



CONTAINERS AND COMPARATORS

Comparing and organizing container data with comparators



DATA CLASS

```
class Employee
{
    private:
        string  name;
        int     position;
        int     id;
```



ALPHABETICAL BY NAME COMPARATOR

```
class compByName
{
    public:
        bool operator()(const Employee& e1, const Employee& e2) const
        {
            return e1.getName() <= e2.getName();
        }
};
```



GROUPED BY POSITION, SORTED BY ID COMPARATOR

```
enum { OFFICER, MANAGER, ENGINEER };
```

```
class compByNumber
{
    public:
        bool operator()(const Employee& e1, const Employee& e2) const
        {
            if (e1.getPosition() == e2.getPosition())
                return e1.getID() <= e2.getID();
            return e1.getPosition() <= e2.getPosition();
        }
};
```



SORTING OBJECTS WITH COMPARATORS

```
vector<Employee> employees;

employees.push_back(Employee("Dilbert", ENGINEER, 400));
employees.push_back(Employee("Alice", ENGINEER, 100));
employees.push_back(Employee("Wally", ENGINEER, 200));
employees.push_back(Employee("Asok", ENGINEER, 700));
employees.push_back(Employee("PHB", MANAGER, 600));
employees.push_back(Employee("Richard", MANAGER, 500));
employees.push_back(Employee("Catbert", OFFICER, 300));

sort(employees.begin(), employees.end(), compByName());
sort(employees.begin(), employees.end(), compByNumber());
```



OUTPUT

`compByName()`

Alice	2	100
Asok	2	700
Catbert	0	300
Dilbert	2	400
PHB	1	600
Richard	1	500
Wally	2	200

`compByNumber()`

Catbert	0	300
Richard	1	500
PHB	1	600
Alice	2	100
Wally	2	200
Dilbert	2	400
Asok	2	700



OBJECT TO OBJECT MAPPING

```
map<Employee, Employee, compByName> employees;  
map<Employee, Employee, compByNumber> employees;
```

Employee e1("Dilbert", ENGINEER, 400);	employees[e1] = e5;
Employee e2("Alice", ENGINEER, 100);	employees[e2] = e5;
Employee e3("Wally", ENGINEER, 200);	employees[e3] = e6;
Employee e4("Asok", ENGINEER, 700);	employees[e4] = e6;
Employee e5("PHB", MANAGER, 600);	employees[e5] = e7;
Employee e6("Richard", MANAGER, 500);	employees[e5] = e7;
Employee e7("Catbert", OFFICER, 300);	employees[e7] = e7;



OUTPUT

compByName()

Alice	2	100	Reports to: PHB	1	600
Asok	2	700	Reports to: Richard	1	500
Catbert	0	300	Reports to: Catbert	0	300
Dilbert	2	400	Reports to: PHB	1	600
PHB	1	600	Reports to: Catbert	0	300
Richard	1	500	Reports to: Catbert	0	300
Wally	2	200	Reports to: Richard	1	500

compByNumber()

Catbert	0	300	Reports to: Catbert	0	300
Richard	1	500	Reports to: Catbert	0	300
PHB	1	600	Reports to: Catbert	0	300
Alice	2	100	Reports to: PHB	1	600
Wally	2	200	Reports to: Richard	1	500
Dilbert	2	400	Reports to: PHB	1	600
Asok	2	700	Reports to: Richard	1	500