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## STL

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Standard Template Library

Good reference: <http://www.sgi.com/tech/stl/>

Contain standard C++ data containers and algorithms.

Containers:

- string // **basic\_string<char>** stores text
- vector // random access sequence, dynamic size
- list // sequential access sequence, dynamic size
- deque // random access sequence, dynamic size
- set // unique collection of keys only
- map // unique collection of key-value pairs
- pair // collection of two values

Adapted containers:

- stack
- queue
- priority\_queue

More containers:

- multiset
- multimap
- hash\_set
- hash\_multiset
- hash\_map
- hash\_multimap

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## Iterators

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A standard way to iterate over a collection of values in some container. Iterators use the operators ++ (increment, go to next value) and \* (dereference, get current value).

Iterators can be compared using operators == or !=

To declare an iterator:

```
container-type::iterator
container-type::const_iterator
container-type::reverse_iterator
container-type::const_reverse_iterator
```

To retrieve a forward iterator, use member functions:

```
// point out first position in collection
begin()
// point out position just after last
end()
```

To retrieve a reverse iterator, use member functions:

```
// point out last position in collection
rbegin()
// point out position just before first
rend()
```

To iterate constant containers you must use const\_iterator.

Forward and reverse iterators can not be mixed.

Some iterators support strides, like +9 positions.

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## Using STL

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```
// To get access to container-name in the library
#include <container-name>
```

```
// To declare objects of container-name
// storage-type is what you want to store in the container
// <storage-type> is the template specification
```

```
std::container-name<storage-type> variable-name-1;
std::container-name<storage-type> variable-name-2;
```

```
// OR
```

```
using std::container-name;
container-name<storage-type> variable-name-1;
container-name<storage-type> variable-name-2;
```

```
// OR
```

```
using namespace std;
container-name<storage-type> variable-name-1;
container-name<storage-type> variable-name-2;
```

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## Iterator examples

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```
// convenient to have
typedef vector<int> array;
```

```
array mydata;
...
```

```
for (array::iterator i = mydata.begin();
     i != mydata.end(); ++i)
{
    cout << (*i) << endl;
}
```

```
// worse option, not generic
for (unsigned int i = 0;
     i != mydata.size(); ++i)
{
    cout << mydata[i] << endl;
}
```

```
// modeled after C-programmers solution
// note similarity of code inside loop
const int SIZE = 100;
int mydata[SIZE];
```

```
for (int* i = mydata;
     i < (mydata + size); ++i)
{
    cout << (*i) << endl;
}
```

```
// pointers to C-arrays is like iterators !
```

```
// what if we change container type to list ?
```

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## Iterator in coming C++11 standard

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```
// convenient to have
typedef vector<int> array;

array mydata;

...

for (auto i = mydata.begin();
     i != mydata.end(); ++i)
{
    cout << (*i) << endl;
}

...

for (int& d : mydata)
{
    cout << d << endl;
}
```

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## Algorithms

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```
#include <algorithm>
```

Non-mutating algorithms:

- for\_each
- find // first value
- count
- mismatch
- equal
- search // first subsequence

Mutating algorithms:

- copy
- swap
- transform
- replace
- fill
- generate
- remove
- unique
- reverse
- rotate
- random\_shuffle
- random\_sample
- partition
- sort
- ...

All algorithms use iterators to specify work range!  
Adapters like `back_inserter` can be used...

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## Egenskaper

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Automatisk minneshantering!

string:

- sekvens av tecken
- stöder hopslagning med `+`, sökning med `find`

vector:

- ligger i följd i minnet
- snabb random access till alla element
- snabb insättning sist men ej först

deque:

- mycket lik vector
- snabb insättning först och sist

list:

- snabbt lägga till först och sist
- utspridda i minnet (dubbellänkad lista)
- enkel stegning framåt och bakåt, men ej random access

map:

- associativ container
- lagrar `pair<key-type, value-type>`
- automatisk insättning vid []-sökning av nyckel
- normalt implementerad som träd
- nyckeln kan ej ändras, utan får först tas bort

set:

- lik map, men lagrar endast nyckel

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## Example

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```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>
#include <iterator>

using namespace std;

int main()
{
    vector<int> array;

    copy(istream_iterator<int>(cin),
         istream_iterator<int>(),
         back_inserter(array));

    vector<int> array_copy(array.size());
    copy(array.begin(), array.end(),
         array_copy.begin());

    sort(array.begin(), array.end());

    vector<int>::iterator new_end;
    new_end = unique(array.begin(), array.end());
    array.erase(new_end, array.end());

    cout << "Array: " << endl;
    copy(array.begin(), array.end(),
         ostream_iterator<int>(cout, "\n"));

    cout << "Array copy: " << endl;
    copy(array_copy.begin(), array_copy.end(),
         ostream_iterator<int>(cout, "\n"));

    return 0;
}
```