

Lecture 5: Containers

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Plan

- (Recap)
 1. Space-time
 2. STL
 3. Sequence Containers
 4. Associative Containers

Recap

Code Console

CPP Run

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 #include <sstream>
3 #include <string>
4 int main() {
5     std::stringstream ss;
6     ss << 3.14f << ' ' << "hello"; // use as ostream
7
8     float pi; std::string hi;
9     ss >> pi >> hi; // use as istream
10
11     std::cout << pi << '\n' << hi << std::endl;
12 }
```

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Task - Fetch a wrench



AHA




AHA




How much stuff?



A photograph of a cluttered garage. The walls are lined with metal shelving units. The top shelves hold several large storage bins in various colors (blue, green, grey). Below these, there are more bins and some tools. A blue ladder is leaning against the wall. On the right, a pegboard holds various tools like a drill and wrenches. The floor is covered with various items, including a lawnmower, a tree stump, and some bags. A purple text box is overlaid on the center of the image, and a pink arrow points downwards from the bottom of the text box towards the floor.

Space helps you
see and navigate





"Space is time."
- Bjarne Stroustrup

Disorganized



- Space efficient
- Slow to search
- Ex: vector

Organized



- Space inefficient
- Faster to search
- Ex: map

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Announcements

- Assignment 1 is out, due this Friday!
- Office hours start this Thursday, 4:30-5:20pm in Thornton 210.

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Standard Template Library (STL)

How is this different from the standard library `std`?

C++ Standard Library

streams

strings

...

**Standard Template
Library**

Standard Template Library (STL)

C++ Standard Library

streams

strings

math

...

Standard Template Library

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Standard Template Library

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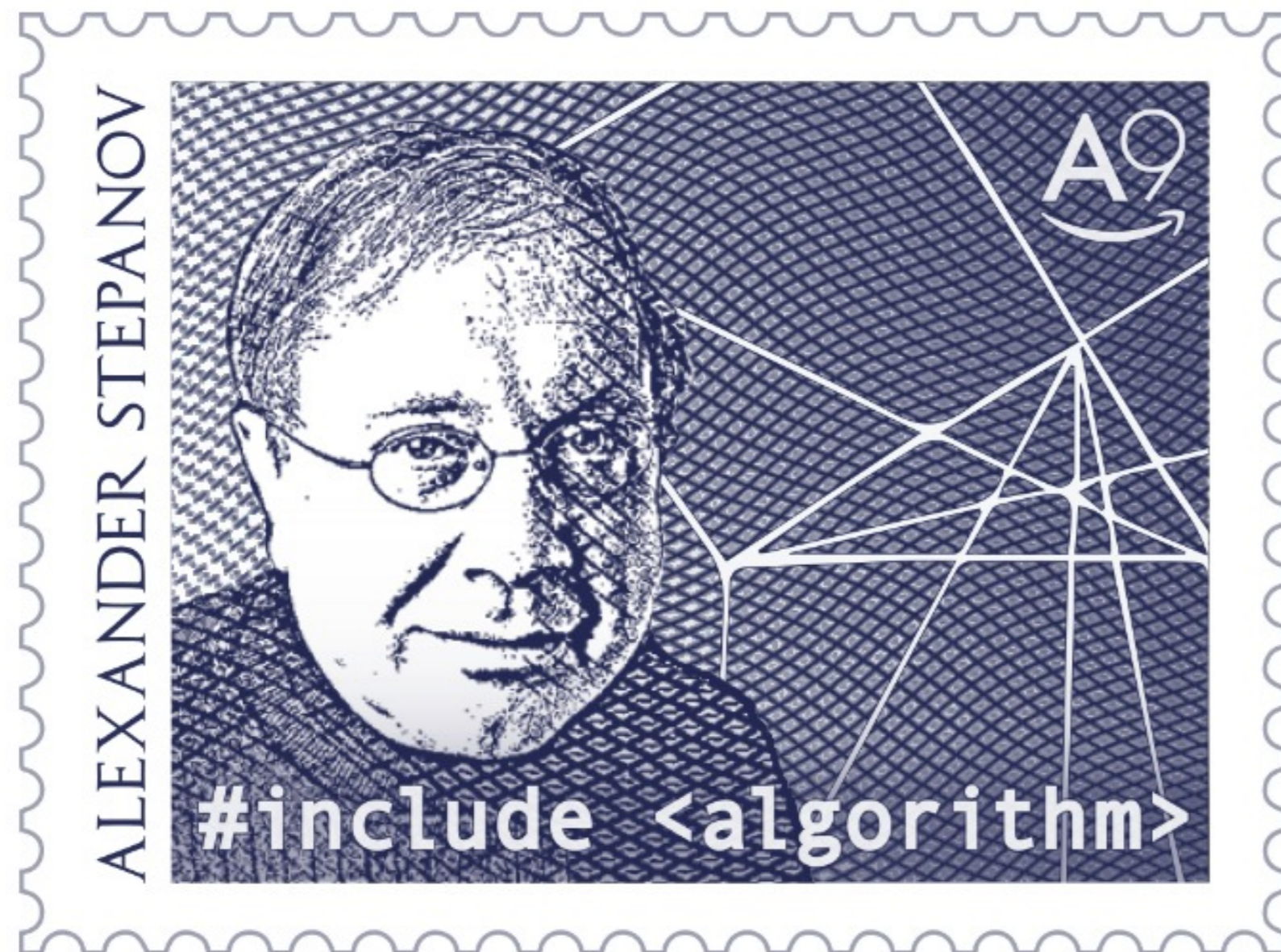
Iterators

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Standard Template Library (STL)

- **Made by Alexander Stepanov**



Standard Template Library

Containers

Iterators

Functors

Algorithms

What does template mean?

```
1 class IntList {  
2     ...  
3 };  
4  
5 int main() {  
6     IntList ints(  
7         ints.add(10);  
8         ints.add(20);  
9  
10    assert(ints.g  
11 }
```

```
1 class StringList {  
2     ...  
3 };  
4  
5 int main() {  
6     StringList strs();  
7     strs.add("1");  
8     strs.add("2");  
9  
10    assert(strs.get(0) == "1");  
11 }
```

```
doubleList {  
    ...  
    ) {  
        list dbls();  
        ld(1.0);  
        ld(2.0);  
        dbls.get(0) == 1.0);
```

```
1 class FloatList {  
2     ...  
3 };
```

```
1 class BoolList {  
2     ...  
3 };
```

```
1 class CharList {  
2     ...  
3 };
```

What does template mean?

```
1 class IntList {  
2     ...  
3 };
```

```
1 class DoubleList {  
2     ...  
3 };
```

```
1 class StringList {  
2     ...  
3 };
```



```
1 // You'll learn more wk 5!  
2 template <typename T>  
3 class Vector<T> {  
4     ...  
5 }
```

```
1 #include <vector>  
2  
3 int main() {  
4     std::vector<int> ints;  
5     std::vector<double> dbls;  
6     std::vector<std::string> str;  
7  
8     ints.push_back(1);  
9     dbls.push_back(5.4);  
10    str.push_back("hi");  
11    std::cout << ints[0] + dbls[0];  
12 }
```

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Sequence Containers

"Sequence containers implement data structures which can be accessed sequentially."

In other words, they contain sequences.

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Sequence Containers

- **Vector**
- **Deque**
- **Array**
- **List**

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Vectors

**"A resizable
contiguous array"**

1	2	3	4	5	6
0	1	2	3	4	5

Code

Console

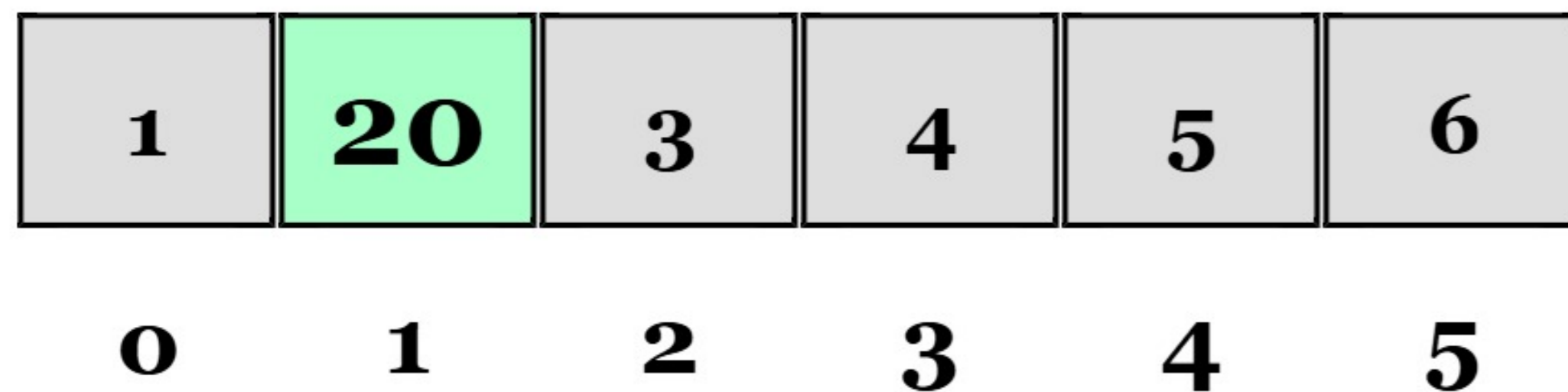
CPP

Run

```
1 #include <vector>
2 #include <iostream>
3 int main() {
4     std::vector<int> vec { 1, 2, 3, 4 };
5     vec.push_back(5);
6     vec.push_back(6);
7     vec[1] = 20;
8
9     for (size_t i = 0; i < vec.size(); i++) {
10         std::cout << vec[i] << " ";
11     }
12 }
```

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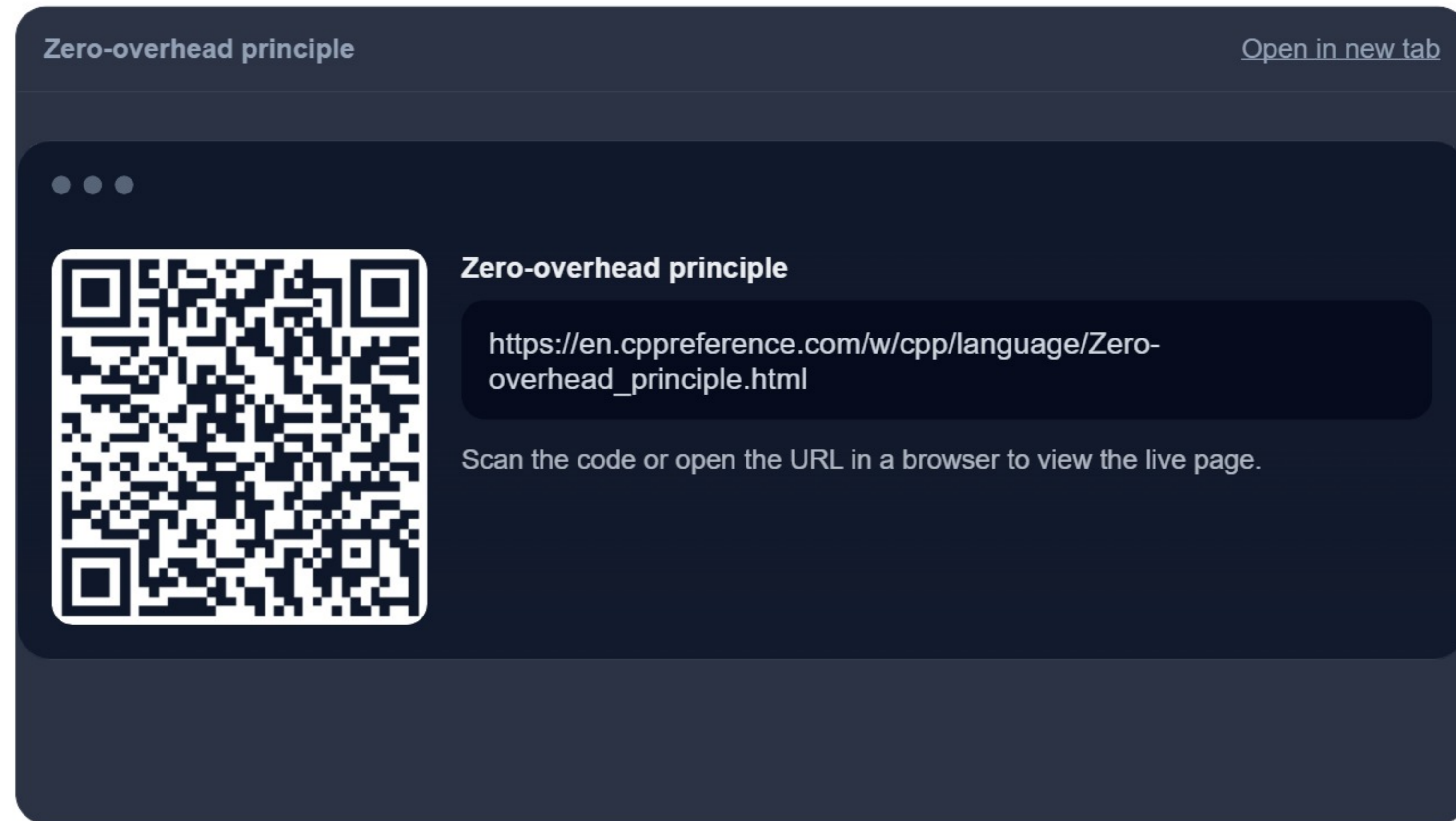
Index Checking?

- Be careful with indices
- [] doesn't check
- .at() does

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5     vec.push_back(5);
6     vec.push_back(6);
7     vec[1] = 20;
8
9     for (size_t i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
10        std::cout << vec[i] << " ";
11    }
12 }
```

Index Checking?

1. You don't pay for what you don't use.
2. What you do use is just as efficient as what you could reasonably write by hand.



How do Vectors Resize?

Resizing vectors copies over the whole array into a bigger array - Dynamic reallocation

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Resizing vectors copies over the whole array into a bigger array - Dynamic reallocation

<https://web.stanford.edu/~pseay/cs106l/vectors>

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106B vs. Standard Vectors

What you want to do?	Stanford Vector<int>	std::vector<int>
Create an empty vector	<code>Vector<int> v;</code>	<code>std::vector<int> v;</code>
Create a vector with n copies of 0	<code>Vector<int> v(n);</code>	<code>std::vector<int> v(n);</code>
Create a vector with n copies of value k	<code>Vector<int> v(n, k);</code>	<code>std::vector<int> v(n, k);</code>
Add k to the end of the vector	<code>v.add(k);</code>	<code>v.push_back(k);</code>
Clear vector	<code>v.clear();</code>	<code>v.clear();</code>
Check if v is empty	<code>if (v.isEmpty())</code>	<code>if (v.empty())</code>
Get the element at index i	<code>int v = v.get(i);</code> <code>int k = v[i];</code>	<code>int k = v.at(i);</code> <code>int k = v[i];</code>
Replace the element at index i	<code>v.get(i) = k;</code> <code>v[i] = k;</code>	<code>v.at(i) = k;</code> <code>v[i] = k;</code>

Practice with Vectors

Task:

Write a C++ function to calculate the maximum value of a vector, using 4 different vector methods.



<https://www.online-ide.com/6lQX5aeEn9>

Walkthrough

Code Console

CPP

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```
1 #include <iostream>
2 #include <vector>
3
4 /* Returns highest temperature,
5  * or -1 if no temperatures given. */
6 int findPeakHeat(const std::vector<int>& temps) {
7     // Your implementation here
8 }
9
10 int main() {
11     // High temperatures forecast for the next 7 days.
12     std::vector<int> weeklyForecast = {82, 95, 102, 99, 88, 79, 81};
13
14     std::cout << "--- Weather Report ---" << std::endl;
15     std::cout << "Max temp this week will be " << findPeakHeat(weeklyForecast) <<
16     std::endl;
17     return 0;
18 }
```

Vectors Don't Reorder Well

Inserting has to shift over elements

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Inserting has to shift over elements

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Dequeues

Double-ended **queue** (pronounced "deck")

Like a **vector**, with:

- **push_back**
- **pop_back**

But also has:

- **push_front**
- **pop_front**



Dequeues

Ex: Maintaining a list of the last 10,000 prices

```
1 #include <deque>
2
3 void receivePrice(deque<double>& prices, double price)
4 {
5     prices.push_front(price); // Super fast
6     if (prices.size() > 10000)
7         prices.pop_back(); // Remove last price
8     // so we don't exceed 10k
9 }
```

Deque Behind the Scenes

How deques are stored behind the scenes

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How deques are stored behind the scenes

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Associative Containers

"Associative containers implement **sorted** data structures that can be **quickly searched.**"

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Maps

A map "contains key-value pairs with unique keys."

Python calls them "dictionaries"

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Maps

"Sequence Containers"

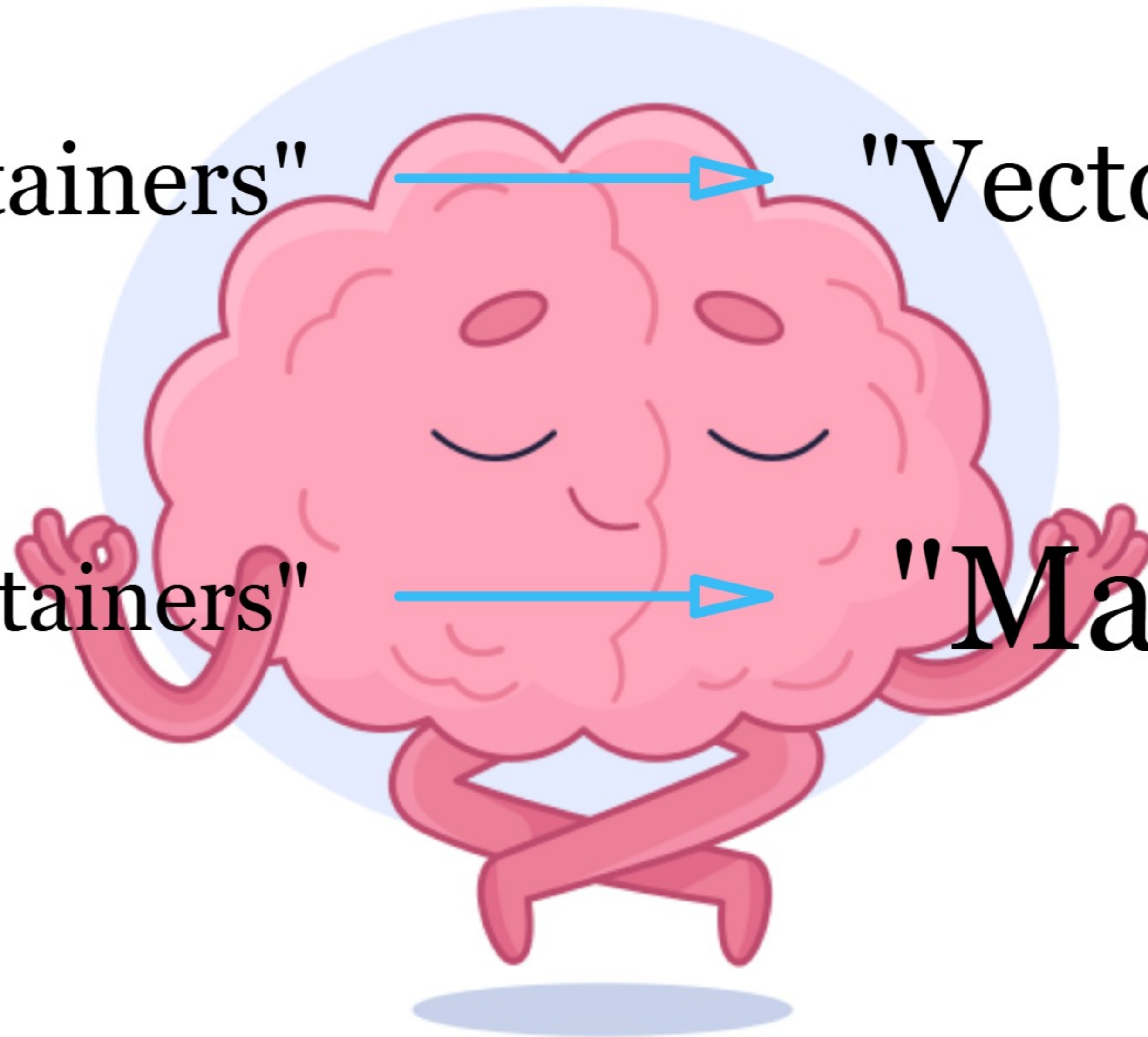


"Vectors & Deques"

"Associative Containers"



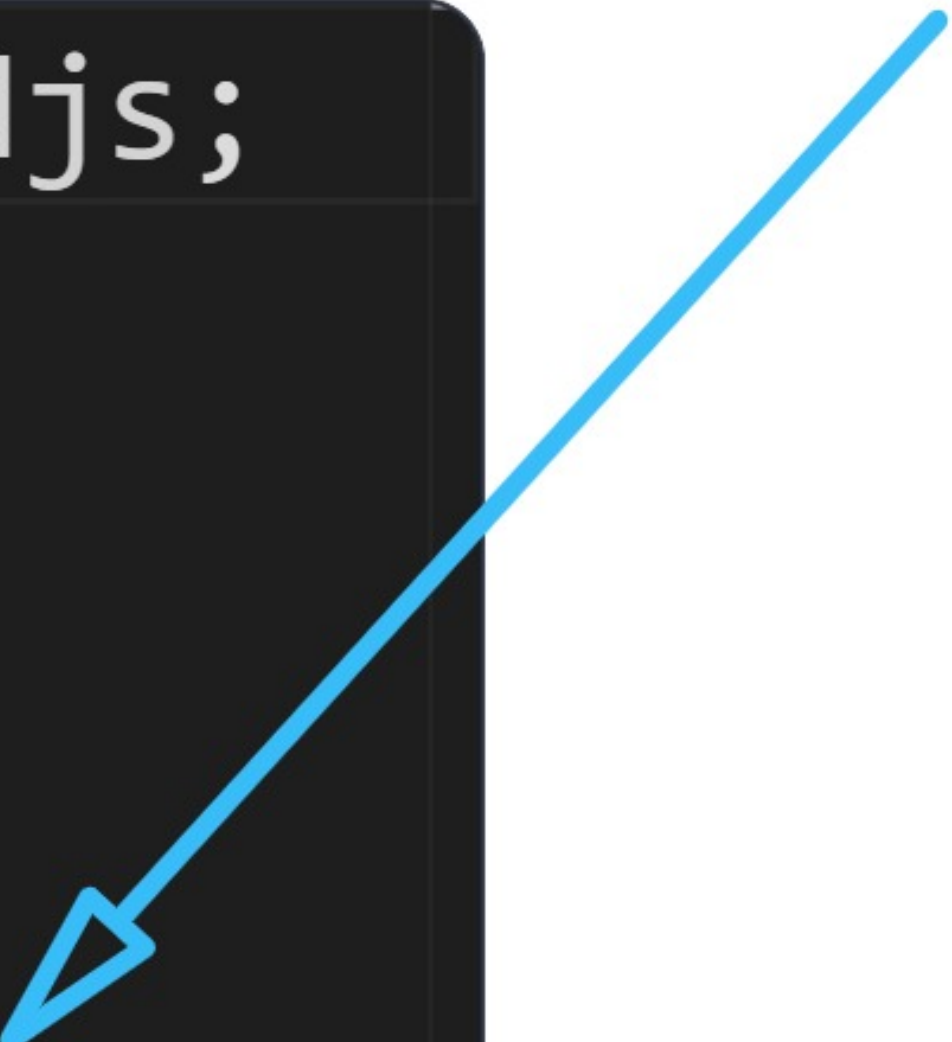
"Maps & Sets"



Maps

We can do this:

```
1 std::map<int, char*> adjs;  
2 adjs[106] = "awesome";  
3 adjs[103] = "mathy";  
4 adjs[107] = "deep";  
5  
6 std::cout << adjs[106];
```



How is it efficient?

It sorts the
pairs by
their keys...

Maps

Code Console

CPP Run

```
1 #include <map>
2 #include <iostream>
3 int main () {
4     std::map<int, char> preston {
5         {16, 'p'}, {18, 'r'}, {5, 'e'},
6         {19, 's'}, {20, 't'}, {15, 'o'}, {14, 'n'}
7     };
8     for (const auto& pair : preston) {
9         std::cout << pair.first << ' '
10        << pair.second << std::endl;
11     }
12 }
```

A map is a collection of pairs, so here is uniform initialization of pairs.

We loop over each pair.

The pairs are sorted by key.

Maps

A `std::map<K, V>` is a collection of `std::pair<const K, V>`

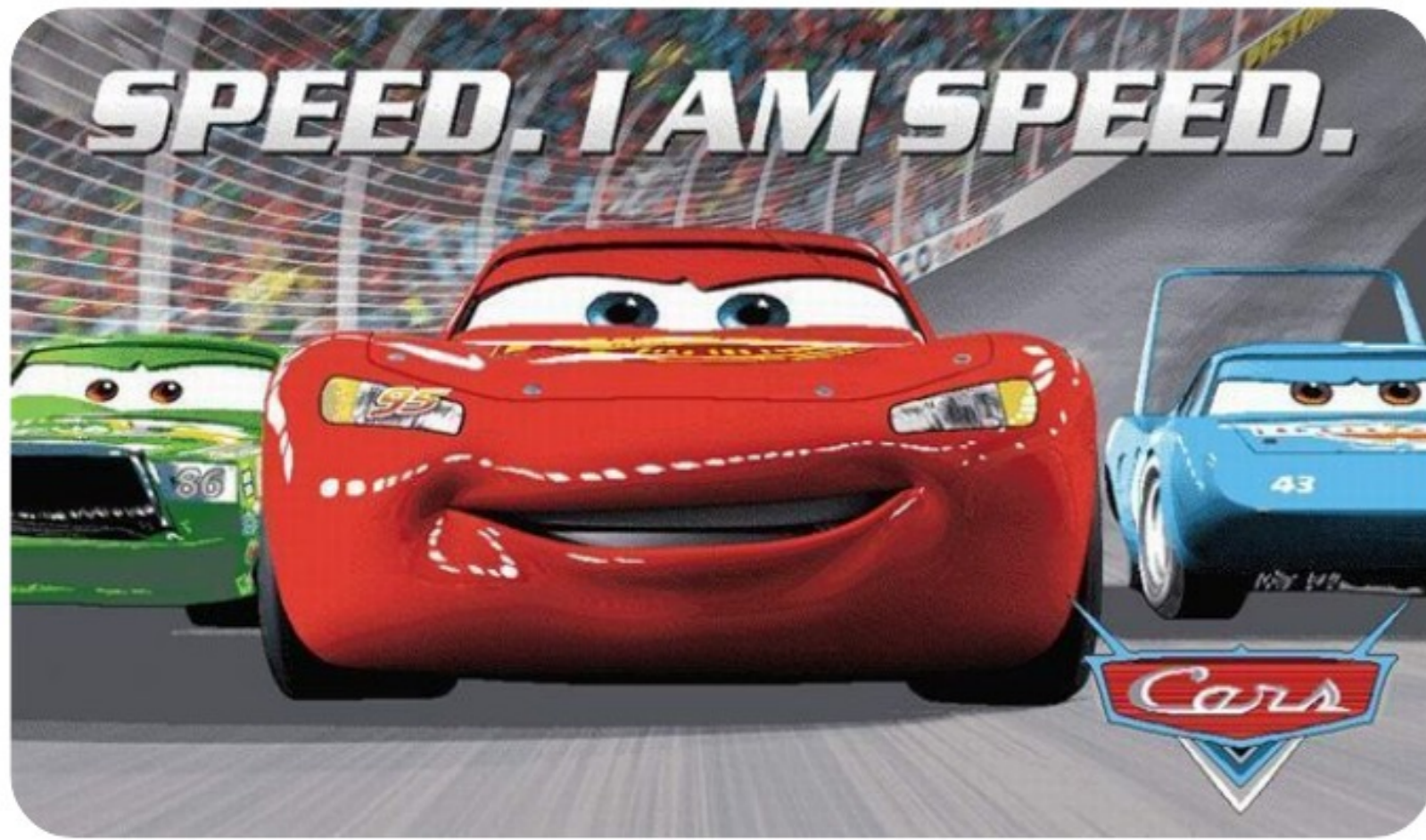
```
Code Console CPP Run
1 for (const auto& pair : myMap) {
2     auto key = pair.first;
3     auto value = pair.second;
4 }
```

↓ Structured binding 👍

```
Code Console CPP Run
1 for (const auto& [key, value] : myMap) {
2
3 }
```

Maps Storage - Red Black Trees

- Stores pairs in a **binary search tree (BST)**
- Specifically, it uses a **Red-Black Tree**, guaranteeing maximum depth of $2 \log(n)$
- This makes search **$O(\log(n))$**



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Maps - Auto Insertion

We can do this:

```
1 std::map<std::string, int> fav_num;
2 fav_num["Preston"] = 2;
3
4 std::cout << "Preston's is " << fav_num["Preston"] <<
5 " and Rachel's is " << fav_num["Rachel"] << '\n';
```

"Ummmm... we never defined that???"

The map automatically inserts the default value of the object.

(It actually does this every time, even on **line 2**)

Sets

Amoral maps

Maps without values

Unique Objects

Sets visualizer

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Sets visualizer

<https://web.stanford.edu/~pseay/cs106l/sets-rbt>

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Map Syntax

What you want to do?	Stanford Map<char, int>	std::map<char, int>
Create an empty map	<code>Map<char, int> m;</code>	<code>std::map<char, int> m;</code>
Add key k with value v into the map	<code>m.put(k, v);</code> <code>m[k] = v;</code>	<code>m.insert({k, v});</code> <code>m[k] = v;</code>
Remove key k from the map	<code>m.remove(k);</code>	<code>m.erase(k);</code>
Check if k is in the map <i>(* C++20)</i>	<code>if (m.containsKey(k))</code>	<code>if (m.count(k))</code> <code>if (m.contains(k)) (*)</code>
Check if the map is empty	<code>if (m.isEmpty())</code>	<code>if (m.empty())</code>
Retrieve or overwrite value associated with key k <i>(auto-insert default if doesn't exist)</i>	<code>int i = m[k];</code> <code>m[k] = i;</code>	<code>int i = m[k];</code> <code>m[k] = i;</code>

Set Syntax

What you want to do?	Stanford Set<char>	std::set<char>
Create an empty set	<code>Set<char> s;</code>	<code>std::set<char> s;</code>
Add k to the set	<code>s.add(k);</code>	<code>s.insert(k);</code>
Remove k from the set	<code>s.remove(k);</code>	<code>s.erase(k);</code>
Check if k is in the set <i>(* C++20)</i>	<code>if (s.contains(k))</code>	<code>if (s.count(k))</code> <code>if (s.contains(k)) (*)</code>
Check if the set is empty	<code>if (s.isEmpty())</code>	<code>if (s.empty())</code>

Practice

Task:

Find the double agents -
those who are in multiple
departments.



<https://www.online-ide.com/A4IvoxQ8Pr>

Practice

Code Console

CPP Run

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 #include <vector>
3 #include <string>
4 #include <map>
5 #include <set>
6
7 std::set<std::string> findDoubleAgents(std::map<std::string, std::set<std::string>>
  departments) {
8     std::set<std::string> seen, doubleAgents;
9
10    // Your code here
11
12    return doubleAgents;
13 }
14
15 int main() {
16    std::map<std::string, std::set<std::string>> company = {
```

There are also versions with non-unique keys...

Associative containers

Associative containers implement sorted data structures that can be quickly searched ($O(\log n)$ complexity).

set	collection of unique keys, sorted by keys (class template)
map	collection of key-value pairs, sorted by keys, keys are unique (class template)
multiset	collection of keys, sorted by keys (class template)
multimap	collection of key-value pairs, sorted by keys (class template)

The Caveat of Associative Containers

"Wait... how do they get sorted?"

std::map

Defined in header `<map>`

```
template<  
    class Key,  
    class T,  
    class Compare = std::less<Key>,  
    class Allocator = std::allocator<std::pair<const Key, T>>  
> class map;
```

This is how... they must be comparable, so it uses the "less than" comparator by default.

"How do we make memory for it?"

The Caveat of Associative Containers

Not all elements
are comparable
by default...

`int, double, string`

`ifstream, Course`

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 - **Bonus - Unordered Associative Containers**

Containers library

The Containers library is a generic collection of classes implement common data structures like queues, lists, containers:

- sequence containers,
- associative containers,
- unordered associative containers, (since C++11)



Unordered Associative Containers

`map`

`unordered_map`



`set`

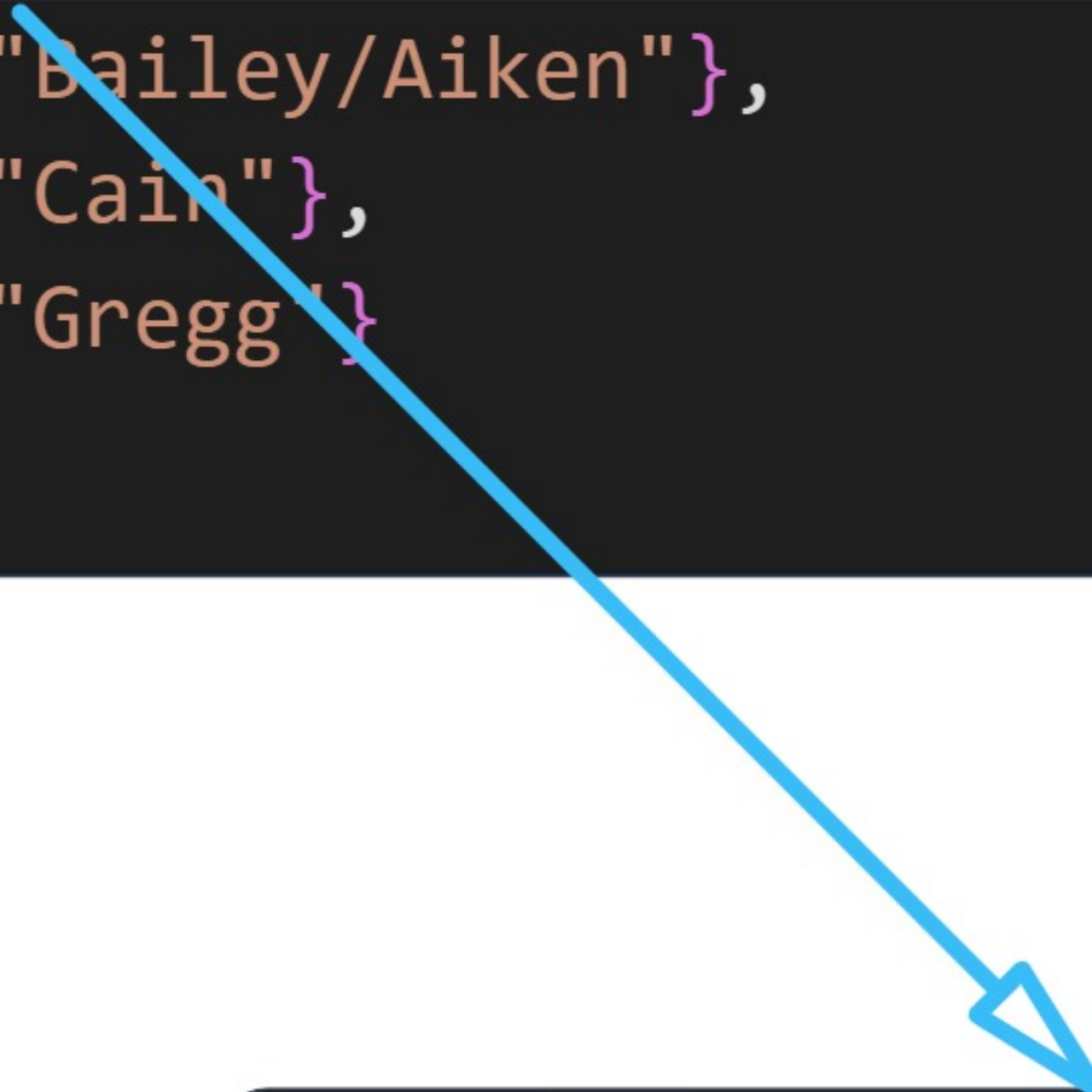
`unordered_set`

Essentially optimized versions of map and set.

Unordered Associative Containers

```
1 std::map<int, std::string> courses{
2     {103, "Bailey/Aiken"},
3     {107, "Cain"},
4     {109, "Gregg"}
5 };
```

Drop-in replacement



```
1 std::unordered_map<int, std::string> courses{
2     {103, "Bailey/Aiken"},
3     {107, "Cain"},
4     {109, "Gregg"}
5 };
```

The Caveat - Hashing

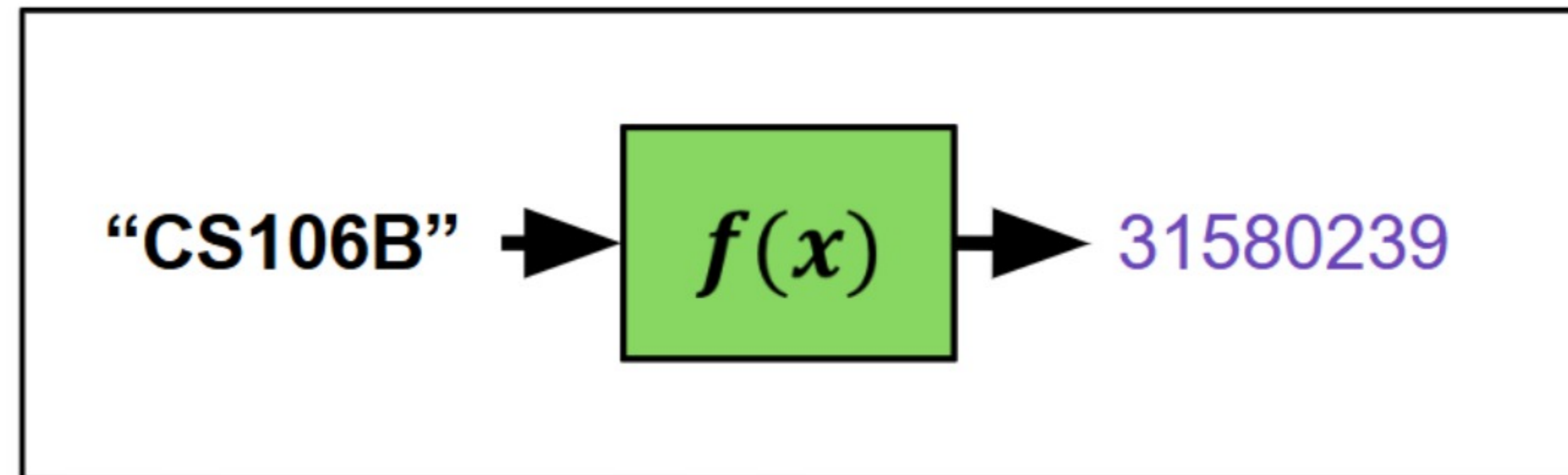
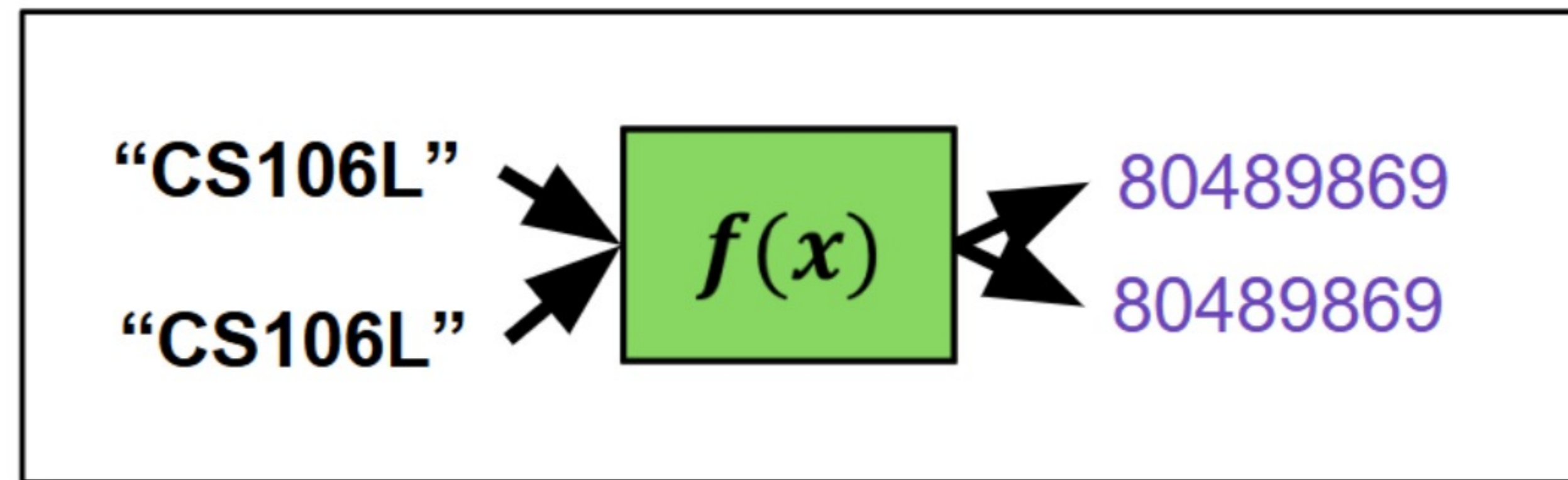
std::unordered_map

Defined in header `<unordered_map>`

```
template<
    class Key,
    class T,
    class Hash = std::hash<Key>,
    class KeyEqual = std::equal_to<Key>,
    class Allocator = std::allocator<std::pair<const Key, T>>
> class unordered_map;
```

What is a hash function?

- “Scrambles” a key into a `size_t` (64 bit)
- Small changes in the input should produce large changes in the output



Unordered Associative Containers

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Unordered Map Implementation

Hash
Table

Visualization

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Visualization

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Speed



Vectors

$O(n)$



Maps

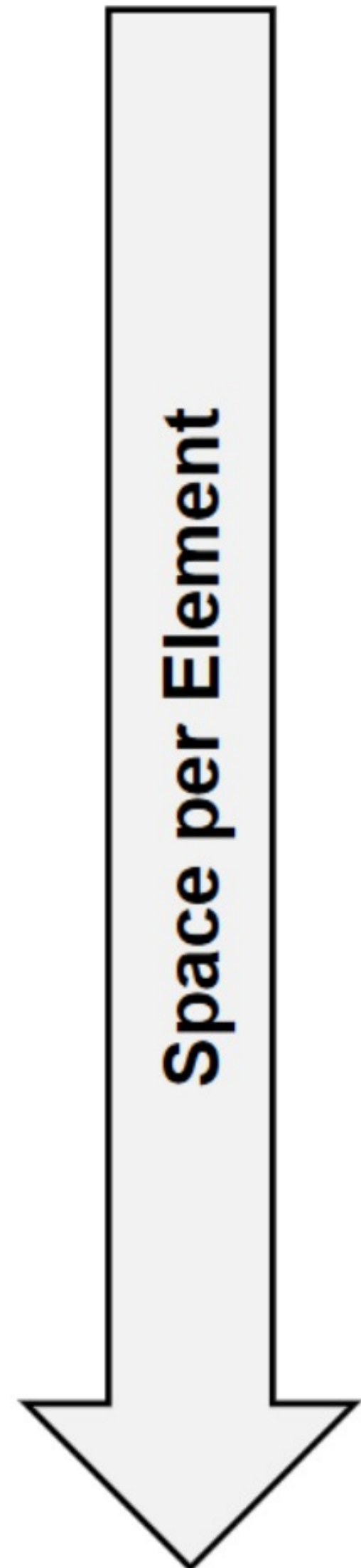
$O(\log(n))$

Unordered Maps

$O(1)$

Recap

Summary of Data Structures



	i^{th} element	Search	Insertion	Erase
std::vector	Very Fast	Slow	Slow	Slow
std::deque	Fast	Slow	Fast (front/back) Slow (all others)	Fast (front/back) Slow (all others)
std::set	Slow	Fast	Fast	Fast
std::map	Slow	Fast	Fast	Fast
std::unordered_set	N/A	Very Fast	Very Fast	Very Fast
std::unordered_map	N/A	Very Fast	Very Fast	Very Fast

More Data Structures = More Fun

Sequence containers

Sequence containers implement data structures which can be accessed sequentially.

<code>array</code> (C++11)	fixed-sized inplace contiguous array (class template)
<code>vector</code>	resizable contiguous array (class template)
<code>inplace_vector</code> (C++26)	resizable, fixed capacity, inplace contiguous array (class template)
<code>hive</code> (C++26)	collection that reuses erased elements' memory (class template)
<code>deque</code>	double-ended queue (class template)
<code>forward_list</code> (C++11)	singly-linked list (class template)
<code>list</code>	doubly-linked list (class template)

Container adaptors

Container adaptors provide a different interface for sequential containers.

<code>stack</code>	adapts a container to provide stack (LIFO data structure) (class template)
<code>queue</code>	adapts a container to provide queue (FIFO data structure) (class template)
<code>priority_queue</code>	adapts a container to provide priority queue (class template)
<code>flat_set</code> (C++23)	adapts a container to provide a collection of unique keys, sorted by keys (class template)
<code>flat_map</code> (C++23)	adapts two containers to provide a collection of key-value pairs, sorted by unique keys (class template)
<code>flat_multiset</code> (C++23)	adapts a container to provide a collection of keys, sorted by keys (class template)
<code>flat_multimap</code> (C++23)	adapts two containers to provide a collection of key-value pairs, sorted by keys (class template)

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<code>multimap</code>	collection of key-value pairs, sorted by keys (class template)

Unordered associative containers (since C++11)

Unordered associative containers implement unsorted (hashed) data structures that can be quickly searched ($O(1)$ average, $O(n)$ worst-case complexity).

<code>unordered_set</code> (C++11)	collection of unique keys, hashed by keys (class template)
<code>unordered_map</code> (C++11)	collection of key-value pairs, hashed by keys, keys are unique (class template)
<code>unordered_multiset</code> (C++11)	collection of keys, hashed by keys (class template)
<code>unordered_multimap</code> (C++11)	collection of key-value pairs, hashed by keys (class template)

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Summary

1. **Space-time**

- Tradeoffs

2. **STL**

- Standard Template Library

3. **Sequence Containers**

- Ex: `vector`, `deque`, ...

4. **(Unordered) Associative Containers**

- Ex: `(unordered_)` `map`, `set`, ...