

CS 106X

Arrays; Implementing a Collection (ArrayList)

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Motivation

- So far in this course, we have **used** many collection classes:
 - Vector, Grid, Stack, Queue, Map, Set, HashMap, HashSet, Lexicon, ...
- Now let's explore how they are **implemented**.
 - We will start by implementing our own version of a **Vector class**.
 - To do so, we must learn about **arrays** and **memory** allocation.
 - After that, we will implement several other collections:
 - linked list; binary tree set, map; hash table set, map; prefix tree (Lexicon); priority queue; graph; ...

Arrays (11.3)

*type** *name* = new *type*[*Length*];

- A **dynamically allocated** array.
- The variable that refers to the array is a **pointer**.
- The memory allocated for the array must be manually released, or else the program will have a **memory leak**. (>_<)

– Another array creation syntax that we will not use:

type name[*Length*];

- A fixed array; initialized at declaration; can never be resized.
- Stored in a different place in memory; the first syntax uses the *stack* and the second uses the *heap*. (*discussed later*)

Initialized?

```
type* name = new type[Length];    // uninitialized  
type* name = new type[Length](); // initialize to 0
```

- If () are written after the array [], it will set all array elements to their default zero-equivalent value for the data type. (*slower*)
- If no () are written, the elements are uninitialized, so whatever garbage values were stored in that memory beforehand will be your elements.

```
int* a = new int[3];  
cout << a[0];           // 2395876  
cout << a[1];           // -197630894
```

```
int* a2 = new int[3]();  
cout << a[0];           // 0  
cout << a[1];           // 0
```

How a Vector works

- Inside a Vector is an **array** storing the elements you have added.
 - Typically the array is larger than the data added so far, so that it has some extra slots in which to put new elements later.
 - We call this an *unfilled array*.

```
Vector<int> v;  
v.add(42);  
v.add(-5);  
v.add(17);
```

<i>index</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>value</i>	42	-5	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>size</i>	3		<i>capacity</i>	10						

Exercise

- Let's write a class that implements a growable array of integers.
 - We'll call it `ArrayList`. It will be very similar to the C++ `Vector`.
 - its behavior:
 - `add(value)` `insert(index, value)`
 - `get(index)`, `set(index, value)`
 - `size()`, `isEmpty()`
 - `remove(index)`
 - `indexOf(value)`, `contains(value)`
 - `toString()`
 - ...
 - The list's *size* will be the number of elements added to it so far.
 - The actual array length ("capacity") in the object may be larger. We'll start with an array of **length 10** by default.

ArrayList.h

```
#ifndef _arraylist_h
#define _arraylist_h
#include <string>
using namespace std;
class ArrayList {
public:
    ArrayList();
    void add(int value);
    void clear();
    int get(int index) const;
    void insert(int index, int value);
    bool isEmpty() const;
    void remove(int index);
    void set(int index, int value);
    int size() const;
    string toString() const;
private:
    int* myElements;    // array of elements
    int myCapacity;     // length of array
    int mySize;         // number of elements added
};
#endif
```

Implementing add

- How do you append to the end of a list? `list.add(42);`
 - place the new value in slot number *size*
 - increment *size*

<i>index</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>value</i>	3	8	9	7	5	12	0	0	0	0
<i>size</i>	6	<i>capacity</i> 10								

<i>index</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>value</i>	3	8	9	7	5	12	42	0	0	0
<i>size</i>	7	<i>capacity</i> 10								



add solution

// in ArrayList.cpp

```
void ArrayList::add(int value) {  
    myElements[mySize] = value;  
    mySize++;  
}
```

Implementing insert

- How do you insert in the middle of a list? `list.insert(3, 42);`
 - shift elements right to make room for the new element
 - increment *size*

<i>index</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>value</i>	3	8	9	7	5	12	0	0	0	0
<i>size</i>	6	<i>capacity</i>		10						

<i>index</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>value</i>	3	8	9	42	7	5	12	0	0	0
<i>size</i>	7	<i>capacity</i>		10						

Q: In which direction should our array-shifting loop traverse?

- A.** left-to-right **B.** right-to-left **C.** either is fine



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insert solution

```
// in ArrayList.cpp
void ArrayList::insert(int index, int value) {
    // shift right to make room
    for (int i = mySize; i > index; i--) {
        myElements[i] = myElements[i - 1];
    }
    myElements[index] = value;
    mySize++;
}
```

Other members

- Let's implement the following member functions in our list:
 - `size()` - Returns the number of elements in the list.
 - `get(index)` - Returns the value at a given index.
 - `set(index, value)` - Changes the value at the given index.
 - `isEmpty()` - Returns true if list contains no elements.
 - (Why bother to write this if we already have a `size` function?)
 - `toString()` - String of the list such as "{4, 1, 5}".
 - `operator <<` - Make the list printable to `cout`

Other members code

```
// in ArrayList.cpp
```

```
int ArrayList::get(int index) {  
    return myElements[index];  
}
```

```
void ArrayList::set(int index, int value) {  
    myElements[index] = value;  
}
```

```
int ArrayList::size() {  
    return mySize;  
}
```

```
bool ArrayList::isEmpty() {  
    return mySize == 0;  
}
```



Other members code

```
// in ArrayList.cpp
```

```
ostream& operator <<(ostream& out, const ArrayList& list) {  
    out << "{";  
    if (!list.isEmpty()) {  
        out << list.get(0);  
        for (int i = 1; i < list.size(); i++) {  
            out << ", " << list.get(i);  
        }  
    }  
    out << "}";  
    return out;  
}
```

```
string ArrayList::toString() const {  
    ostringstream out;  
    out << *this;  
    return out.str();  
}
```

Implementing remove

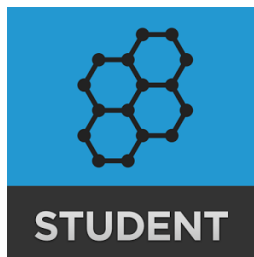
- How do you remove an element from a list? `list.remove(2);`
 - shift elements left to cover the deleted element
 - decrement *size*

<i>index</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>value</i>	3	8	9	7	5	12	0	0	0	0
<i>size</i>	6	<i>capacity</i>		10						

<i>index</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>value</i>	3	8	7	5	12	0	0	0	0	0
<i>size</i>	5	<i>capacity</i>		10						

Q: In which direction should our array-shifting loop traverse?

- A.** left-to-right **B.** right-to-left **C.** either is fine



remove solution

```
// in ArrayList.cpp
```

```
void ArrayList::remove(int index) {  
    // shift left to cover up the slot  
    for (int i = index; i < mySize; i++) {  
        myElements[i] = myElements[i + 1];  
    }  
    myElements[mySize - 1] = 0;  
    mySize--;  
}
```

Freeing array memory

`delete[] name;`

- Releases the memory associated with the given array.
- Must be done for all arrays created with `new`
 - Or else the program has a *memory leak*. (No garbage collector like Java)
 - Leaked memory will be released when the program exits, but for long-running programs, memory leaks are bad and will eventually exhaust your RAM.

```
int* a = new int[3];
a[0] = 42;
a[1] = -5;
a[2] = 17;
for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
    cout << i << ": " << a[i] << endl;
}
...
delete[] a;
```

Destructor (12.3)

```
// ClassName.h
```

```
~ClassName();
```

```
// ClassName.cpp
```

```
ClassName::~ClassName() { ...
```

- **destructor**: Called when the object is deleted by the program.
(when the object goes out of {} scope; opposite of a constructor)
 - Useful if your object needs to do anything important as it dies:
 - saving any temporary resources inside the object
 - freeing any dynamically allocated memory used by the object's members
 - ...
 - Does our `ArrayList` need a destructor? If so, what should it do?

Destructor solution

```
// in ArrayList.cpp  
void ArrayList::~~ArrayList() {  
    delete[] myElements;  
}
```

Running out of space

- What if the client wants to add more than 10 elements?

<i>index</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>value</i>	3	8	9	7	5	12	4	8	1	6
<i>size</i>	10		<i>capacity</i>	10						

– `list.add(75);` *// add an 11th element*

<i>index</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<i>value</i>	3	8	9	7	5	12	4	8	1	6	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>size</i>	11		<i>capacity</i>	20																

- Answer: **Resize the array** to one twice as large.
 - Make sure to *free the memory* used by the old array!

Resize solution

```
// in ArrayList.cpp
void ArrayList::checkResize() {
    if (mySize == myCapacity) {
        // create bigger array and copy data over
        int* bigger = new int[2 * capacity]();
        for (int i = 0; i < myCapacity; i++) {
            bigger[i] = myElements[i];
        }
        delete[] myElements;
        myElements = bigger;
        myCapacity *= 2;
    }
}
```

Problem: size vs. capacity

- What if the client accesses an element past the size?

`list.get(7)`

<i>index</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>value</i>	3	8	9	7	5	0	0	0	0	0
<i>size</i>	5	<i>capacity</i> 10								

- Currently the list allows this and returns 0.
 - Is this good or bad? What (if anything) should we do about it?

Private helpers

```
// in ClassName.h file
```

```
private:
```

```
    returnType name(parameters);
```

- a **private member** function can be called only by its own class
 - your object can call the "helper" function, but clients cannot call it

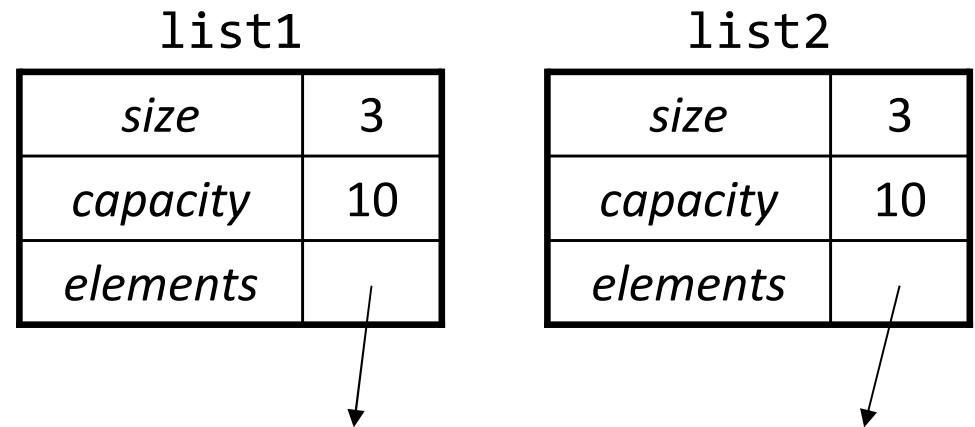
```
void ArrayList::checkIndex(int i, int min, int max) {  
    if (i < min || i > max) {  
        throw "Index out of range";  
    }  
}
```

Overflow (extra) slides

Shallow copy bug (12.7)

- Assigning one list to another causes them to share an array:

```
ArrayList list1;  
list1.add(42);  
list1.add(-5);  
list1.add(17);  
ArrayList list2 = list1;
```



- A change to one will affect the other. (*That's bad!*)

```
list2.add(88);  
list.remove(0);
```

– Also: When the objects are deleted, the memory is freed twice. (*bad*)

Deep copy

- To correct the shallow copy bug, we must define:
 - a **copy constructor** (constructor that takes a list as a parameter)
`ArrayList(const ArrayList& list);`
 - an **assignment operator** (overloaded = op between two lists)
`ArrayList& operator =(const ArrayList& list);`
 - in both of these, we will make a *deep copy* of the array of elements.
- *Rule of Three*: In C++, when you define one of these three items in your class, you probably should define all three:
 - 1) copy constructor 2) assignment operator 3) destructor

Forbid copying

- One quick fix is to just forbid your objects from being copied.
 - Declare a *private* copy constructor and = operator in the .h file.
 - Don't give them any actual definition/body in the .cpp file.

```
// ArrayList.h
```

```
private:
```

```
    ArrayList(const ArrayList& list);
```

```
    ArrayList& operator =(const ArrayList& list);
```

- Now if the client tries `list2 = list1;` it will not compile.
- Solves the shallow copy problem, but restrictive and less usable.

Deep copy code

- To support deep copying, write a public copy constructor and = operator. They share a lot of code, so we suggest a helper:

```
// ArrayList.cpp
ArrayList::ArrayList(const ArrayList& other) {
    copy(other);
}

ArrayList& ArrayList::operator =(const ArrayList& other) {
    delete[] myElements;
    copy(other);
    return *this;           // = returns 'this' so it can be chained
}

void ArrayList::copy(const ArrayList& other) { // private helper
    myCapacity = other.myCapacity;
    mySize = other.mySize;
    myElements = new int[myCapacity];           // deep copy
    for (int i = 0; i < mySize; i++) {
        myElements[i] = other.myElements[i];
    }
}
```

Template function (14.1-2)

```
template<typename T>  
returntype name(parameters) {  
    statements;  
}
```

- **Template:** A function or class that accepts a *type parameter(s)*.
 - Allows you to write a function that can accept many types of data.
 - Avoids redundancy when writing the same common operation on different types of data.
 - Templates can appear on a single function, or on an entire class.
 - FYI: Java has a similar mechanism called *generics*.

Template func example

```
template<typename T>
T max(T a, T b) {
    if (a < b) { return b; }
    else      { return a; }
}
```

- The template is *instantiated* each time you use it with a new type.
 - The compiler actually generates a new version of the code each time.
 - The type you use must have an operator < to work in the above code.

```
int i    = max(17, 4);           // T = int
double d = max(3.1, 4.6);       // T = double
string s = max(string("hi"),    // T = string
               string("bye"));
```

Template class (14.1-2)

- **Template class:** A class that accepts a type parameter(s).
 - In the header and cpp files, mark each class/function as templated.
 - Replace occurrences of the previous type `int` with `T` in the code.

```
// ClassName.h
```

```
template<typename T>  
class ClassName {
```

```
    ...
```

```
};
```

```
// ClassName.cpp
```

```
template<typename T>  
type ClassName::name(parameters) {
```

```
    ...
```

```
}
```

Recall: ArrayList.h

```
class ArrayList {
public:
    ArrayList();
    ~ArrayList();
    void add(int value);
    void clear();
    int get(int index) const;
    void insert(int index, int value);
    bool isEmpty() const;
    void remove(int index);
    void set(int index, int value) const;
    int size() const;
    string toString() const;
private:
    int* elements;
    int mysize;
    int capacity;
    void checkIndex(int index, int min, int max) const;
    void checkResize();
};
```

Template ArrayList.h

```
template <typename T> class ArrayList {
public:
    ArrayList();
    ~ArrayList();
    void add(T value);
    void clear();
    T get(int index) const;
    void insert(int index, T value);
    bool isEmpty() const;
    void remove(int index);
    void set(int index, T value) const;
    int size() const;
    string toString() const;
private:
    T* elements;
    int mysize;
    int capacity;
    void checkIndex(int index, int min, int max) const;
    void checkResize();
};
```

Template ArrayList.cpp

```
template <typename T>
ArrayList<T>::ArrayList() {
    myCapacity = 10;
    myElements = new T[myCapacity];
    mySize = 0;
}

template <typename T>
void ArrayList<T>::add(T value) {
    checkResize();
    myElements[mySize] = value;
    mySize++;
}

template <typename T>
T ArrayList<T>::get(int index) const {
    checkIndex(index, 0, mySize - 1);
    return myElements[index];
}

...
```

Template .h and .cpp

- Because of an odd quirk with C++ templates, the separation between .h header and .cpp implementation must be reduced.
 - Either write all the bodies in the .h file (suggested),
 - Or #include the .cpp at the end of .h file to join them together.

```
// ClassName.h
#ifndef _classname_h
#define _classname_h

template<typename T>
class ClassName {
    ...
};

#include "ClassName.cpp"
#endif // _classname_h
```