

#12: Iterators

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Data Structures Review

- List ADT
 - o Linked Memory Implementation ("Linked List")
 - O(1) insert/remove at front/back
 - O(1) insert/remove after a given element
 - O(n) lookup by index
 - o Array Implementation ("Array List")
 - O(1) insert/remove at front/back
 - O(n) insert/remove at any other location
 - O(1) lookup by index

	Queue	Stack
Operations + Data Order:		
Data Order:		
Implementation:		
Runtime:		

Example 1

```
Queue<int> q;
q.enqueue(3);
q.enqueue(8);
q.enqueue(4);
q.dequeue();
q.dequeue();
q.dequeue();
q.dequeue();
q.enqueue(2);
q.enqueue(1);
q.enqueue(3);
q.enqueue(5);
q.dequeue();
```

Example 2

Queue <char> q;</char>
q.enqueue('m');
q.enqueue('o');
q.enqueue('n');
<pre>q.enqueue('d');</pre>
q.enqueue('a');
<pre>q.enqueue('y');</pre>
q.enqueue('i');
q.enqueue('s');
q.dequeue();
q.enqueue('h');
q.enqueue('a');

Three designs for data storage in data structures:

- 1. T & data
- 2. T * data
- 3. T data

Tradeoffs between our data store strategies:

- 1. Who manages the lifecycle of the data?
- 2. Is it possible to store a NULL as the data?
- 3. If the data is manipulated by user code while stored in our data structure, are the changes reflected within our data structure?
- 4. What is the relative speed compared to other methods?

	Storage by	Storage by	Storage by
	Reference	Pointer	Value
Lifecycle			
management of data?			
Possible to insert			
NULL?			
External data			
manipulation?			
Speed			

Accessing Every Element in Our List / Queue / [Anything]

Suppose we want to look through every element in our data structure. What if we don't know what our data structure even looks like?

8 6 2 6 5 6 Ø	Linked List
	Array
	Hypercube

Iterators

In C++, iterators provide an interface for client code access to data in a way that abstracts away the internals of the data structure.

An instance of an iterator is a current location in a pass through the data structure:

Type	Cur. Location	Current Data	Next
Linked List			
Array			
Hypercube			

The iterator minimally implements three member functions:

operator*, Returns the current data

operator++, Advance to the next data

operator!=, Determines if the iterator is at a different location

Implementing an Iterator

A class that implements an iterator must have two pieces:

- 1. [Implementing Class]:
- 2. [Implementing Class' Iterator]:
 A separate class (usually an internal public member class) that extends std::iterator and implements an iterator.

Using an Iterator

```
stlList.cpp
    #include <vector>
    #include <string>
    #include <iostream>
    struct Animal {
      std::string name, food;
      Animal(std::string name = "blob", std::string food = "you",
    bool big = true) :
        name(name), food(food), big(big) { /* nothing */ }
10
    };
11
12
    int main() {
13
      Animal g("giraffe", "leaves", true),
             p("penguin", "fish", false), b("bear");
14
      std::vector<Animal> zoo;
15
16
      zoo.push back(q);
      zoo.push back(p);
17
                          // std::vector's insertAtEnd
18
      zoo.push back(b);
19
20
      for ( std::vector<Animal>::iterator it = zoo.begin();
                                         it != zoo.end(); it++ ) {
21
        std::cout << (*it).name << " " << (*it).food << std::endl;
22
23
24
      return 0;
```

Q: What does the above code do?

For-Each loop with Iterators

```
stlList-forEach.cpp

20  for ( const Animal & animal : zoo ) {
21   std::cout << animal.name << " " << animal.food << std::endl;
22  }</pre>
```

CS 225 – Things To Be Doing:

- 1. Programming Exam A starts Thursday
- 2. MP2 due tonight; MP3 released tomorrow
- 3. lab_quacks released on Wednesday
- 4. Daily POTDs