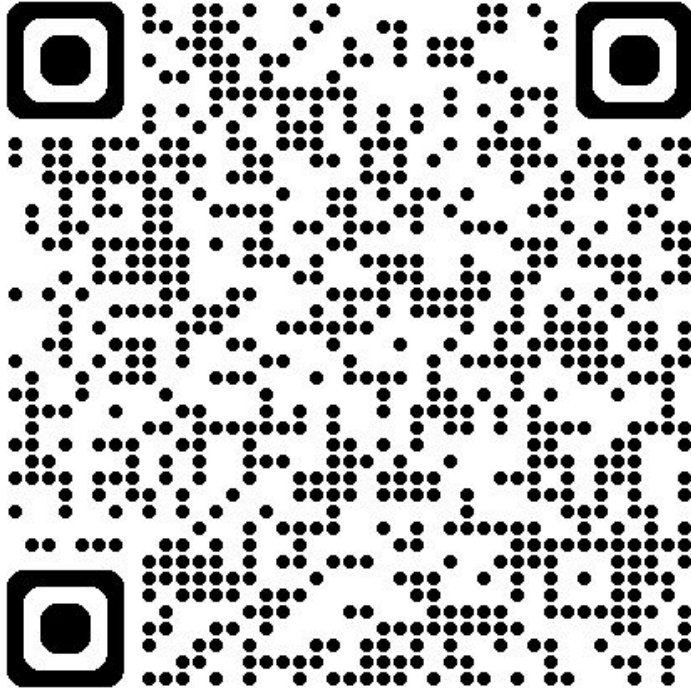


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# Recall: Template Functions

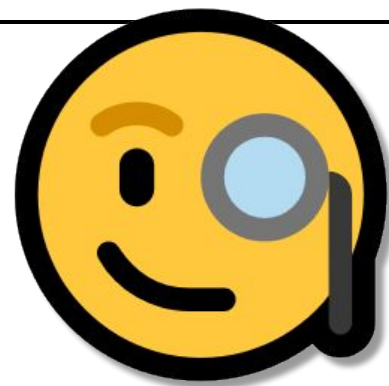
- Turn to a partner and discuss:
  - What's one thing you remember from Thursday's lecture on function templates?

# Recall: Writing a `min` function

```
int min(int a, int b) {  
    return a < b ? a : b;  
}
```

```
double min(double a, double b) {  
    return a < b ? a : b;  
}
```

```
std::string min(std::string a, std::string b) {  
    return a < b ? a : b;  
}
```

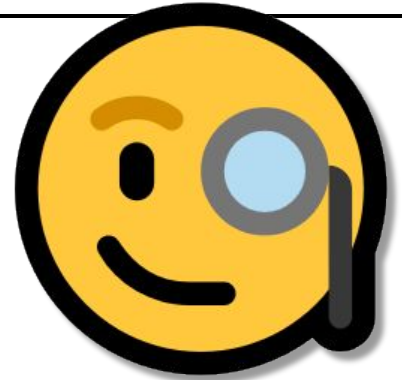


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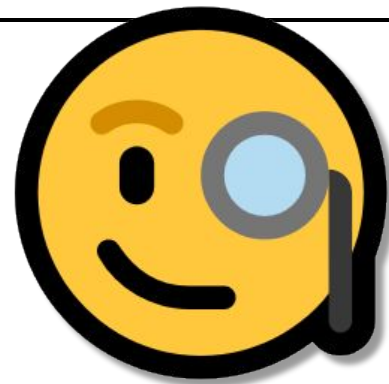


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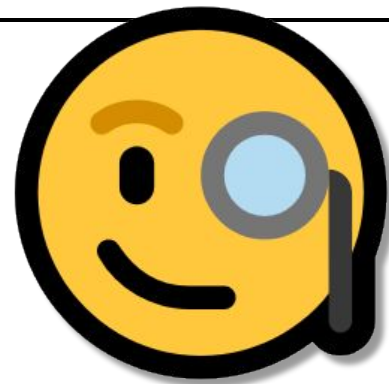
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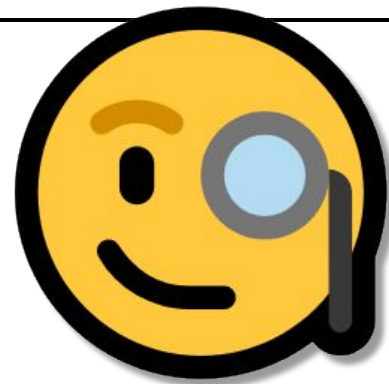


```
T min ( T a, T b) {  
    return a < b ? a : b;  
}
```

# Recall: Writing a `min` function


```
template <typename T>
```

```
    T min ( T a, T b) {  
        return a < b ? a : b;  
    }
```




# Recall: Writing a **templated** `min` function

This is a **template**



**T** gets replaced with a specific type

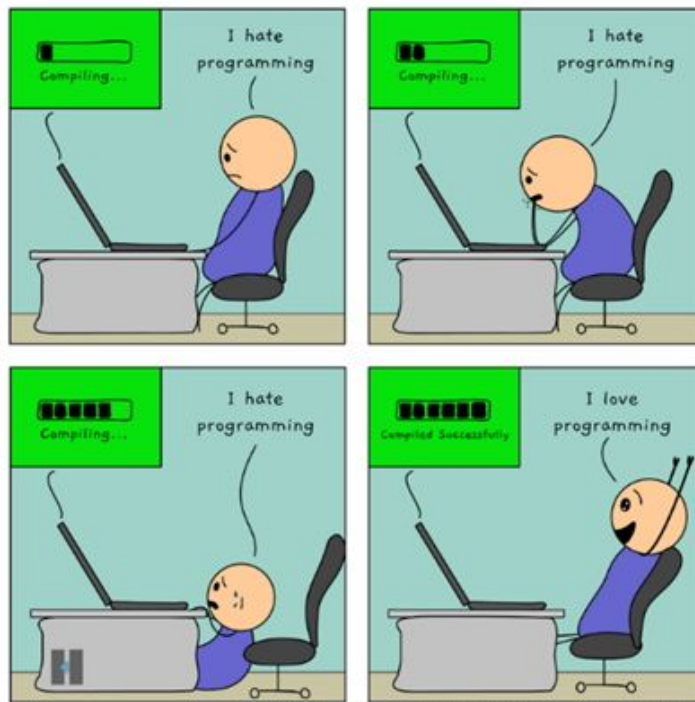


```
template <typename T>
T min(T a, T b) {
    return a < b ? a : b;
}
```

# Recall: explicit instantiation

Template functions cause the compiler to **generate code** for us

```
min<int>(106, 107); //  
min<double>(1.2, 3.4); //
```



# Recall: explicit instantiation

Template functions cause the compiler to **generate code** for us

```
int min(int a, int b) { // Compiler generated
    return a < b ? a : b; // Compiler generated
} // Compiler generated

double min(double a, double b) { // Compiler generated
    return a < b ? a : b; // Compiler generated
} // Compiler generated

min<int>(106, 107); // Returns 106
min<double>(1.2, 3.4); // Returns 1.2
```

**Recall: Implicit instantiation is kind of like `auto`**

```
int m = min(106, 107);
```

It's exactly as if we  
wrote

```
min<int>(106, 107)
```

# Recall: Writing a **templated** find function

This find function generalizes across all iterator types!

```
template <typename It, typename T>
It find(It begin, It end, const T& value) {
    for (auto it = begin; it != end; ++it) {
        if (*it == value) return it;
    }
    return end;
}
```

# Recall: Writing a **templated** find function

Our `find` function works for other vectors, or even other containers

```
std::vector<std::string> v { "run", "forrest" };
auto it = find(v.begin(), v.end(), "run");
// It = vector<std::string>::iterator
// T = std::string

std::set<std::string> s { "run", "forrest" };
auto it = find(s.begin(), s.end(), "run");
// It = std::set<std::string>::iterator
// T = std::string
```

## Implicit Instantiation!

Compiler deduces  
template types by  
looking at arguments

**Wait... why pass in iterators to `find`?**

# Recall: Writing a **templated** `find` function

Our `find` function works for other vectors, or even other containers

```
std::vector<std::string> c { "run", "forrest" };  
auto it = find(c.begin(), c.end(), "run");
```

```
std::set<std::string> c { "run", "forrest" };  
auto it = find(c.begin(), c.end(), "run");
```

# Recall: Writing a **templated** find function

Our `find` function works for other vectors, or even other containers

```
vector<string> c { "run", "forrest" };  
auto it = find(c.begin(), c.end(), "run");
```

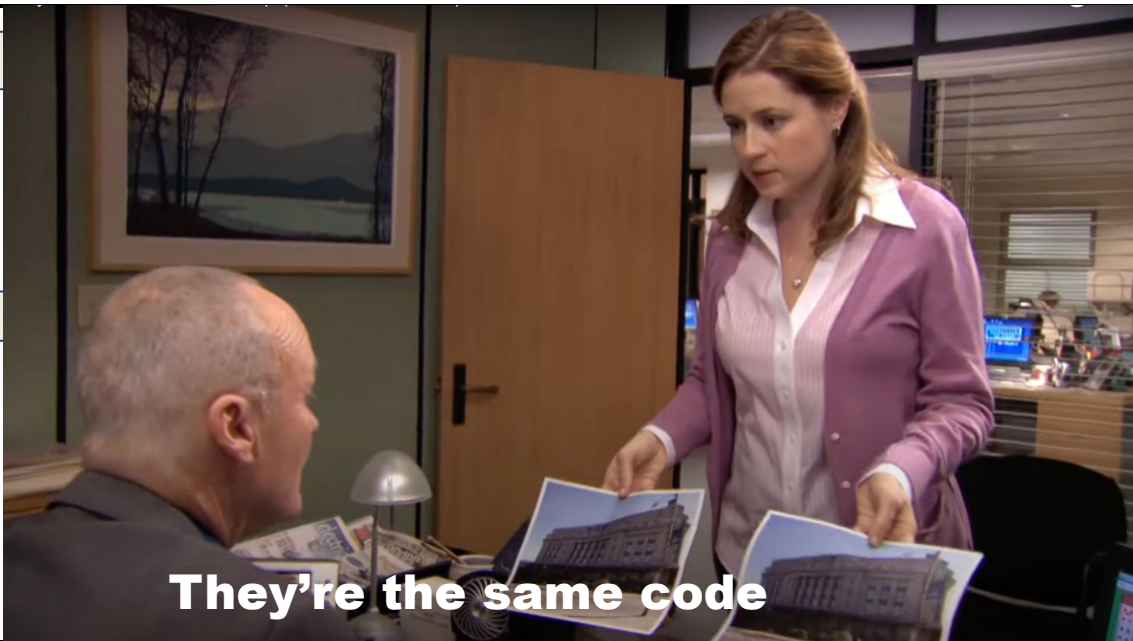
```
list<string> c { "run", "forrest" };  
auto it = find(c.begin(), c.end(), "run");
```

# Recall: Writing a **templated** `find` function

Our `find` function works for other vectors, or even other containers

```
auto it = find
```

```
auto it = find
```



**They're the same code**

# An alternative **find** function

We can pass the whole container.

```
template <typename Container, typename T>
auto find(const Container& c, const T& value) { for
    (auto it = c.begin(); it != c.end(); ++it) {
        if (*it == value) return it;
    }
    return end;
}
```

```
std::vector<std::string> v { "run", "forrest" };
auto it = find(v, "run");
```

**Advantage:** Now the caller doesn't have to worry about begin and end!

**Container** = std::vector<std::string>  
**T** = std::string

# An alternative `find` function

Using iterators instead allows us to search *only part* of a container

```
std::vector<int> v { 106, 107, 106, 143, 149, 106 };  
  
// Search for 106L, skipping first and last elements  
auto it = find(v.begin() + 1, v.end() - 1, 106);  
  
// Get index of iterator using std::distance  
std::cout << std::distance(v.begin(), it);  
// Prints 2, not 0
```

**We defined our `find` function  
in a `general` way!**

**What questions do you have?**



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# How can we make `find` even more general!?

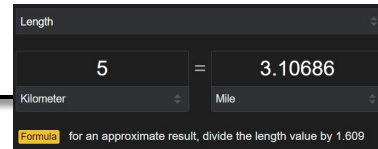
- Instead of `find` searching for `value` in a container...
- What if we could ask arbitrary questions?
  - A vowel in a `string`?
  - A prime number in a `vector<int>`?
  - A number divisible by 5 in a `set<int>`?
- More generally, what if we could perform arbitrary operations?

# An even better `find` function?

How else could we generalize this?

```
template <typename Container, typename T>
auto find(const Container& c, const T& value) { for
    (auto it = c.begin(); it != c.end(); ++it) {
        if (*it == value) return it;
    }
    return end;
}

std::vector<std::string> trail_lens = { "6mi", "20ft", "5km" };
auto it = find(trail_lens, "3mi");
```

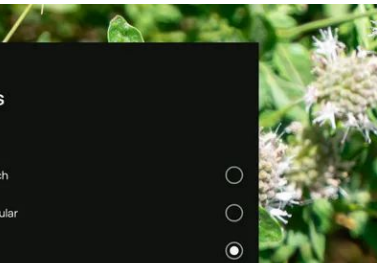
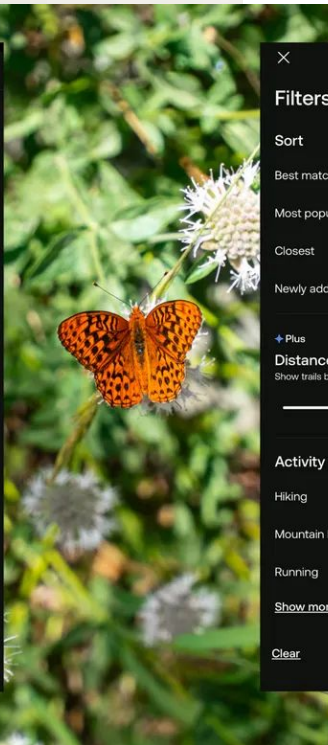
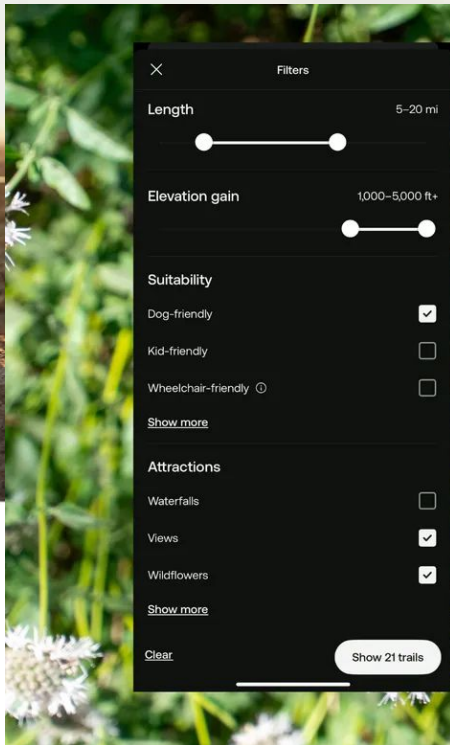


# An even better `find` function?

How else could we generalize this?

```
template <typename Container, typename Q>
auto find(const Container& c, Question) {
    for (auto it = c.begin(); it != c.end(); ++it) {
        Question?? return it;
    }
    return end;
}

std::vector<std::string> trail_lens = { "6mi", "20ft", "5km" };
auto it = find(trail_lens, "Is it a good length?");
```



AllTrails

(He knew about lambdas.)



# **Lecture 11: Functions & lambdas**

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# Today's Agenda

- **Functions and Lambdas**
  - How can we represent functions as variables in C++?
- **Algorithms**
  - Tackling a popular algorithm with modern C++
- **Ranges and Views**
  - A brand new (C++26), functional approach to C++ algorithms

# Announcements

- **We want to make this class easier**
  - We'll be going over the first half of A4 in class
  - You can now skip 1 assignment for the rest of the quarter
- **Assignments**
  - A4 is out... you can complete it after today
  - A2 grades are out
- **Office hours**
  - Thursdays 4:30-5:20 (after class) in Thornt 210
  - Fridays 1:30-2:20 in 160-315

A dirt path winds through a dense forest of tall trees with green foliage. The path is light-colored and leads into the distance, flanked by lush green bushes and trees. The scene is bright and natural, with sunlight filtering through the leaves.

# Functions and Lambdas

**Definition:** A predicate is a `boolean`-valued function



Does the trail have a waterfall?

**Definition:** A predicate is a `boolean`-valued function



Is this trail longer than that one?

# Predicate Examples

## Unary

```
bool isVowel(char c) {  
    c = toupper(c);  
    return c == 'A' || c == 'E' ||  
           c == 'I' || c == 'O' || c == 'U';  
}  
bool wouldPrestonApproveOf(Trail t)  
{  
    return t.isWaterfall();  
}
```



## Binary

```
bool isDivisible(int n, int d) {  
    return n % d == 0;  
}  
bool isLongerThan(Trail x, Trail y) {  
    return x.len > y.len;  
}
```

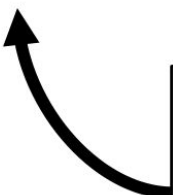
# Using predicates

- How can we use `isVowel` to find the first vowel in a `string`?
- Or `wouldPrestonApproveOf` to find a trail with a waterfall in a `vector<Trail>`?
- Or `isDivisible` to find a number divisible by 5?

**Key Idea: We need to pass a **predicate** to a **function****

# Modifying our `find` function


```
template <typename It, typename T>
It find(It first, It last, const T& value) {
    for (auto it = first; it != last; ++it) {
        if (*it == value) return it;
    }
    return last;
}
```



This condition worked for finding a specific value, but it's too specific. How can we modify it to handle a general condition?

# Modifying our `find` function

```
template <typename It>
It find(It first, It last, ???? pred) {
    for (auto it = first; it != last; ++it) {
        if (*it == value) return it;
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# Modifying our `find` function

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        if (pred(*it)) return it;
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}
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}
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Wait... what's the type of this predicate?

What if we could instead pass a predicate to this function as a parameter?

Then we could replace this critical section of the code with a call to our predicate... like so!

# Answer: Templates plus predicates

```
template <typename It, typename Pred>
It find(It first, It last, Pred pred) {
    for (auto it = first; it != last; ++it) {
        if (pred(*it)) return it;
    }
    return last;
}
```

**Pred**: the type of our predicate.

Compiler will figure this out for us using implicit instantiation!

**pred**: our predicate, passed as a parameter

**Hey look!** We're calling our predicate on each element. As soon as we find one that matches, we return

# Answer: Templates plus predicates

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Compiler will figure this out for us using implicit instantiation!

```
template <typename It, typename Pred>
It find_if(It first, It last, Pred pred)
    for(auto it = first; it != last; ++it) {
        if (pred(*it)) return it;
    }
    return last;
```

**pred**: our predicate, passed as a parameter

Let's give this function a new name so it doesn't get confused with old one!

Hey look! We're calling our predicate on each element. As soon as we find one that matches, we return

**What questions do you have?**



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# Using our `find_if` function

```
bool isVowel(char c) {  
    c = toupper(c);  
    return c == 'A' || c == 'E' || c == 'I' ||  
           c == 'O' || c == 'U';  
}
```

```
std::string flower = "rose";  
auto it = find_if(flower.begin(), flower.end(), isVowel);  
*it = 'i'; // "rise"
```

**You:** "What type  
is this?"

**Compiler:** "Don't  
worry about it!"




# Using our `find_if` function

```
bool isGood(Trail t) { // Would I Approve?  
    return t.hasWaterfall();  
}
```

```
std::vector<Trail> trails = getNearbyTrails();  
auto it = find_if(trails.begin(), trails.end(), isGood);  
assert(it->hasWaterfall() == true);
```

You: "What type  
is this!!?"

Compiler: "I  
gottttchuuu man"



**Passing functions allows us to generalize an algorithm with user-defined behaviour**

**Aside: Seriously though, what is the type of `Pred`?**

## Pred is a function pointer

```
find_if(flower.begin(), flower.end(), isVowel);  
// Pred = bool(*) (char)
```

```
find_if(t.begin(), t.end(), isGood);  
// Pred = bool(*) (Trail)
```

My function  
returns a bool

I'm a  
function  
pointer

And I take in a  
single Trail  
as  
a parameter

As we'll see shortly, a function pointer is *just one* of the types we can pass to `find_if`

# Get some practice with function pointers!

Code is here:

[online-ide.com/2mwjsthYoN](https://online-ide.com/2mwjsthYoN)

# Function pointers generalize poorly

Consider that we want to find a number less than **N** in a vector

```
bool lessThan5(int x) { return x < 5; }
```

```
bool lessThan6(int x) { return x < 6; }
```

```
bool lessThan7(int x) { return x < 7; }
```

```
find_if(begin, end, lessThan5);
```

```
find_if(begin, end, lessThan6);
```

```
find_if(begin, end, lessThan7);
```

# Function pointers generalize poorly

What if we want  
to find a number  
less than N, but  
we don't know  
what N is until  
runtime?

```
int n;  
std::cin >> n;  
find_if(begin, end, /* lessThan... Haelpp... */) 
```


# We can't just add another parameter

Turn to someone next to you and talk about why this wouldn't work!

```
bool isLessThan(int elem, int n) {  
    return elem < n;  
}
```

## We can't add another parameter to pred!

```
template <typename It, typename Pred>
It find_if(It first, It last, Pred pred) {
    for (auto it = first; it != last; ++it) {
        if (pred(*it)) return it;
    }
    return last;
}
```



We only pass one parameter to **pred** here!



**We want to give our function **extra state...****

...without introducing another parameter

# Introducing... **lambda functions**

Lambda functions are functions that capture state from an enclosing scope.

```
int n;  
std::cin >> n;  
  
auto lessThanN = [n] (int x) { return x < n; };  
  
find_if(begin, end, lessThanN); // 😎 😎
```

# Lambda Syntax

I don't know the type! But the compiler does.

## Capture clause

lets us use outside variables

## Parameters

Function parameters, exactly like a normal function

```
auto lessThanN = [n] (int x) {  
    return x < n;  
};
```

## Function body

Exactly as a normal function, except only parameters and captures are in-scope

# A note on captures

```
auto lambda = [capture-values] (arguments) {  
    return expression;  
}
```

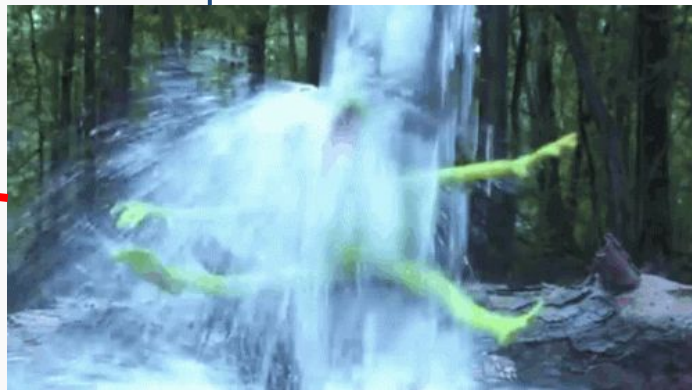
```
[x] (arguments)           // captures x by value (makes a copy)  
[x&] (arguments)         // captures x by reference  
[x, y] (arguments)       // captures x, y by value  
[&] (arguments)          // captures everything by reference  
[&, x] (arguments)       // captures everything except x by reference  
[=] (arguments)          // captures everything by value
```

# We don't have to use captures!

Lambdas are good for making functions on the fly

```
std::vector<Trail> trails = {  
    {"3 miles", false},  
    {"5 miles", true},  
    {"2 miles", false},  
    {"8 miles", true}  
};
```

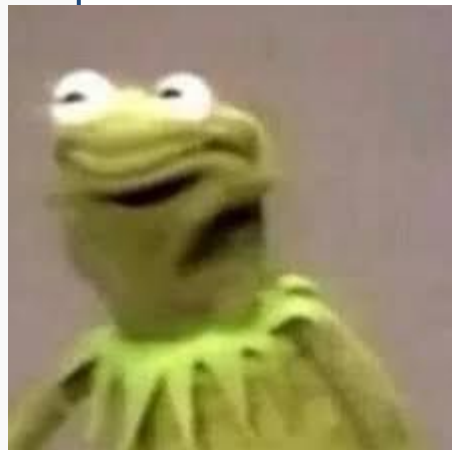
```
auto it = find_if(trails, [](const auto& t) {  
    return t.hasWaterfall();  
});
```



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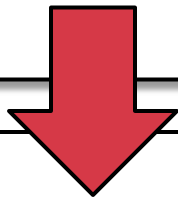
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};  
  
auto it = find_if(trails, [](const auto& t) {  
    return t.hasWaterfall();  
});
```



# auto parameters are shorthand for templates

```
auto lessThanN = [n] (auto x) {  
    return x < n;  
};
```



```
template <typename T>  
auto lessThanN = [n] (T x) {  
    return x < n;  
};
```

This is true wherever you see an **auto** parameter, not just in lambda functions!

Uses **implicit instantiation!**  
Compiler figures out types when function is called

# Get some practice with lambdas!

Code is here:

[online-ide.com/Zqnickm11I](https://online-ide.com/Zqnickm11I)

**What questions do you have?**



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A dirt path winds through a dense forest of tall trees with green foliage. The path is light-colored and appears to be made of dirt or sand, with some fallen leaves scattered on it. The trees are tall and thin, with a thick canopy of green leaves. The lighting is soft, suggesting a shaded forest environment. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

**How do lambdas work?**

# Recall: The Standard Template Library (STL)

## Containers

*How do we store groups of things?*

## Iterators

*How do we traverse containers?*

## Functors

*How can we represent functions as objects?*

## Algorithms

*How do we transform and modify containers in a generic way?*

**Definition:** A functor is any object that defines an `operator()`

*In English: an object that acts like a function*

# An example of a functor: `std::greater<T>`

```
template <typename T>
struct std::greater {
    bool operator()(const T& a, const T& b) const {
        return a > b;
    }
};
```

```
std::greater<int> g;
g(1, 2); // false
```

Hmm.. Seems like a function



# Another STL functor: `std::hash<T>`

```
template <>
struct std::hash<MyType> {
    size_t operator()(const MyType& v) const {
        // Crazy, theoretically rigorous hash function
        // approved by 7 PhDs and Donald Knuth goes here
        return ...;
    }
};

MyType m; std::hash<MyType>
hash_fn;
hash_fn(m); // 125123201 (for example)
```

Aside: This syntax is called a *template specialization* for type `MyType`

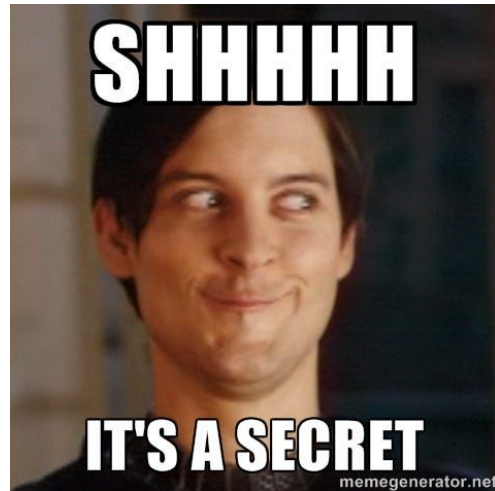
**Hint hint:** This is also one of the ways to create a hash function for a custom type

**Since a functor is an **object**, it can have **state****

# Functors can have state!

```
struct my_functor {  
    int operator()(int a) const {  
        return a * value;  
    }  
  
    int value;  
};  
  
my_functor f;  
f.value = 5;  
f(10); // 50
```

**Time for a dark secret**



**When you use a `lambda`,  
a `functor` type is generated**

## This code...

```
int n = 10;  
auto lessThanN = [n](int x) { return x < n; };  
find_if(begin, end, lessThanN);
```

# ...is equivalent to this code!

```
class __lambda_6_18
{
public:
    bool operator()(int x) const { return x < n; }
    __lambda_6_18(int& _n) : n(_n) {}
private:
    int n;
};

int n = 10;
auto lessThanN = __lambda_6_18{ n };
find_if(begin, end, lessThanN);
```

Random name that only the compiler will see!

Recall: functor call operator

Class constructor

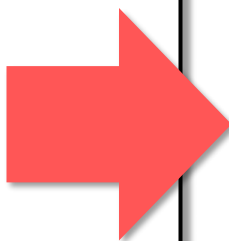
Our captures became fields in the class!

Capturing variable n from outer scope by passing to constructor

If you are curious about this stuff, check out <https://cppinsights.io/>!

# You've seen this kind of thing before...

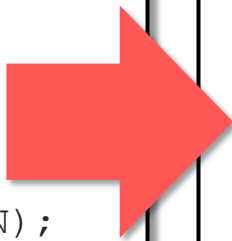
```
std::vector<int> v {1,2,3};  
for (const int& e : v)  
{  
    // ...  
}
```



```
auto begin = v.begin();  
auto end = v.end();  
for (auto it = begin; it != end; ++it)  
{  
    // ...  
}
```

# It's the same ordeal! Syntactic sugar

```
int n = 10;
auto lessThanN = [n](int x)
{ return x < n; };
find_if(begin, end, lessThanN);
```



```
class __lambda_6_18
{
public:
    bool operator()(int x) const
    { return x < n; }
    __lambda_6_18(int& _n) : n{_n}
{}
private:
    int n;
};

int n = 10;
auto lessThanN = __lambda_6_18{n};
find_if(begin, end, lessThanN);
```

# Functions & Lambdas Recap

- Use functions/lambdas to pass around **behaviour** as variables
- Aside: `std::function` is an overarching type for functions/lambdas
  - Any functor/lambda/function pointer can be cast to it
  - It is a bit slower
  - I usually use auto/templates and don't worry about the types!

```
std::function<bool(int, int)> less = std::less<int>{};
std::function<bool(char)> vowel = isVowel;
std::function<int(int)> twice = [](int x) { return x * 2; };
```

**What questions do you have?**



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A dirt path winds through a dense forest of tall trees with green foliage. The path is light-colored and appears to be made of dirt or gravel, curving gently to the right. The trees are tall and thin, with a thick canopy of green leaves. The ground is covered in low-lying green plants and ferns. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

**Where do we use functions & lambdas?**

A dirt path winds through a dense forest of tall trees with green foliage. The path is light-colored and appears to be made of sand or dirt, with some fallen leaves scattered on it. The trees are tall and thin, with a thick canopy of green leaves. The lighting is soft and dappled, suggesting a sunny day with a slightly overcast sky. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

# Algorithms

# Recall: The Standard Template Library (STL)

## Containers

*How do we store groups of things?*

## Iterators

*How do we traverse containers?*

## Functors

*How can we represent functions as objects?*

## Algorithms

*How do we transform and modify containers in a generic way?*

# Huh... that looks familiar

## std::find, std::find\_if, std::find\_if\_not

Defined in header <algorithm>

```
template< class InputIt, class T >                                     (constexpr since C++20)
InputIt find( InputIt first, InputIt last, const T& value );        (until C++26)
```

```
template< class InputIt, class T = typename std::iterator_traits    (1)
    <InputIt>::value_type >                                       (since C++26)
constexpr InputIt find( InputIt first, InputIt last, const T& value );
```

```
template< class ExecutionPolicy, class ForwardIt, class T >        (since C++17)
ForwardIt find( ExecutionPolicy&& policy,                          (until C++26)
    ForwardIt first, ForwardIt last, const T& value );
```

```
template< class ExecutionPolicy,                                    (2)
    class ForwardIt, class T = typename std::iterator_traits
    <ForwardIt>::value_type >                                       (since C++26)
ForwardIt find( ExecutionPolicy&& policy,
    ForwardIt first, ForwardIt last, const T& value );
```

```
template< class InputIt, class UnaryPred >                          (3) (constexpr since C++20)
InputIt find_if( InputIt first, InputIt last, UnaryPred p );
```

```
template< class ExecutionPolicy, class ForwardIt, class UnaryPred > (4) (since C++17)
ForwardIt find_if( ExecutionPolicy&& policy,
    ForwardIt first, ForwardIt last, UnaryPred p );
```

# <algorithm> is a collection of template functions

```
std::count_if(InputIt first, InputIt last, UnaryPred p);
```

How many elements in [first, last) match predicate p?

```
std::sort(RandomIt first, RandomIt last, Compare comp);
```

Sorts the elements in [first, last) according to comparison comp

```
std::max_element(ForwardIt first, ForwardIt last, Compare comp);
```

Finds the maximum element in [first, last) according to comparison comp

## <algorithm> functions operate on iterators

```
std::copy_if(InputIt r1, InputIt r2, OutputIt o, UnaryPred p);
```

Copy the only elements in [r1, r2) into o that match predicate p

```
std::transform(InputIt r1, InputIt r2, OutputIt o, UnaryOp op);
```

Apply op to each element in [r1, r2), writing a new sequence into o

```
std::unique_copy(InputIt i1, InputIt i2, OutputIt o, BinaryPred p);
```

Remove consecutive duplicates from [r1, r2), writing new sequence into o

# There are a lot of algorithms...

|                                |                                 |  |                                   |   |
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| <a href="#">all_of</a>         | <a href="#">copy</a>            | <a href="#">merge</a>                    | <a href="#">random_shuffle</a>    | <a href="#">is_sorted</a>               |
| <a href="#">any_of</a>         | <a href="#">copy_n</a>          | <a href="#">inplace_merge</a>            | <a href="#">shuffle</a>           | <a href="#">is_sorted_until</a>         |
| <a href="#">none_of</a>        | <a href="#">copy_if</a>         | <a href="#">includes</a>                 | <a href="#">push_heap</a>         | <a href="#">nth_element</a>             |
| <a href="#">for_each</a>       | <a href="#">copy_backward</a>   | <a href="#">set_union</a>                | <a href="#">pop_heap</a>          | <a href="#">min</a>                     |
| <a href="#">find</a>           | <a href="#">move</a>            | <a href="#">set_intersection</a>         | <a href="#">make_heap</a>         | <a href="#">max</a>                     |
| <a href="#">find_if</a>        | <a href="#">move_backward</a>   | <a href="#">set_difference</a>           | <a href="#">sort_heap</a>         | <a href="#">minmax</a>                  |
| <a href="#">find_if_not</a>    | <a href="#">swap</a>            | <a href="#">set_symmetric_difference</a> | <a href="#">is_heap</a>           | <a href="#">min_element</a>             |
| <a href="#">find_end</a>       | <a href="#">swap_ranges</a>     | <a href="#">remove</a>                   | <a href="#">is_heap_until</a>     | <a href="#">max_element</a>             |
| <a href="#">find_first_of</a>  | <a href="#">iter_swap</a>       | <a href="#">remove_if</a>                | <a href="#">is_partitioned</a>    | <a href="#">minmax_element</a>          |
| <a href="#">adjacent_find</a>  | <a href="#">transform</a>       | <a href="#">remove_copy</a>              | <a href="#">partition</a>         | <a href="#">lexicographical_compare</a> |
| <a href="#">count</a>          | <a href="#">replace</a>         | <a href="#">remove_copy_if</a>           | <a href="#">stable_partition</a>  | <a href="#">next_permutation</a>        |
| <a href="#">count_if</a>       | <a href="#">replace_if</a>      | <a href="#">unique</a>                   | <a href="#">partition_copy</a>    | <a href="#">prev_permutation</a>        |
| <a href="#">mismatch</a>       | <a href="#">replace_copy</a>    | <a href="#">unique_copy</a>              | <a href="#">partition_point</a>   |   |
| <a href="#">equal</a>          | <a href="#">replace_copy_if</a> | <a href="#">reverse</a>                  | <a href="#">sort</a>              |   |
| <a href="#">is_permutation</a> | <a href="#">fill</a>            | <a href="#">reverse_copy</a>             | <a href="#">stable_sort</a>       |   |
| <a href="#">search</a>         | <a href="#">fill_n</a>          | <a href="#">rotate</a>                   | <a href="#">partial_sort</a>      |   |
| <a href="#">search_n</a>       | <a href="#">generate</a>        | <a href="#">rotate_copy</a>              | <a href="#">partial_sort_copy</a> |   |

# Things you can do with the STL

binary search • heap building • min/max  
lexicographical comparisons • merge • set union  
• set difference • set intersection • partition • sort  
 $n$ th sorted element • shuffle • selective removal •  
selective copy • for-each • random sample

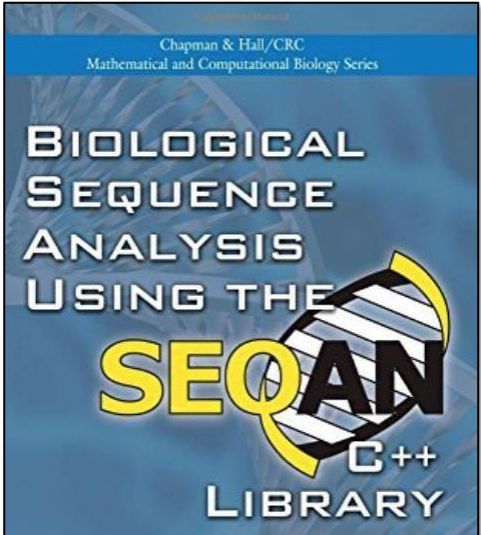
*all in their most general form!*

**What questions do you have?**



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# <algorithm> lets us inspect and transform data

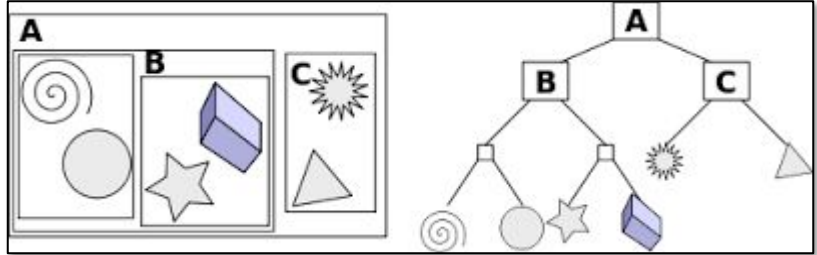
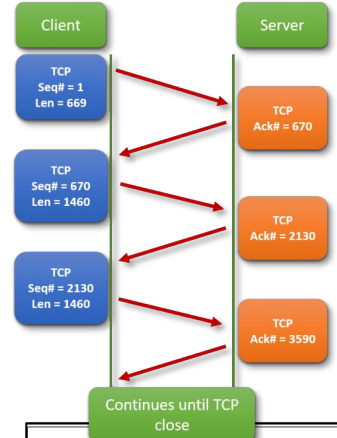


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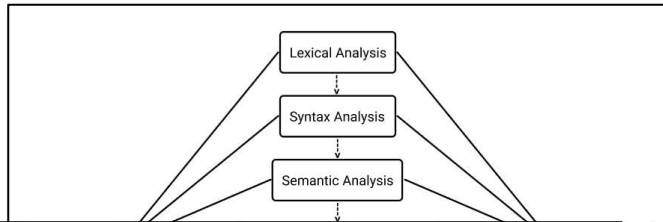


### Huffman Coding

*Example:* "COMPRESSION\_IS\_COOL"

To compute the bit pattern for each datum, we go up the tree and note down a "1" (true) if we take the branch to the *left* and a "0" (false) if we take the branch to the *right*, respectively.

C : 0000  
 P : 0001  
 M : 0010  
 R : 0011  
 S : 0100  
 I : 0101  
 L : 0110  
 N : 0111  
 O : 1000  
 C : 1001  
 O : 1010  
 O : 1011  
 C : 1100  
 M : 1101  
 P : 1110  
 R : 1111



In what language is LLVM written?

All of the LLVM tools and libraries are written in C++ with extensive use of the STL.



target code generation

**Let's write an algorithm using the STL!**

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**How can we make a tokenizer?**

# Breaking down the problem

"Breaking down the string"



{"Breaking", "down", "the", "string"}

# Breaking down the problem

"Breaking down the string"

{ "Breaking", "down", "the", "string" }

# Breaking down the problem

"Breaking down the string"

01234567 | ... | ... | ...

8

13

17

# Breaking down the problem

"Breaking down the string"



0



8



13



17



end()

# Breaking down the problem

"Breaking down the string"



0



8



13



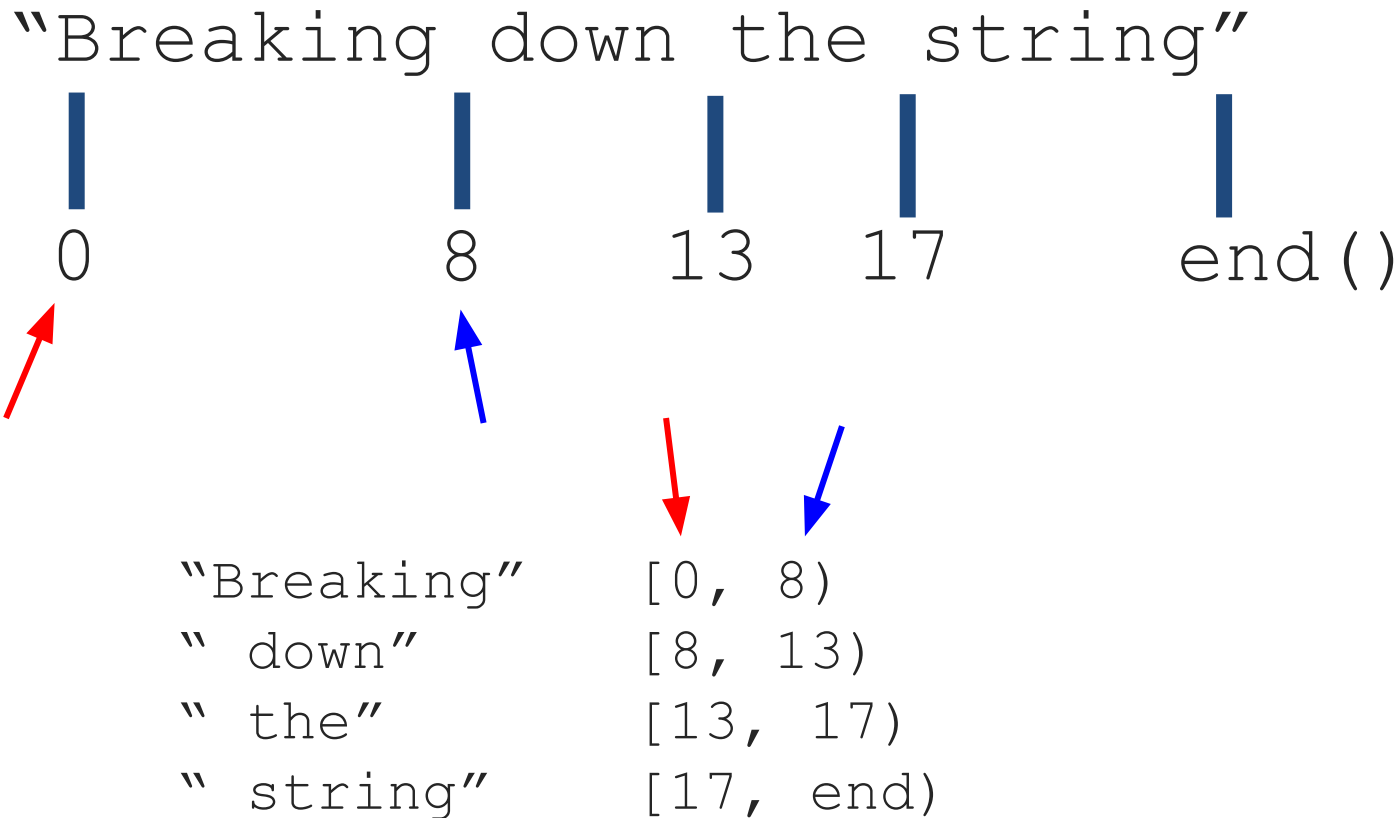
17



end()

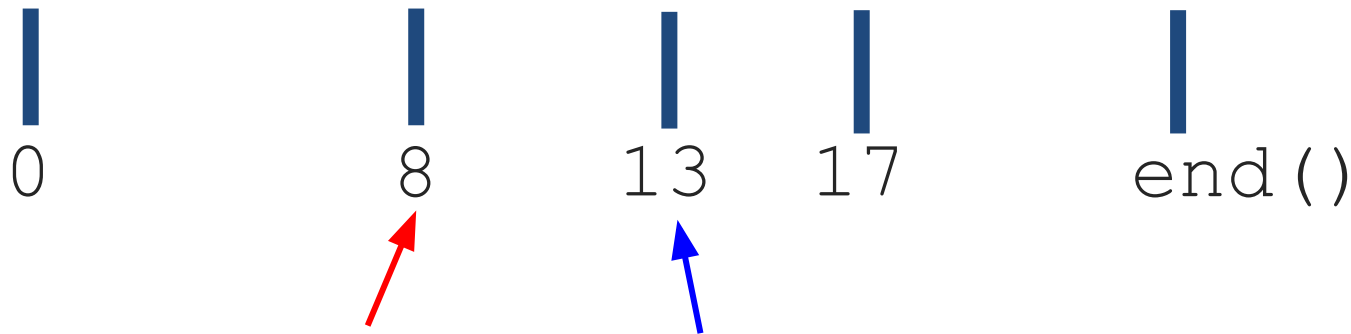
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| "Breaking" | [0, 8)    |
| " down"    | [8, 13)   |
| " the"     | [13, 17)  |
| " string"  | [17, end) |

# Breaking down the problem



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end()



"Breaking"

[0, 8)

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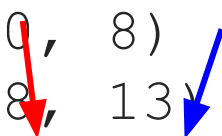
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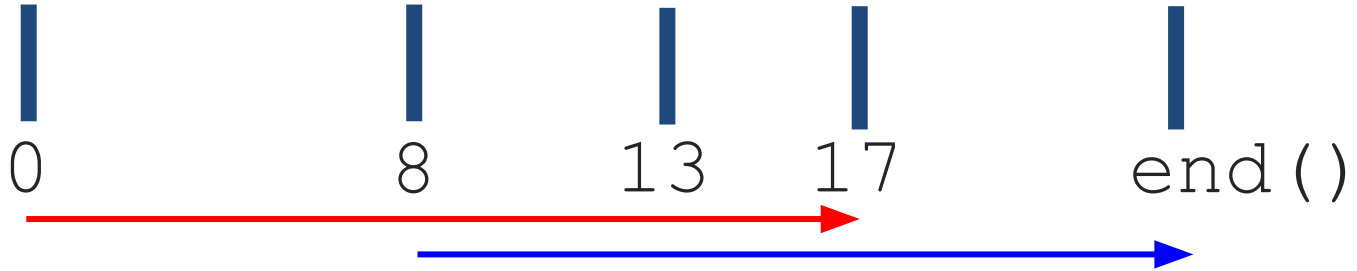
" string"

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"Breaking down the string"



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| " string"  | [17, end) |

A red arrow points from the first row to the second row, and a blue arrow points from the second row to the third row, indicating the flow of the segmentation process.

# Breaking down the problem

"Breaking down the string"



0



8



13



17



end()

Steps:

1. Get indices (iterators)
2. Loop over with 2 iterators,  
making tokens

# Step 1) Getting indices v1

```
// Get all indices we want.
std::set<std::string::iterator> spaces {source.begin(), source.end()};
for (auto cur = source.begin(); cur != source.end(); ++cur) {
    if (*cur == ' ') {
        spaces.insert(cur);
    }
}
```

We're handling too much logic ourselves...

# Step 1) Getting indices v2

```
// Get all indices we want.
std::set<std::string::iterator> spaces {source.begin(), source.end()};
for (auto cur = source.begin(); cur != source.end(); ++cur) {
    if (std::isspace(*cur)) {
        spaces.insert(cur);
    }
}
```

If we use a predicate function...

...then this looks like a **filter**,  
**find\_if**, & **find\_all**.

# Step 1) Getting indices v3

```
template <typename Iterator, typename UnaryPred>
std::vector<Iterator> find_all(Iterator begin, Iterator end, UnaryPred pred) {
    std::vector<Iterator> its{begin};
    for (auto it = begin; it != end; ++it) {
        if (pred(*it))
            its.push_back(it);
    }
    its.push_back(end);
    return its;
}
```

# Step 1) Getting indices v3

```
std::vector<It> find_all(It begin, It end, Pred p)
```

source

std::isspace

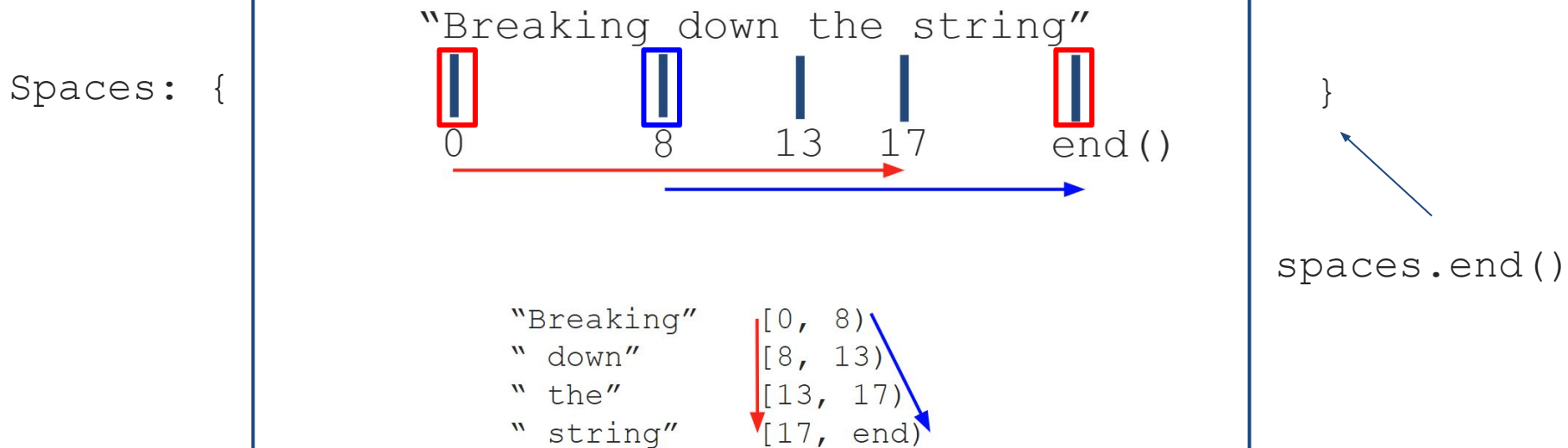
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        if (pred(*it))
            its.push_back(it);
    }
    its.push_back(end);
    return its;
}
```

## Step 2) Using indices to get tokens (bad)

```
// Double iterator loop to get tokens.
Corpus tokens;
auto first = spaces.begin();
auto second = std::next(first);
for (; second != spaces.end(); ++first, ++second) {
    auto start_char = *first;
    auto end_char = *second;
    tokens.insert({source, start_char, end_char});
}
```

## Step 2) Using indices to get tokens

### Breaking down the problem

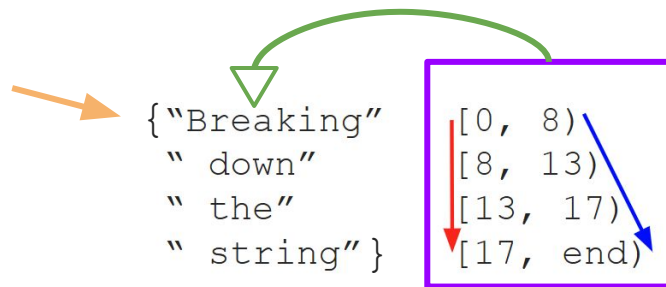


```
template< class InputIt1, class InputIt2,  
          class OutputIt, class BinaryOp >  
OutputIt transform( InputIt1 first1, InputIt1 last1, InputIt2 first2,  
                   OutputIt d_first, BinaryOp binary_op );
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## Step 2) Using indices to get tokens

### Breaking down the problem

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```

first1 = spaces.begin()

last1 = ?????

first2 = ?????

d\_first = std::inserter(tokens, tokens.end())

binary\_op = ?????

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```

```
first1    = spaces.begin()  
last1     = spaces.end() - 1  
first2    = spaces.begin() + 1  
d_first   = std::inserter(tokens, tokens.end())  
binary_op = "a lambda with 2 iterators as input  
and a token as output"
```

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first2    = spaces.begin() + 1  
d_first   = std::inserter(tokens, tokens.end())  
binary_op = [&](auto it1, auto it2) {  
             return Token(source, it1, it2);  
           }
```

## Step 3) Are we done?

```
"N'ot a!!   Strlngs 4re   nice :/"  
  |         |         |         |         |  
  |         |         |         |         |  
  |         |         |         |         |
```

```
{"N'ot", "a!!", "" "Strlngs" "4re", "" "nice", ":/"}  
  |         |         |         |         |  
  |         |         |         |         |  
  |         |         |         |         |
```

# Step 3) Erase spaces

`std::erase_if` (std::set)

Defined in header `<set>`

```
template< class Key, class Compare, class Alloc,
          class Pred >
std::set<Key, Compare, Alloc>::size_type
erase_if( std::set<Key, Compare, Alloc>& c,
          Pred pred );
```

(since C++20)

Erases all elements that satisfy the predicate `pred` from `c`.

Equivalent to

```
auto old_size = c.size();
for (auto first = c.begin(), last = c.end(); first != last;)
{
    if (pred(*first))
        first = c.erase(first);
    else
        ++first;
}
return old_size - c.size();
```

## Parameters

- `c` - container from which to erase
- `pred` - predicate that returns `true` if the element should be erased

## Return value

The number of erased elements.

## Complexity

Linear.

container:  
- tokens

pred:  
- whether a token is  
empty

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**c:**  
tokens

**pred:**  
[] (const auto& t) {  
 return t.content.empty();  
}

# Tokenizer

## Strategy:

1. Work through example
  2. Figure out the logic
  3. See if the logic follows a common algorithm
    - a. If so, use the std algorithm library for clarity and accuracy
- 
1. We found:
    - b. We need to get all the spaces (+ begin & end)
      - i. The staff gave us a **find\_all** function :)
    - c. We need to convert our spaces into tokens
      - i. The std gives us a **transform** for that
    - d. We need to get rid of empty tokens
      - i. The std gives us a **erase\_if** for that

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# **Ranges and Views**

**Ranges are a new version of the STL**

**Definition:** A range is anything with a **begin** and **end**

# What's a range?

`std::vector<T>`

`std::unordered_set<K, V>`

`std::map<K, V>`

`std::set<K>`

Your own custom  
type with a  
begin and end!

## Recall: why did we pass iterators to `find`?

It allows us to find in a subrange! But most of the time, we don't need to.

```
int main() {  
    std::vector<char> v = {'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e'};  
    auto it = std::find(v.begin(), v.end(), 'c');  
}
```




Do we really care about iterators here? I just wanted to search the entire container!

# Range algorithms operate on **ranges**

STD ranges provides new versions of `<algorithm>` for ranges

```
int main() {  
    std::vector<char> v = {'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e'};  
    auto it = std::ranges::find(v, 'c');  
}
```



Look! I can pass `v`  
here because it is a  
`range`!

# Range algorithms operate on **ranges**

We can still work with iterators if we need to

```
int main() {  
    std::vector<char> v = {'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e'};  
  
    // Search from 'b' to 'd'  
    auto first = v.begin() + 1;  
    auto last = v.end() - 1;  
  
    auto it = std::ranges::find(first, last, 'c');  
}
```

# Ranges: The STL v2

- There are range equivalents of most of the STL `<algorithm>` library
- These are very new! **C++20/23/26** and beyond!

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| <code>ranges::find_last</code>        | (C++23) |
| <code>ranges::find_last_if</code>     | (C++23) |
| <code>ranges::find_last_if_not</code> | (C++23) |

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| <code>ranges::find_end</code> | (C++20) |
|-------------------------------|---------|

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| <code>ranges::find_first_of</code> | (C++20) |
|------------------------------------|---------|

|                                    |         |
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| <code>ranges::adjacent_find</code> | (C++20) |
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|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| <code>ranges::search</code> | (C++20) |
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|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| <code>ranges::search_n</code> | (C++20) |
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|  |         |
|--|---------|
| <code>ranges::contains</code>          | (C++23) |
| <code>ranges::contains_subrange</code> | (C++23) |

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| <code>ranges::starts_with</code> | (C++23) |
|----------------------------------|---------|

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| <code>ranges::ends_with</code> | (C++23) |
|--------------------------------|---------|

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| <code>ranges::copy</code>    | (C++20) |
| <code>ranges::copy_if</code> | (C++20) |

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| <code>ranges::copy_n</code> | (C++20) |
|-----------------------------|---------|

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| <code>ranges::copy_backward</code> | (C++20) |
|------------------------------------|---------|

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| <code>ranges::move</code> | (C++20) |
|---------------------------|---------|

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| <code>ranges::move_backward</code> | (C++20) |
|------------------------------------|---------|

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| <code>ranges::fill</code> | (C++20) |
|---------------------------|---------|

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| <code>ranges::fill_n</code> | (C++20) |
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|                                |         |
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| <code>ranges::transform</code> | (C++20) |
|--------------------------------|---------|

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| <code>ranges::generate</code> | (C++20) |
|-------------------------------|---------|

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| <code>ranges::generate_n</code> | (C++20) |
|---------------------------------|---------|

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| <code>ranges::remove</code>    | (C++20) |
| <code>ranges::remove_if</code> | (C++20) |

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| <code>ranges::remove_copy</code>    | (C++20) |
| <code>ranges::remove_copy_if</code> | (C++20) |

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| <code>ranges::replace</code>    | (C++20) |
| <code>ranges::replace_if</code> | (C++20) |

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| <code>ranges::replace_copy</code>    | (C++20) |
| <code>ranges::replace_copy_if</code> | (C++20) |

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| <code>ranges::swap_ranges</code> | (C++20) |
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| <code>ranges::reverse</code> | (C++20) |
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| <code>ranges::reverse_copy</code> | (C++20) |
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| <code>ranges::rotate</code> | (C++20) |
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| <code>ranges::rotate_copy</code> | (C++20) |
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| <code>ranges::shuffle</code> | (C++20) |
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# Range algorithms are **constrained**

That just means they make use of the new STL **concepts**! Remember them?

A range has a begin and end! :)

```
template<class T>  
concept range = requires(T& t) { ranges::begin(t); ranges::end(t); };
```

An input range is a range using an input iterator

```
template<class T>  
concept input_range =  
    ranges::range<T> && std::input_iterator<ranges::iterator_t<T>>;
```

```
template<ranges::input_range R, class T, class Proj = std::identity>  
borrowed_iterator_t<R> find( R&& r, const T& value, Proj proj = {} );
```

I've cut out some of the code here, but notice that ranges find uses **concepts**!!

# Ranges Recap


- Ranges use concepts! Better error messages, what's not to like?
- We can pass entire containers

**What questions do you have?**



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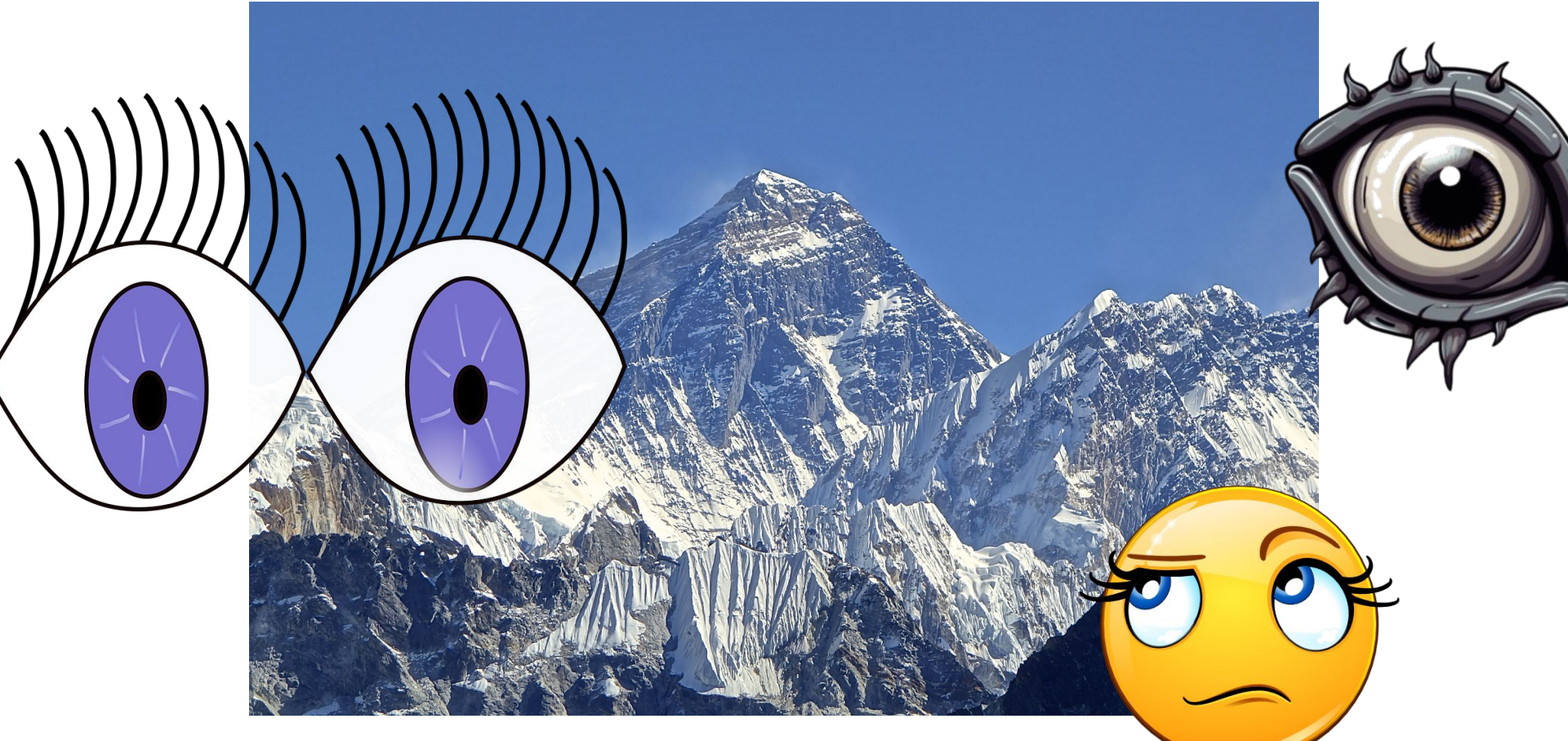
# Ranges Recap

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- ***Okay... is that it?*** 

**Views: a way to compose algorithms**

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# Filter and transform in the old STL

This code is a bit awkward in the current STL

```
std::vector<char> v = {'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e'};

// Filter -- Get only the vowels
std::vector<char> f;
std::copy_if(v.begin(), v.end(), std::back_inserter(f), isVowel);

// Transform -- Convert to uppercase
std::vector<char> t;
std::transform(f.begin(), f.end(), std::back_inserter(t), toupper);

// { 'A', 'E' }
```

# Filter and transform with **views**!

A **view** is a range that lazily transforms its underlying range, one element at a time

```
std::vector<char> letters = {'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e'};

auto f = std::ranges::views::filter(letters, isVowel);
auto t = std::ranges::views::transform(f, toupper);

auto vowelUpper = std::ranges::to<std::vector<char>>(t);
```

# Views are **composable**

```
auto f = std::ranges::views::filter(letters, isVowel);  
// f is a view! It takes an underlying range letters  
// and yields a new range with only vowels!  
  
auto t = std::ranges::views::transform(f, toupper);  
// t is a view! It takes an underlying range f  
// and yields a new range with uppercase chars!  
  
auto vowelUpper = std::ranges::to<std::vector<char>>(t);  
// Here we materialize the view into a vector!  
// Nothing actually happens until this line!
```

## We can chain views together use **operator |**

```
std::vector<char> letters = {'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e'};
std::vector<char> upperVowel = letters
    | std::ranges::views::filter(isVowel)
    | std::ranges::views::transform(toupper)
    | std::ranges::to<std::vector<char>>();

// upperVowel = { 'A', 'E' }
```

# Remember: range algorithms are **eager**

`std::ranges` are a reskin of the old STL algorithms

```
// This actually sorts vec, RIGHT NOWWW!!!!  
std::ranges::sort(v);
```



# Remember: views are **lazy**

`std::ranges::views` are a lazy way of composing algorithms

```
auto view = letters
  | std::ranges::views::filter(isVowel)
  | std::ranges::views::transform(toupper);

std::vector<char> upperVowel =
  std::ranges::to<std::vector<char>>(view);
```



## Pro tip: **Views** are like Python **generators**

This code in C++ works *exactly the same* as this Python code

```
auto view = letters
    | std::ranges::views::filter(isVowel)
    | std::ranges::views::transform(toupper);
auto upperVowel = std::ranges::to<std::vector<char>>(view);
```










```
view = (l for l in letters if isVowel(l))      # Lazy evaluation
view = (l.upper() for l in view)              # Lazy evaluation
upperVowel = list(view)
```



**What questions do you have?**

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# Ranges and view recap

- Why you might like ranges/views?
  -  Worry less about iterators
  -  Constrained algorithms mean better error messages
  -  Super readable, functional syntax
- Why you might dislike ranges/views?
  -  They are extremely new, not fully feature complete yet
  -  Lack of compiler support
  -  Loss of performance compared to hand-coded version
  -  For more info, see [The Terrible Problem of Incrementing a Smart Iterator](#)