

Course C^{++} , Exercise List 11

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The previous exercise was about definition of polymorphic classes using templates. This exercise is about defining polymorphic functions. We will make the sorting functions of List 6 polymorphic.

1. First make the print functions polymorphic:

```
std::ostream& operator << ( std::ostream& stream,
                           const std::vector< std::string > & vect )
{
    stream << "[";
    for( auto p = vect. begin( ); p != vect. end( ); ++ p )
    {
        if( p != vect. begin( ))
            stream << ", ";
        else
            stream << " ";
        stream << *p;
    }
    stream << " ]";
    return stream;
}
```

Also make the list print function polymorphic.

2. Now we can make the sorting functions polymorphic: It is reasonable to give them the following signature:

```
template< class C, class Cmp = std::less< C >>
void sort( typename std::vector< C > & v )
```

and

```
template< class C, class Cmp = std::less< C >>
void sort( typename std::list< C > & l )
```

Implement sorting functions that use iterators, and that use **move**. Also make sure that the comparator **cmp** is used.

3. Test the template functions with a reasonable set of instantiations, e.g. **float**, **int**, **std::string**.

There must be also a test that proves that the comparator is used. You can use the one that was defined in List 7. You can also define a new comparator, for example one that compares **float** or **int** by absolute value.