

TRAP 1: How NOT to preallocate space for std::vector in C++

The snippet on the left creates a vector 0,0,0 and additionally pushes back 0,1,2. That wasn't the intention. To correctly preallocate space for 3 elements use **std::vector::reserve()**.

```
auto v = std::vector<int>(3);
```

```
v.push_back(0);
```

```
v.push_back(1);
```

```
v.push_back(2);
```



0 0 0 0 1 2

```
auto v = std::vector<int> {};
```

```
v.reserve(3);
```

```
v.push_back(0);
```

```
v.push_back(1);
```

```
v.push_back(2);
```



0 1 2

Better alternative: Use STL

```
auto v = std::vector<int>(3);
```

```
std::iota(std::begin(v), std::end(v), 0);
```

0 1 2

```
auto v = std::vector<int>(3);
```

```
std::generate(std::begin(v), std::end(v),
```

```
[n = 0] () mutable { return n++; });
```

0 1 2