

## SYNOPSIS

- Ok, back to "~jplank" directories (this time, for good).
- Get used to `std::map` and `std::set`, as well as their iterator subclasses. You will use them... **A LOT**.

## STD::MAP IW A NUTSHELL

- Associative Array pretty much.
- Unlike `std::vector`, you define two types here:

```
map < string, int > m;
```

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KEY        VALUE

- When inserting, use `operator[]` or `map.insert` with `make_pair`. With `operator[]`, the syntax is `map[key] = value;`

(Ex. `map < string, int > m;`)

```
// Insert/Access via "operator[]"
m["Clara"] = 1337;
```

```
// Insert via "map.insert" & "make_pair"
m.insert(make_pair("Clara", 1337));
```

-When accessing, use `map.find` with an iterator. You may also use `operator[]` for access, but it will add a new element into the map if it didn't exist prior. Be smart.

```
(Ex. map<double, string> m;
```

```
//Insert some elements
```

```
m[0.123] = "buz";
```

```
m[0.456] = "plank";
```

```
//Access 0.123 via find (print "0.123 -> buz")
```

```
map<double, string>::iterator ii;
```

```
ii = m.find(0.123);
```

```
printf("%lg -> %s", ii->first, ii->second.c_str());
```

```
//Access 0.456 via operator[] (print "0.456 -> plank")
```

```
printf("%lg -> %s", 0.456, m[0.456]);
```

```
//Try to access 3.14 via operator[] ("3.14 -> ")
```

```
printf("%lg -> %s", 3.14, m[3.14]);
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-When erasing, use `map.find` & `map.erase`. It's the same as with `std::list`, so I won't show an example.

-`std::map` stores everything as a balanced BST (Binary Search Tree) that is sorted by key. If you iterate through a map and print the keys, they'll be sorted.

## STD::SET IN A NUTSHELL

- It's just a `std::map` without the `value`...

- `map < key, value > m;`

- `set < key > s;`

- Like `std::map`, these are `sorted by key` as well. If you iterate through, you'll get the keys in sorted order.