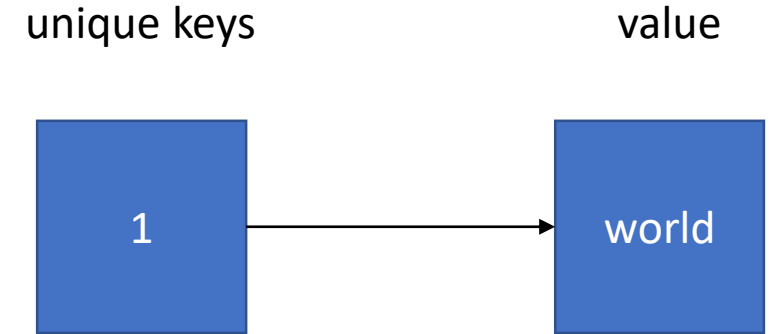
std::map – insert

```
#include <map>
map<int, string> m{};
m.insert(make_pair(1, "hello"));
// equivalent
m.insert({1, "hello"});
// compiler will deduce that its a pair<int, string> object
```



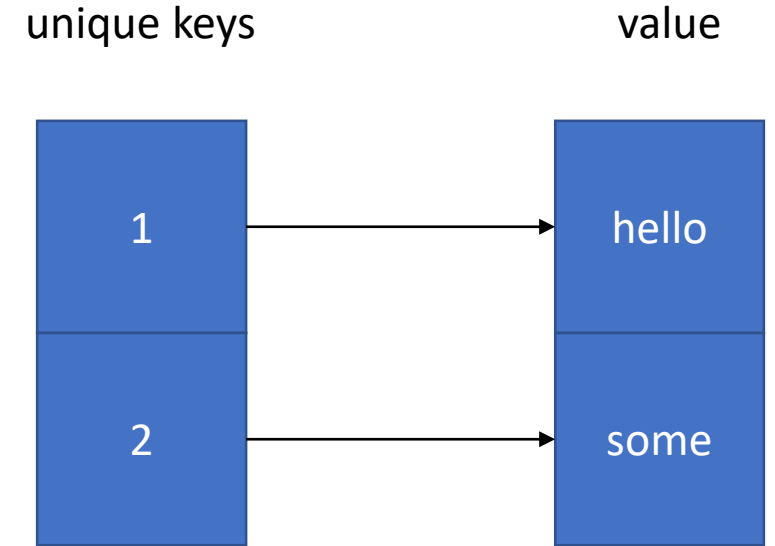
std::map – operator[] or at

```
#include <map>
map<int, string> m{};
m.insert(make_pair(1, "hello"));
m[1] = "world";      // equivalent to m.at(1) = "world"
```



std::map – operator[]

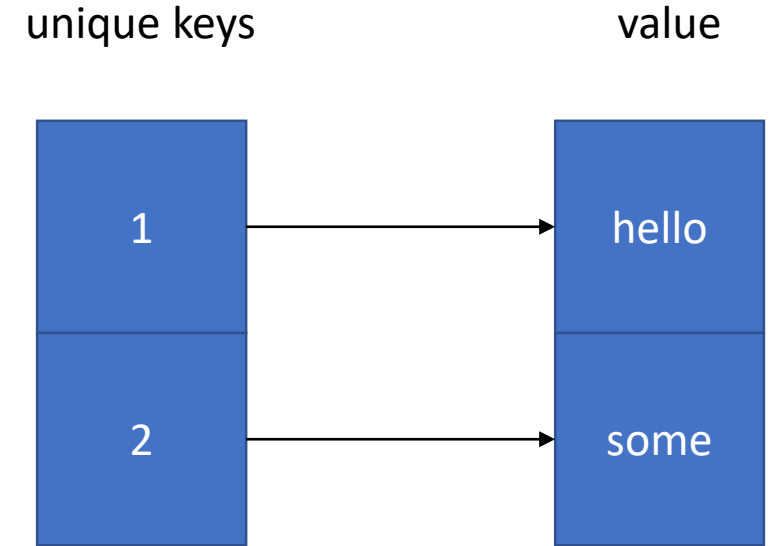
```
#include <map>
map<int, string> m{};
m.insert(make_pair(1, "hello"));
m[1] = "world";      // equivalent to m.at(1) = "world"
m[2] = "some";
```



std::map – count

- There are no function that check if a key exists or not
- But you can use count instead

```
#include <map>
map<int, string> m{};
m.insert(make_pair(1, "hello"));
m[1] = "world";      // equivalent to m.at(1) = "world"
m[2] = "some";
m.count(1);          // return 1
m.count(14);         // return 0
```

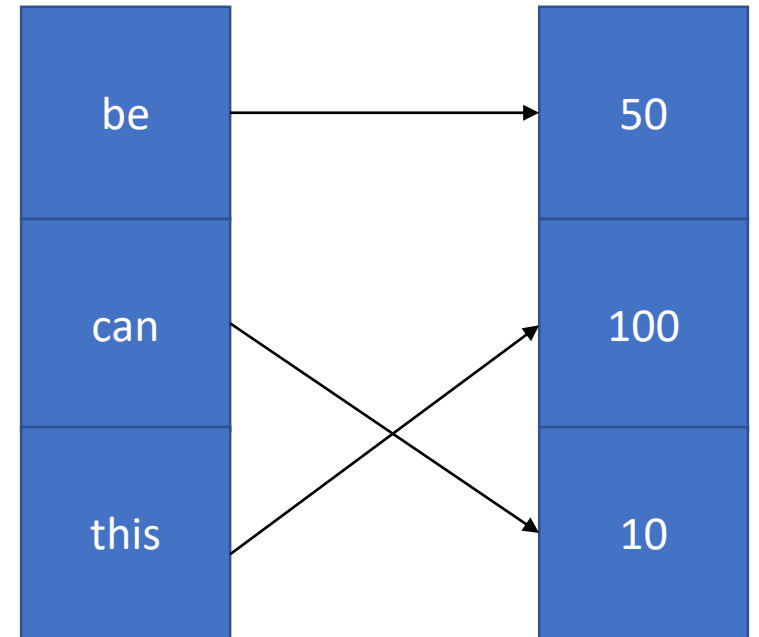


std::map – iterating elements

```
map<string, int> m {
    {"this", 1},
    {"can", 10},
    {"be", 50} };
for (auto it{begin(m)}; it != end(m); it++) {
    cout << it->first << " " << it->second << endl;
}
// equivalent
for (auto p : m) {
    cout << p.first << " " << p.second << endl;
}
```

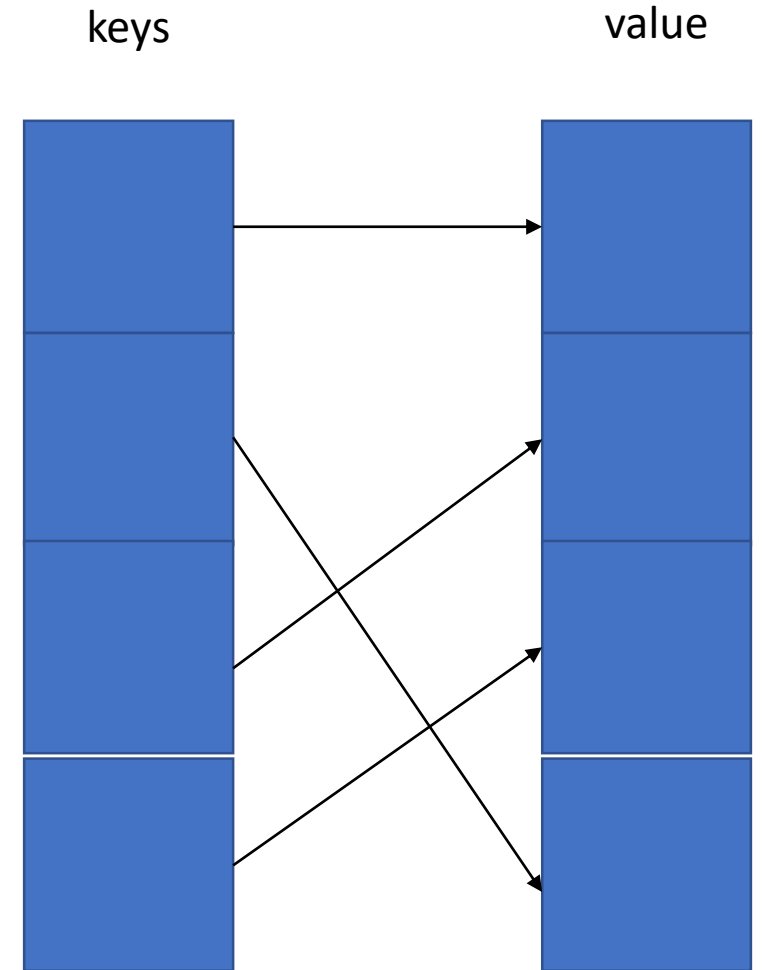
unique keys

value



std::unordered_map

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Basic algorithms

```
#include <algorithm>
```

```
std::sort
```

```
std::min_element
```

```
std::max_element
```

```
std::distance
```

```
std::for_each
```

```
std::transform
```

```
std::find
```

```
std::copy
```

```
std::swap
```

```
std::shuffle
```

```
and many more!
```

std::sort

- Sorts the elements in the range [first, last) in ascending order.
 - Elements are compared using operator<
 - Elements are compared using the binary comparison function comp

```
void sort(Iterator first, Iterator last);
```

```
void sort(Iterator first, Iterator last, Compare comp);
```


std::sort – example (1)

```
vector<int> v{4, 5, 3, 8};  
sort(begin(v), end(v));           // 3, 4, 5, 8
```

std::sort – example (2)

```
void even_first(int a, int b) {  
    if (a % 2 == 0 && b % 2 == 1) return true;  
    return a < b;  
}  
sort(begin(v), end(v), even_first);    // 4, 8, 3, 5
```

std::min_element

- Find the smallest element in the range [first, last)
 - Elements are compared using operator<
 - Elements are compared using the given binary comparison function comp

```
Iterator min_element(Iterator first, Iterator last);
```

```
Iterator min_element(Iterator first, Iterator last, Compare comp);
```

std::min_element - example

```
vector<int> v{5, 4, 6, 1, 2, 3, 8, 0};  
std::vector<int>::iterator it{min_element(begin(v), end(v))};  
cout << "smallest value are: " << *it << endl;
```

std::max_element

- Find the largest element in the range [first, last)
 - Elements are compared using operator>
 - Elements are compared using the given binary comparison function comp

```
Iterator min_element(Iterator first, Iterator last);
```

```
Iterator min_element(Iterator first, Iterator last, Compare comp);
```

std::max_element - example

```
vector<int> v{5, 4, 6, 1, 2, 3, 8, 0};  
std::vector<int>::iterator it{max_element(begin(v), end(v))};  
cout << "biggest value are: " << *it << endl;
```