

CS11600: Introduction to Computer Programming (C++)

Lecture 13

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Outline

- Template classes
- Example: generic Stack class
- Static members
- Constant parameters
- Example: a generic List of arrays
- Standard Template Library (STL)

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Template Classes

- Generic, type-independent classes.
- Common use as container classes:
 - list, set, bag, queue
- Basic syntax:

```
template <class T>
class MyClass { ... };
```
- Template may involve multiple classes.

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Instantiation

- Fill in types and use as a regular class:

```
MyClass<int> obj1;
MyClass<char*> obj2;
MyClass<double> scores[10];
MyClass<int> *n = new MyClass<int>;
```
- Example: generic Stack class.

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Static Data Members

- One static data member per *class instantiation*, not per class.
- Initialization syntax:

```
template <class T>
Type MyClass<T>::name = value;
```
- A different initialization for specific type:

```
Type MyClass<int>::name = value;
```

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Constant Parameters

- In addition to classes, template classes may depend on a constant parameter.

```
template <class T, Type val>
class MyClass { ... };
```
- Example: Stack with max depth:

```
template <class T, int maxDepth>
class Stack { ... };
```

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Standard Template Library

- **Generic container classes:**
vector, list, deque, set, multiset, map, multimap, stack, queue, priority_queue (last 3 are adaptors).
- **Iterators to navigate the container classes:**
iterator, reverse_iterator, and const_iterator, const_reverse_iterator
- **No iterators for adaptors.**
- **Generic algorithms:**