



# STL - Principles and Practice

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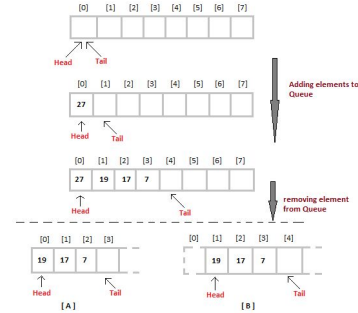
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# Agenda

## Part 0: STL Intro.



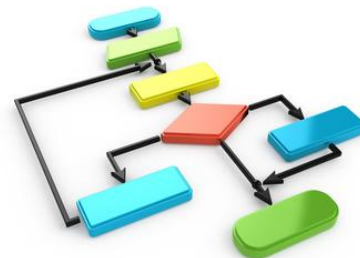
## Part 1: Containers and Iterators



## Part 2: STL Function Objects and Utilities



## Part 3-4: STL Algorithms Principles and Practice



Part 4:  
**STL Algorithms - Principles and Practice**

*“Show me the code”*

Calculating total number of unread messages.

```
// Raw loop version. See anything wrong?
int MessagePool::CountUnreadMessages() const
{
    int unreadCount = 0;

    for (size_t i = 0; i < mReaders.size(); ++i)
    {
        const vector<MessageItem *> & readMessages = Readers[i]->GetMessages();

        for (size_t j = 0; j < readMessages.size(); ++i) ←
        {
            if ( ! readMessages[j]->mRead )
                unreadCount++;
        }
    }
    return unreadCount;
}
```

Our own code. Calculating total number of unread messages.

```
// Modern C++, with STL:
int MessagePool::CountUnreadMessages() const
{
    return std::accumulate(begin(mReaders), end(mReaders), 0,
        [](int count, auto & reader)
        {
            const auto & readMessages = reader->GetMessages();

            return count + std::count_if ( begin(readMessages),
                end(readMessages),
                [](const auto & message)
                {
                    return ! message->mRead;
                }
            ));
        }
    );
}
```

Our own code. Enabling move operation (up/down) for a List item in user interface

```
// Modern version, STL algorithm based
bool CanListItemBeMoved(ListRow & aCurrentRow, bool aMoveUp) const
{
    vector<ListRow *> existingRows = GetListRows( aCurrentRow.GetGroup() );

    auto minmax = std::minmax_element(begin(existingRows),
                                      end(existingRows),
                                      [] ( auto & firstRow, auto & secondRow)
    {
        return firstRow.GetOrderNumber() < secondRow.GetOrderNumber();
    });

    if (aMoveUp)
        return (*minmax.first)->GetOrderNumber() < aCurrentRow.GetOrderNumber();
    else
        return (*minmax.second)->GetOrderNumber() > aCurrentRow.GetOrderNumber();
}
```

## Enabling move operation (up/down) for a List item in user interface

// Raw loop version, **See anything wrong?**

```
bool CanListItemBeMoved(ListRow & aCurrentRow, bool aMoveUp) const
{
    int min, max;
    vector<ListRow<ExistingProperties> = GetListRows(aCurrentRow.GetGroup());
    for (int i = 0; i < existingProperties.size(); ++i)
    {
        const int currentOrderNumber = existingProperties[i]->GetOrderNumber();
        if (currentOrderNumber < min)
            min = currentOrderNumber;
        if (currentOrderNumber > max)
            max = currentOrderNumber;
    }
    if (aMoveUp)
        return min < aCurrentRow.GetOrderNumber();
    else
        return max > aCurrentRow.GetOrderNumber();
}
```

Our own code. Selecting attributes from XML nodes.

```
vector<XmlNode> childrenVector = parentNode.GetChildren(childrenVector);
```

```
set<wstring> childrenNames;  
std::transform(begin(childrenVector), end(childrenVector),  
               inserter(childrenNames, begin(childrenNames)),  
               getNodeNameLambda);
```

```
// A good, range based for, alternative:
```

```
for (auto & childNode : childrenVector)  
    childrenNames.insert(getNodeNameLambda(childNode));
```

```
// Raw loop, see anything wrong?
```

```
for (unsigned int i = childrenVector.size(); i >= 0; i --= 1)  
    childrenNames.insert(getNodeNameLambda(childrenVector[i]));
```



## Demo: Server Nodes

We have a huge network of server nodes.

Each server node contains a copy of a particular **data Value** (not necessarily unique).

`class Value` is a **Regular** type.

*{ Assignable + Constructible + EqualityComparable + LessThanComparable }*

The network is constructed in such a way that the nodes are **sorted ascending** with respect to their **Value** but their sequence might be **rotated** (left) by some offset.

Eg.

For the **ordered** node values:

*{ A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H }*

The actual network configuration might look like:

*{ D, E, F, G, H, A, B, C }*

## Demo: Server Nodes

The network exposes the following APIs:

```
// gives the total number of nodes - O(1)
size_t Count() const;

// retrieves the data from a given node - O(1)
const Value & GetData(size_t index) const;

// iterator interface for the network nodes
vector<Value>::const_iterator BeginNodes() const;
vector<Value>::const_iterator EndNodes() const;
```

Implement a new API for the network, that efficiently finds a server node (address) containing a given data **Value**.

```
size_t GetNode(const Value & data) const;
```

## Demo: Server Nodes

```
// Code walk-through
```

**Time for coding fun!**

Our little game “**Worm STL**” it’s missing some key functionality.

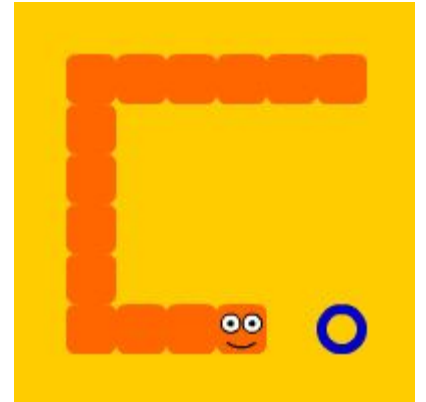
Can you implement the required functionality using only STL algorithms?

Tell us your solution!



## Demo: Worm STL

```
// Code walk-through
```



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