Implementing an ADT

What is one area of strength that you identified as a takeaway from completing the diagnostic?
Roadmap

Object-Oriented Programming

C++ basics

User/client

vectors + grids

stacks + queues

sets + maps

Implementation

arrays
dynamic memory management
linked data structures
real-world algorithms
Life after CS106B!

Core Tools

testing
algorithmic analysis
recursive problem-solving

Diagnostic

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Today’s question

How can we use fundamental data storage capabilities in C++ to implement an ADT class?
Today’s topics

1. Review
2. Designing OurVector
3. Visualizing OurVector Operations
4. Implementing OurVector
Review

[arrays and dynamic memory management]
Acquiring and Using Storage Space

- Low-level storage space in C++ is acquired using **dynamic memory allocation**.
- Dynamic memory allocation normally has three steps:
  - You can, at runtime, ask for extra storage space, which C++ will give to you.
  - You can use that storage space however you’d like.
  - You have to explicitly tell the language when you’re done using the memory.
Arrays

- Storage space on computers, which we often refer to as memory, is allocated in organized chunks called **arrays**

- An array is a contiguous chunk of space in the computer's memory, split into slots, each of which can contain one piece of information
  - Contiguous means that each slot is located directly next to the others. There are no "gaps."
  - All arrays have a specific type. Their type dictates what information can be held in each slot.
  - Each slot has an "index" by which we can refer to it.

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Dynamically Allocating Arrays

- First, declare a variable that will point at the newly-allocated array. If the array elements have type $T$, the pointer will have type $T^*$.
  - e.g. `int*`, `string*`, `Vector<double>*`
- Then, create a new array with the `new` keyword and assign the pointer to point to it.
- In two separate steps:
  ```
  T* arr;
  arr = new T[size];
  ```
- Or, in the same line:
  ```
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  ```
Pointers

- A pointer is a brand new data type that becomes very prominent when working with dynamically allocated memory.

- Just like all other data types, pointers take up space in memory and can store specific values.

- The meaning of these values is what's important. A pointer always stores a memory address, which is like the specific coordinates of where a piece of memory exists on the computer.

- Thus, they quite literally "point" to another location on your computer.
Properties of Dynamically Allocating Arrays

- The array you get from `new[]` is **fixed-size**: it can neither grow nor shrink once it’s created.
  - The programmer’s version of “conservation of mass.”

- The array you get from `new[]` has **no bounds-checking**. Walking off the beginning or end of an array triggers *undefined behavior*.
  - Literally anything can happen: you read back garbage, you crash your program, you let a hacker take over your computer, etc…

- The array you get from the `new[]` keyword comes from an area of memory called the heap.
Memory from the Stack vs. Heap

Vector<string> varOnStack;

- So far, all variables we’ve created get defined on the stack
- This is called static memory allocation
- Variables on the stack are stored directly to the memory and access to this memory is very fast
- We don’t have to worry about memory management

string* arr = new string[numValues];

- We can now request memory from the heap
- This is called dynamic memory allocation
- We have more control over variables on the heap
- But this means that we also have to handle the memory we’re using carefully and properly clean it up when done
Final Takeaways

- You can create arrays of a fixed size at runtime by using `new[]`.

- C++ arrays don’t know their lengths and have no bounds-checking. With great power comes great responsibility.

- You are responsible for freeing any memory you explicitly allocate by calling `delete[]`. Otherwise, your program will have memory leaks.

- Once you’ve deleted the memory pointed at by a pointer, you have a dangling pointer and shouldn’t read or write from it.
How can we use fundamental data storage capabilities in C++ to implement an ADT class?
Arrays vs. Vectors

- Notice that we access the elements of an array just like we access them in a Vector, with square brackets.

- **BUT arrays are not objects** – they don't have any functions associated with them.

- So, you can't do this:

```java
int* firstTen = new int[10];
int len = firstTen.length(); // ERROR! No functions!
firstTen.add(42);  // ERROR! No functions!
firstTen[10] = 42;  // ERROR! Buffer overflow!
```
Arrays vs. Vectors

- Arrays are a very necessary tool to use if we want to actually store information in a structured way in a program.

- Vectors are a great abstraction, providing helpful methods and a clean interface that other programmers can use to solve interesting problems.

- **Idea:** Let's use a dynamically allocated array as the underlying method of data storage for a Vector class. Best of both worlds!
Designing OurVector
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  - At first, **OurVector** will be limited to **storing a fixed number of elements**, but we will lift this restriction by the end of class. For now, if we run out of space we'll just throw an error.
How do we design a class?

We must specify the 3 parts:

1. Member functions: What functions can you call on a variable of this type?

2. Member variables: What subvariables make up this new variable type?

3. Constructor: What happens when you make a new instance of this type?
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These methods should all look very familiar – we’ve been using them all quarter long!

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Demo design activity
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Review: Constructors

- A constructor is a special member function used to set up the class before it is used.

- The constructor is automatically called when the object is created.

- The constructor for a class named ClassName has signature ClassName(args);

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When does this memory ever get deallocated?
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OurVector Destructor

- The destructor must take responsibility for freeing any allocated memory currently in use by an instance of the class.

- In particular, this means calling the `delete[]` operator on the elements array to officially give that memory back to the computer and avoid any memory leaks.

- The other member variables (`allocatedCapacity` and `numItems`) are both simple stack-allocated variables, so nothing special is needed to clean them up.
Let's Code It! (Part 1)
Member Variables, Constructor, and Destructor
Summary

- Member variables define the key data storage components of a class implementation.

- The constructor is the special method that gets called when a new instance of a class is declared. In this method, we initialize all of our member variables to the appropriate values, including allocating any necessary memory.

- The destructor is a special method that gets called when an instance of a class goes out of scope and thus is destroyed. In this method, we most often are responsible for freeing any dynamically allocated memory used by the instance.
Announcements
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● Diagnostic feedback/grades and solutions were released on Monday afternoon. Please see our post on Ed for all the information. Note that there is also a posted clarification regarding alternate solutions for parts of Problem 1.

● Assignment 4 is due tonight at 11:59pm PDT. Assignment 5 will be released by the end of the day today and will be due next Friday.

● The final project guidelines are now posted on the course website. Read them and start thinking about what you want to do your project on! Your project proposal is due next Wednesday (week from today) so get started soon.
Final Project

For your capstone final project, you will:

- Pick a topic from this quarter that targets a potential area of growth and write your own problem on that topic (scoped for a section/diagnostic/exam). Write a project proposal explaining your project idea. Due Wednesday, August 4.

- Write a project report that includes a problem description, multiple possible solutions, and a capstone ethics reflection. Due Sunday, August 22.

- Take on the role of a section leader and teach/present the problem to your section leader in a 30-minute, 1-on-1 session. Takes place from August 25-27.
Visualizing OurVector Operations
Initialization
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// client code

OurVector vec;
Initialization via the Constructor

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- **elements**: 0x1234abef
- **allocated Capacity**: 8
- **numItems**: 0

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Initialization via the Constructor

Newly allocated arrays initially store random (or garbage) values.

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```
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OurVector vec;
```
Adding Elements
The `add()` operation

- The `add()` operation is responsible for taking a specified element and adding it to the first open spot at the end of the vector.
The **add()** operation

```
// client code
OurVector vec;
```
The `add()` operation

```
// client code
OurVector vec;
vec.add(106);
```
The `add()` operation

```c++
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The \texttt{add()} operation

The \texttt{add()} operation takes elements and allocates memory for them.

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Removing Elements
The **remove()** operation

- The **remove()** operation allows the client to specify an index at which to remove an element, and then removes the value at that index.
Activity:
OurVector operation tracing and design
The `remove()` operation

```
// client code
OurVector vec;
vec.add(106);
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The `remove()` operation

```java
// client code

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Inserting Elements
The `insert()` operation

- The `insert()` operation is similar to `add()`, but allows the client to specify which index they want the value to be inserted at.
The `insert()` operation

```
// client code
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vec.add(106);
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```java
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vec.add(27);
vec.remove(1);
vec.insert(0, 198);
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Assorted Operations
The **get() / size() / isEmpty()** operations

- The remaining operations that we have left to implement should be relatively straightforward, given the member variables we have.

- The **get()** method can just return the array element at the specified index.

- The **size()** method can just return the value of the `numItems` member variable.

- The **isEmpty()** method can compare `numItems` to 0 and return the appropriate result.
Implementing OurVector
Let's Code It! (Part 2)

add(), remove(), insert(), get(), size(), isEmpty()
Summary

- Using an array as a backing store of data involves shifting elements around – this kind of code is ripe for off-by-one errors!

- With good member variable member choices, most public methods are relatively straightforward to implements.

- We've now gained an appreciation for why insertion/removal on Vectors is an "expensive" O(n) operation.
Running Out of Space

● Our current implementation very quickly runs out of space to store elements.

● What should we do when this happens?
  ○ Currently, we just throw an error. That doesn't seem quite right. What if all data structures we used were limited to hold only 8 items?
  ○ Instead, we need a way to dynamically resize (grow) our internal data storage mechanism.
Dynamic Array Growth
A Day in the Life of a Hermit Crab

- Hermit crabs are interesting animals. They live in scavenged shells that they find on the seafloor. Once in a shell, this is their lifestyle (with a bit of poetic license):
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Let's Code It! (Part 3)

expand()  private helper function
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Implementing ADT Classes

- The first step of implementing an ADT class (as with any class) is answering the three important questions regarding its public interface, private member variables, and initialization procedures.

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- The paradigm of "growable" arrays allows for fast and flexible containers with dynamic resizing capabilities that enable storage of large amounts of data.
What’s next?
Priority Queues and Heaps

Element with the highest priority

Enqueue

Dequeue

Queue:

1
2
3
4
5
9

Tree:

100
19
17
2
7

36
25
1