

# Introduction to ADTs and C++ STL

Abstract Data Types  
Standard Template Library

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Roughly corresponds to chapter 7 of Weiss

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# Data Structure

- A particular way of storing and organizing data in a computer so that it can be used efficiently

\*from wikipedia

- A data type having
  - a specific, physical representation of the data
  - operations over its data
- A concrete description
- defined in terms of how it is implemented
  - implementation-dependent

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# Abstract Data Type

- A set of data values and associated operations that are precisely specified independent of any particular implementation.

\*from <http://linux.nist.gov/dads/>

- A data type having
  - a logical representation of the data
  - operations over its data
- A logical description
- may be implemented in various ways
  - implementation-independent

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# Data Structures again

- The term “data structures” is often extended to include both concrete AND logical descriptions of complicated data types.
- A list of data structures could include ADTs
  - arrays
  - linked lists
  - stacks
  - queues
  - vectors or lists in C++

Which are concrete?  
Which are abstract?

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## Commonly used ADTs

- The purpose of many commonly used ADTs is to:
  - store a collection of objects
  - potentially organize the objects in a specific way
  - provide potentially limited access to the objects
- These ADTs are often called
  - containers
  - collections
  - container classes

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## Commonly used ADTs

- Examples:
  - List (or sequence or vector)
  - Set
  - Multi-set (or bag)
  - Stack and Queue
  - Tree
  - Map (or dictionary)
- Each of the above may have several variations

Stacks, Queues, and Trees will be covered later in the semester

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## A List ADT (with direct access)

- **Values:** ordered (1st, 2nd, etc) set of objects
- **Operations** often include:
  - constructor: creates an empty list
  - isEmpty: is the list empty
  - size: returns the number of elements
  - add(i,e): inserts an element e at position i
  - remove(i): removes the element at position i
  - get(i): returns the element at position i
  - set(i,e) changes the element at position i to value e

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## A Set ADT

- **Values:** unordered collection of unique objects
- **Operations** often include:
  - constructor: creates an empty set
  - isEmpty: is the set empty
  - size: returns the number of elements
  - add(e): adds an element to the set (if not there)
  - remove(e): removes an element from the set (if it is there)
  - contains(x): true if x is in the set
  - addAll(s): adds all elements from set s to this one (union)

## A Bag (multi-set) ADT

- **Values:** unordered collection of objects (may include duplicates)
- **Operations** may include:
  - constructor: creates an empty bag
  - isEmpty: is the bag empty
  - size: returns the number of elements
  - add(e): adds an element e to the bag
  - remove(e): removes one copy of an element from the bag (if it has any)
  - removeAll(e): removes all copies of e from the bag
  - occurrences(x): how many times x is in the bag

## A Map ADT

- **Values:** a collection of unique keys and a collection of values where each key is associated with a single value. Keys have one type, values another.
- **Operations** may include:
  - constructor: creates an empty map
  - isEmpty: returns true if map has no key-value pairs
  - size: returns the number of key-value pairs in the map
  - get(k): returns value associated with key k (if any)
  - put(k,v): associates value v with key k (adds a pair)
  - keySet: returns a set of all the keys in the map

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## Implementing an ADT

- **Interface (\*.h):**
  - class declaration
  - prototypes for the operations (interface)
  - data members for the actual (concrete) representation
- **Implementation (\*.cpp)**
  - function definitions for the operations
  - depends on representation of data members (their concrete implementation)

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## Example ADT: bag version 1

bag.h

```
class Bag
{
public:
    Bag ();
    void add(int element);
    void remove(int element);
    int occurrences(int element) const;
    bool isEmpty() const;
    int size() const;
    static const int CAPACITY = 20;
private:
    int data[CAPACITY];
    int count;
};
```

true interface: prototypes are independent of the implementation

concrete representation, implementation dependent

what is the difference between count and CAPACITY?

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## Example ADT: bag version 1

```
bag.cpp
#include "bag.h"
#include <cassert>
using namespace std;

Bag::Bag () {
    count = 0;
}
void Bag::add(int element) {
    assert (count < CAPACITY); ← what does this do?
    data[count] = element;
    count++;
}
void Bag::remove(int element) {
    int index = -1; //change to position if found
    for (int i=0; i<count && index==-1; i++) {
        if (data[i]==element) {
            index = i;
        }
    }
    if (index!=-1) { //found, replace w/ last elem
        data[index] = data[count-1];
        count--;
    }
}
//continued...
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```

## Example ADT: bag version 1

```
bag.cpp, cont.
int Bag::occurrences(int element) const {
    int occurrences=0;
    for (int i=0; i<count; i++) {
        if (data[i]==element) {
            occurrences++;
        }
    }
    return occurrences;
}
bool Bag::isEmpty() const {
    return (count==0);
}
int Bag::size() const {
    return count;
}
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```

## bag "driver"

```
bagTest.cpp
#include<iostream>
#include "Bag.h"
using namespace std;

int main ()
{
    Bag b;

    b.add(4);
    b.add(8);
    b.add(4);

    cout << "size " << b.size() << endl;
    cout << "how many 4's: " << b.occurrences(4) << endl << endl;

    b.remove(4);
    cout << "removed a 4" << endl;
    cout << "size " << b.size() << endl;
    cout << "how many 4's: " << b.occurrences(4) << endl << endl;
}
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```

## bag "driver"

```
bagTest.cpp
Bag c(b);

cout << "copied to c" << endl;
cout << "size " << c.size() << endl;
cout << "how many 4's: " << c.occurrences(4) << endl << endl;

b.add(10);
cout << "added 10 to b" << endl;
cout << "b.size " << b.size() << endl;
cout << "c.size " << c.size() << endl << endl;

cout << "starting to add 20 items" << endl;
for (int i=0; i<20; i++)
    b.add(33);
cout << "added 20 more items to b" << endl;

return 0;
};
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```

## bag "driver": output

output of running bagTest

```
size 3
how many 4's: 2

removed a 4
size 2
how many 4's: 1

copied to c
size 2
how many 4's: 1

added 10 to b
b.size 3
c.size 2

starting to add 20 items
Assertion failed: (count < CAPACITY), function add, file
bag.cpp, line 12.
Abort trap: 6
```

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## Bag version 1 summary

- Implemented using a fixed size array
- When adding more elements than fit in the bag, the program exits.
- Solution:
  - use a dynamically allocated array
  - when its capacity is reached, allocate a new, bigger array.

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## bag version 2

bag.h

```
class Bag
{
public:
    Bag ();

    Bag(const Bag &);
    ~Bag();
    void operator=(const Bag &);

    void add(int element);
    void remove(int element);

    int occurrences(int element) const;
    bool isEmpty() const;
    int size() const;

    static const int INCREMENT = 20;

private:
    int *data; //pointer to bag array
    int capacity; //size of the array
    int count; //number of elements currently in array
};
```

"The big three"

concrete representation

## bag version 2

bag.cpp

```
Bag::Bag () {
    count = 0;
    capacity = INCREMENT;
    data = new int[capacity];
}

//copy constructor
Bag::Bag(const Bag &rhs) {
    data = new int[rhs.capacity]; //allocate new array

    capacity = rhs.capacity; //copy values
    count = rhs.count;
    for (int i=0; i<count; i++) {
        data[i] = rhs.data[i];
    }
}

//destructor
Bag::~Bag() {
    delete [] data;
}
```

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## bag version 2

bag.cpp, cont.

```
void Bag::operator=(const Bag &rhs) {
    if (data) delete [] data; //delete old array
    data = new int[rhs.capacity]; //allocate new array

    capacity = rhs.capacity; //copy values
    count = rhs.count;
    for (int i=0; i<count; i++) {
        data[i] = rhs.data[i];
    }
}

void Bag::add(int element) {
    //if count is at the capacity, resize
    if (count==capacity) {
        capacity += INCREMENT;
        int *newData = new int[capacity]; //new array
        for (int i=0; i<count; i++) { //copy values
            newData[i] = data[i];
        }
        delete [] data; //delete old array
        data = newData; //make data point to new
    }

    data[count] = element; //add new element
    count++;
}
```

no changes to remaining functions!

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## bag "driver": output version 2

output of running bagTest

```
size 3
how many 4's: 2

removed a 4
size 2
how many 4's: 1

copied to c
size 2
how many 4's: 1

added 10 to b
b.size 3
c.size 2

starting to add 20 items
added 20 more items into b
```

resizing succeeded!

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## C++ STL: Standard Template Library

- A library of ADTs implemented in C++
- Two categories of STL ADTs:
  - containers: classes that store a collection of data and impose some organization on it
  - iterators: behave like pointers; a mechanism for accessing elements in a container the iterator is associated with.

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## STL Containers: sequence

- Two categories of STL Containers:
- sequence containers: organize and access data sequentially, as in an array:
  - **vector**: expandable array, values are quickly added to or removed from the end of the list.
  - **deque**: like a vector, but can add values quickly to front and end of the list.
  - **list**: can add values quickly anywhere in its sequence, but does not provide random access.

Note the emphasis on performance. Not so abstract ADTs.

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## STL Containers: associative

- **associative containers:** use keys to allow data elements to be quickly accessed. These include:
  - **set:** stores a set of keys, no duplicates allowed.
  - **multiset:** stores a set of keys, duplicates are allowed.
  - **map:** maps a set of keys to values, the keys must be unique (but the values may appear multiple times).
  - **multimap:** maps a set of keys to values, keys are not unique (one key can have many values).

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## STL Iterators:

- **iterators:** Generalizations of pointers, used to access data stored in containers.
- They point to a certain value (or the *past-the-end* element).
- They may be dereferenced with `*`.
- Some types of iterators:
  - **forward:** uses `++` to advance to next element.
  - **bidirectional:** uses `++` and `--`.
  - **random access:** uses `++` and `--` and uses `[i]` to jump to a specific element.

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## Some vector member functions

- **size():** returns number of elements in the vector.
- **push\_back(x):** inserts x at end of vector (increases size by 1)
- **pop\_back():** removes the last element from the vector (decreases size by 1)
- **operator[i]:** allows random access to specific element (i must be less than the size of the vector).
- **begin():** returns an iterator pointing to the vector's first element.
- **end():** returns an iterator pointing to the vector's *past-the-end* element.

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## Sample code using vectors+iterators

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector> // Include the vector header
using namespace std;

int main() {
    int count; // Loop counter
    vector<int> vect; // Define a vector of int object
    vector<int>::iterator iter; // Defines an iterator object

    // Use push_back to push values into the vector.
    for (count = 0; count < 10; count++)
        vect.push_back(count);

    // Step the iterator through the vector to display:
    cout << "Here are the values in vect: " << endl;
    for (iter = vect.begin(); iter < vect.end(); iter++) {
        cout << *iter << " ";
    }

    // Step the iterator through the vector backwards.
    cout << "and here they are backwards: " << endl;
    for (iter = vect.end() - 1; iter >= vect.begin(); iter--) {
        cout << *iter << " ";
    }
}
```

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## Vector member function using iterator

- **erase(iterator)**: Removes from the vector either the single element the iterator argument is referring to.
- erase reduces the vector size by 1.

```
int main ()
{
    vector<int> myvector;

    // set some values (from 1 to 10)
    for (int i=1; i<=10; i++) myvector.push_back(i);

    // erase the 6th element
    myvector.erase (myvector.begin()+5); //advances 5 times

    cout << "myvector contains:";
    for (int i=0; i<myvector.size(); i++)
        cout << ' ' << myvector[i];
    cout << endl;
}
```