

Programming in C++

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Why C++?

- C++ shares similar syntax with many other programming languages
 - Java, Javascript, C#, Objective C, PHP etc..
- Centered around important CS concepts
 - Data types, Control structures, Object-oriented programming
- Wide range of applications and can be run in different environments
 - Servers, operating systems, games, embedded systems, etc
 - C++ standard provides a portable interface. Programs can be compiled into executable for different systems.

Why C++ for competitive programming?

- C++ programs runs the fastest
 - In many contests, problems are not guaranteed to be solvable by all languages.
IOI: “The ISC and ITC do not want to put a guaranteed percentage on points that could be gained by a second class language, or have different time limits based on language.”
Code Jam: “... it is not guaranteed that any problem can be solved in any language; ... Just as in everyday software engineering, part of the contest is using the right tool for each job!”
- C++ STL comes with useful algorithms and data structures
 - Sorting, binary search, stack, heap, BST, etc...
- C++ programs are easy to debug
 - Compilation step can help uncover bugs

```
def has_odd(l):  
    flag = False  
    for elm in l:  
        if elm % 2 == 1:  
            flga = True  
    return flag
```

This Python program
would not even cause
runtime error



Today I am going to teach you how to write C++ programs.

Survey

How well do you know C++?

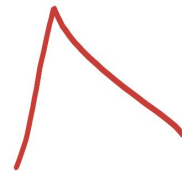
- I don't know C++ at all
- I know about the basics and can write simple problems
- I know a lot about the language features, enough for me to solve OI problems.
- I am an expert in C++. I have knowledge beyond those needed in OI.



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GOOD

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Therefore, we will focus on making the best use of new C++ features.

Unless otherwise stated, we are using **C++17** here.

To learn more about data types and C++ language, you may refer to the 2019 slides.

[Introduction to C++](#) [Data Processing](#)



Basic program structure

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main() {
    cout << "Hello, World!" << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

← Include library headers
<iostream> provides input and output functionality (cout and endl in this example)

Basic program structure

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
int main() {
    cout << "Hello, World!" << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

When using GCC C++ compiler, `<bits/stdc++.h>` provides most functions needed for competitive programming

- Shorter header
- Avoid compilation errors caused by missing header, especially in contests with no feedback

Basic program structure

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
int main() {
    cout << "Hello, World!" << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

This line is to “move” everything in the std namespace into the our program.

Pro:

- No need to type `std::` prefix

Con:

- Program may not be forward compatible



Basic program structure

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>

int main() {
    std::cout << "Hello, World!" <<
        std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Example without
using namespace std;

Basic program structure

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using std::cout;
using std::endl;
int main() {
    cout << "Hello, World!" << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Bring in specific symbols.

This won't have the forward compatibility issue.

Forward compatibility issue

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
// Move first character to the end.
string move(string s) {
    return s.substr(1) + s[0];
}
int main() {
    cout << move("abcdef") << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

What does the program output when compiled in C++03?

```
g++ -std=c++03 program.cpp -o program
```

What does the program output when compiled in C++11?

```
g++ -std=c++11 program.cpp -o program
```

Basic program structure

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
int main() {
    cout << "Hello, World!" << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

This is the main program.

Note that the return type is `int`.

Basic program structure

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
int main() {
    cout << "Hello, World!" << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

```
(windows) a.exe && b.exe
(linux)    ./a && ./b
```

A return code of **0** indicates that the program ended successfully.

Other numbers can be used to indicate that there is some warning / error.

You can use && in the console to chain commands. In this example, program B runs only if program A returns 0.

return 0; is optional



Basic program structure

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
int main() {
    cout << "Hello, World!" << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Send "Hello, World!" and line break to the output stream.

`endl` also flushes the stream.
(Useful for interactive tasks).

Arrays

We can use a character array to store strings.

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
int a[10];
const char s[] = "HKOI";
int main() {
    cin >> a[0] >> a[1];
    cout << a[0] + a[1] << endl;
    cout << s << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Input

4 7

Output

11
HKOI

C++ array

With the exception of const arrays, (e.g. `const char s[]`) modern C++ discourages the use of raw arrays.

The type and size of an array is fixed once declared.

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
array<int, 10> a;
const char s[] = "HKOI";
int main() {
    cin >> a[0] >> a[1];
    cout << a[0] + a[1] << endl;
    cout << s << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Input

4 7

Output

11
HKOI




C++ array

Arrays can also be declared with initialization.

The size and type will be automatically determined.

Here, the type of a is `array<int, 3>`.

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
array a{4, 8, 3};
int main() {
    cout << a[0] + a[1] + a[2] << endl;
    return 0;
}
```



Input

Output

15



Benefits of C++ array

For C array, the identifier degenerates into a pointer when passed into functions.

Provides index checking via `.at(index)`, which makes debugging easier.

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
int a[] = {4, 8, 3};
int main() {
    cout << a[0] + a[3] << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Likely Output: 4

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
array a{4, 8, 3};
int main() {
    cout << a.at(0) + a.at(3) << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Runtime error

terminate called after throwing an instance of 'std::out_of_range'
what(): array::at: __n (which is 3) >= _Nm (which is 3)

[at](#)

Dynamic size array: vector

Very often the task requires us to read N integers.

We can use vector, which is a dynamic size array to store the data.

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
int main() {
    int n;
    cin >> n;
    vector<int> a(n); ← Initial size
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
        cin >> a[i];
    }
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
        sum += a[i];
    }
    cout << sum << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Input

```
6
1 4 2 8 5 7
```

Output

```
27
```



Dynamic size array: vector

Alternatively, we can start with an empty vector and use `push_back(x)` to add items to the vector while reading.

```
int main() {
    int n;
    cin >> n;
    vector<int> a;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
        int x;
        cin >> x;
        a.push_back(x);
    }
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
        sum += a[i];
    }
    cout << sum << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

← Empty vector

Input

```
6
1 4 2 8 5 7
```

Output

```
27
```

[push back](#)



vector assignment

We can replace the entire vector by assigning another vector to it.

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
int main() {
    vector<int> a(4, 10);
    cout << a[0] << endl;
    a = vector<int>{1, 2, 3};
    cout << a[1] << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
10
2
```


Iterate over vector - int i

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
vector<int> a{1, 4, 2, 8, 5, 7};
int main() {
    for (int i = 0; i < a.size(); ++i) {
        cout << a[i] << endl;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Current size

Output

1
4
2
8
5
7

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
vector<int> a{1, 4, 2, 8, 5, 7};
int main() {
    for (int i = 0; i + 1 < a.size(); ++i) {
        cout << a[i] - a[i + 1] << endl;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Output

-3
2
-6
3
-2

Is it ok to write `i < a.size() - 1`?



Iterate over vector - range-based loop

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
vector<int> a{1, 4, 2, 8, 5, 7};
int main() {
    for (int x : a) {
        cout << x << endl;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
1
4
2
8
5
7
```

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
vector<int> a{1, 4, 2, 8, 5, 7};
int main() {
    for (auto x : a) {
        cout << x << endl;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
1
4
2
8
5
7
```

You can use **auto** when type can be automatically determined.



Modifying values in range-based loop

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
vector<int> a{1, 4, 2, 8, 5, 7};
int main() {
    for (int x : a) {
        x = 3;
    }
    cout << a[0] << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Value of v[0], v[1], ... is copied to x

Output

1

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
vector<int> a{1, 4, 2, 8, 5, 7};
int main() {
    for (int& x : a) {
        x = 3;
    }
    cout << a[0] << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Reference: x is same as a[0], a[1]...

Output

3

Iterate over vector - iterator

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
vector<int> a{1, 4, 2, 8, 5, 7};
int main() {
    for (auto it = a.begin(); it != a.end(); ++it) {
        cout << *it << endl;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Advance the iterator

De-reference (get data being pointed at)

Output

1
4
2
8
5
7

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
vector<int> a{1, 4, 2, 8, 5, 7};
int main() {
    for (auto it = a.rbegin(); it != a.rend(); ++it) {
        cout << *it << endl;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Output

7
5
8
2
4
1

Type: vector<int>::iterator

.begin()

.end()



.rend()

.rbegin()

Type: vector<int>::reverse_iterator



Modifying values using iterator

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
vector<int> a{1, 4, 2, 8, 5, 7};
int main() {
    auto it = a.begin();
    *it = 3;
    cout << a[0] << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Output

3

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
vector<int> a{1, 4, 2, 8, 5, 7};
int main() {
    auto it = a.end();
    *it = 3;
    cout << a[0] << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Output

1

Possibly
runtime error

.begin()



.end()



Find element in vector

`find(first, last, value)` searches for `value` between `[first, last)` and returns an iterator to the first matching value.

It returns `last` if `value` is not found.

Use `distance` to get the index.

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
vector<int> a{1, 4, 2, 8, 5, 7};
int main() {
    auto it1 = find(a.begin(), a.end(), 8);
    cout << distance(a.begin(), it1) << endl;
    auto it2 = find(a.begin(), a.end(), 3);
    cout << (it2 == a.end()) << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Output

3
1



Sort a vector

Use `sort(first, last)` to sort a vector in ascending order.

Use `reverse(first, last)` to reverse a vector.

```
vector<int> a{1, 4, 2, 8, 5, 7};
sort(a.begin(), a.end());
for (int x : a) {
    cout << x << " ";
}
cout << endl;
reverse(a.begin(), a.end());
for (int x : a) {
    cout << x << " ";
}
cout << endl;
```

Output

```
1 2 4 5 7 8
8 7 5 4 2 1
```

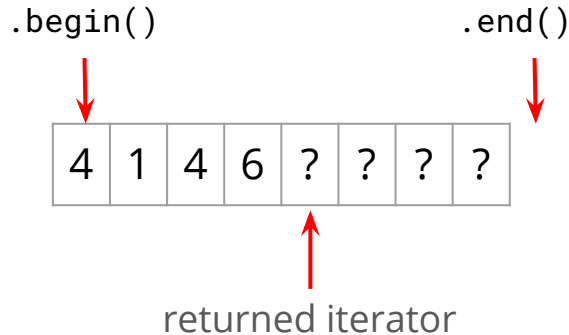


Removing duplicates from a vector

Use `unique(first, last)` to move the first element in each identical group to the front, keeping their relative order. The returned iterator points to the position after the last remaining element.

Use `erase(first, last)` to remove elements from a vector.

```
vector<int> a{4, 4, 1, 1, 1, 4, 6, 6};
auto it = unique(a.begin(), a.end());
for (int x : a) {
    cout << x << " ";
}
cout << endl;
a.erase(it, a.end());
for (int x : a) {
    cout << x << " ";
}
cout << endl;
```



Output

```
4 1 4 6 1 4 6 6
4 1 4 6
```


Comparing vectors

You can use equality operator `==` `!=` to check if the vectors has the same length and the same contents in the same order.

Comparison operators `<` `<=` `>=` `>` compare 2 vectors in [lexicographical order](#).

```
vector<int> a{3, 4, 5};  
vector<int> b{3, 4};  
vector<int> c{3, 4, 6};  
vector<int> d{3, 4, 5};  
cout << (a == b) << endl;  
cout << (a > b) << endl;  
cout << (a > c) << endl;  
cout << (a == d) << endl;
```

Output

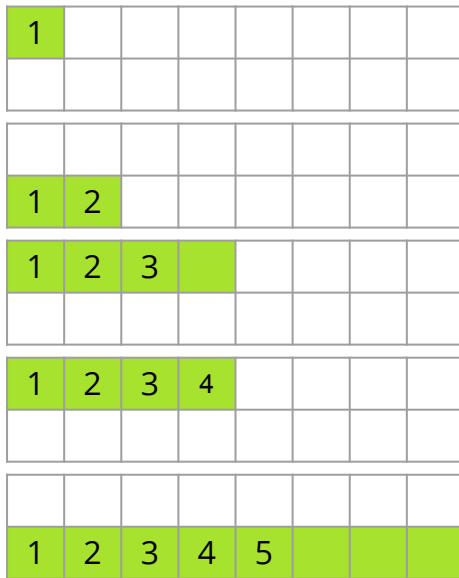
```
0  
1  
0  
1
```

Internal storage

Vector always store the data in contiguous segment of memory.

When it is already full and you try to push one more element, it finds a larger piece of memory elsewhere and move all the data there.

```
vector<int> a;
cout << a.capacity() << " ";
cout << a.data() << endl;
for (int i = 1; i <= 6; ++i) {
    a.push_back(i);
    cout << a.capacity() << " ";
    cout << a.data() << endl;
}
```



Output

```
0 0
1 0x192400
2 0x196230
4 0x192400
4 0x192400
8 0x196230
8 0x196230
```

[capacity data](#)



Time complexity for push_back

Assume that you call `push_back(x)` N times.

The total cost comprises of:

- Cost of adding an element
 - 1 operation per `push_back`
 - Total N operations for N `push_back`
- Cost of moving elements when vector is full
 - 1, 2, 4, 8, ..., 2^k (where $2^k < N$)
 - The sum of above = $2^{(k+1)} - 1 < 2N$

Total cost for N `push_back` = $N + (<2N) < 3N$, and therefore is $O(N)$

We can say that `push_back` is amortized $O(1)$

Be careful about iterators

Some manipulation operations, especially when they affect the internal storage, **invalidate** iterators. Read the docs for details.

If unsure, always get fresh iterators.

```
vector<int> a{1, 2, 3};
auto it = a.begin();
cout << a.capacity() << " " << *it << endl;
a.push_back(4); // it is invalidated.
cout << a.capacity() << " " << *it << endl;
```

Output

```
3 1
6 7890304
```

2D vector

```
vector<vector<int>> a{{1, 2, 3}, {4}, {5, 6}};
cout << a[0].size() << endl;
cout << a[1].size() << endl;
cout << a[2].size() << endl;
cout << a[2][0] << endl;
```

Output

```
3
1
2
5
```

```
int n = 4;
int m = 5;
vector<vector<int>> a(n, vector<int>(m));
for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
    for (int j = 0; j < m; ++j) {
        cin >> a[i][j];
    }
}
```

```
int n = 4;
int m = 5;
vector<vector<int>> a;
for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
    vector<int> b;
    for (int j = 0; j < m; ++j) {
        int x;
        cin >> x;
        b.push_back(x);
    }
    a.push_back(b);
}
```



Remember move()?

```
vector<vector<int>> a;
vector<int> b{1, 2, 3};
cout << b.data() << endl;
a.push_back(b);
cout << a[0].data() << endl;
cout << b.size() << endl;
```

Output

```
0x22400
0x26580
3
```

Data is copied

```
vector<vector<int>> a;
vector<int> b{1, 2, 3};
cout << b.data() << endl;
a.push_back(move(b));
cout << a[0].data() << endl;
cout << b.size() << endl;
```

Output

```
0xf82400
0xf82400
0
```

Not guaranteed
to be 0

`std::move()` is complicated.
No need to care about it in competitive programming.

[data move](#)



Difference between array and vector

Using 2D array and 2D vector as an example

- All data in a 2D array are contiguous in memory
- Each row of data in a 2D vector can be stored separately

```
array<array<int, 4>, 4> a;
vector<vector<int>> b(4, vector<int>(4));
cout << a.data() << endl;
cout << a[0].data() << " " << a[1].data() << " ";
cout << a[2].data() << " " << a[3].data() << endl;
cout << b.data() << endl;
cout << b[0].data() << " " << b[1].data() << " ";
cout << b[2].data() << " " << b[3].data() << endl;
```

Output

```
0x61fd90
0x61fd90 0x61fda0 0x61fdb0 0x61fdc0
0xe26580
0xe26230 0xe265f0 0xe26610 0xe26630
```

Same address

16 bytes

vector<bool>

vector<bool> is a very special kind of vector.

Its implementation allows efficient storage of bools, 1 bit (vs 1 byte) for each bool.

Some vector functions cannot be used.

```
vector<bool> a{true, false, true};  
cout << a[0] << a[1] << a[2] << endl;  
cout << a.capacity() << endl;  
a.flip();  
cout << a[0] << a[1] << a[2] << endl;
```

Output

```
101  
32  
010
```



string

C++ strings are very easy to use.

You can concatenate strings together using the + operator.

```
string s = "ab";  
string t = "d";  
s += 'c'; // append a character  
t += "ef"; // append a string  
cout << s.length() << endl;  
cout << s + t << endl;
```

```
Output  
  
3  
abcdef
```



Iterate over string

You can also use ranged-based loop to iterate over a string.

```
string s = "abcdef";  
for (int i = 0; i < s.length(); ++i) {  
    cout << s[i] << endl;  
}  
for (char& c : s) {  
    c -= 32;  
}  
cout << s << endl;
```

Output

```
a  
b  
c  
d  
e  
f  
ABCDEF
```



Using string::iterator

You can get iterators from string to perform operations similar to vector.

```
string s = "abcdef";  
for (auto it = s.begin(); it != s.end(); ++it) {  
    cout << *it << endl;  
}  
reverse(s.begin(), s.end());  
cout << s << endl;
```

Output

```
a  
b  
c  
d  
e  
f  
fedcba
```



Using string::iterator

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```
string s = "abcdef";  
for (auto it = s.begin(); it != s.end(); ++it) {  
    cout << *it << endl;  
}  
reverse(s.begin(), s.end());  
cout << s << endl;
```

Output

```
a  
b  
c  
d  
e  
f  
fedcba
```



string comparison

You can compare strings directly using comparison operators.

You can also use `.compare()`, which returns 0 when the strings are equal, negative number when the left string is smaller, and positive otherwise.

```
cout << (string{"abc"} == string{"abc"}) << endl;
cout << (string{"abc"} < string{"def"}) << endl;
cout << (string{"abcd"} > string{"abc"}) << endl;
cout << string{"abc"}.compare("abx") << endl;
cout << string{"xyz"}.compare("xyz") << endl;
cout << string{"def"}.compare("a") << endl;
```

Output

```
1
1
1
-1
0
1
```

It can be any negative integer

It can be any positive integer



Break

Please read M2102 problem statement



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Functions

Functions with return type should have a return statement.

Void functions can omit the return statement.

```
int Square(int x) {  
    return x * x;  
}  
void PrintMax(int a, int b, int c) {  
    cout << max(a, max(b, c)) << endl;  
}  
int main() {  
    cout << Square(5) << endl;  
    PrintMax(4, 9, 1);  
    return 0;  
}
```

Output

```
25  
9
```



Early Return

If you have a return statement at the end of a if block, no need to add else.

```
void PrintMax(int a, int b, int c) {  
    if (a > b && a > c) {  
        cout << a << endl;  
        return; ←  
    }  
    cout << (b > c ? b : c) << endl;  
}  
int main() {  
    PrintMax(4, 9, 1);  
    return 0;  
}
```

Output

9

Pass by reference

Pass by reference makes the identifier refer to the same variable specified in the argument. Therefore, the value can be changed inside the function.

```
void PassByValue(int a) {  
    a = 5;  
}  
void PassByReference(int& a) {  
    a = 5;  
}  
int main() {  
    int x = 1;  
    int y = 2;  
    PassByValue(x);  
    PassByReference(y);  
    cout << x << " " << y << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

Value 1

Refers to y

Output

1 5



Pass by reference: vector

All types are passed by value. (unlike Java / Javascript)

```
void PassByValue(vector<int> a) {  
    a[0] = 5;  
}  
void PassByReference(vector<int>& a) {  
    a[0] = 5;  
}  
int main() {  
    vector<int> x{1};  
    vector<int> y{2};  
    PassByValue(x);  
    PassByReference(y);  
    cout << x[0] << " " << y[0] << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

Value {1}

Refers to y

Output

1 5

Pass by value is slow

```
int PassByValue(string s) {
    return s.length();
}
int PassByReference(string& s) {
    return s.length();
}
int main() {
    auto start_time = chrono::steady_clock::now();
    string s = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz";
    int total = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < 10000000; ++i) {
        total += PassByValue(s);
    }
    cout << total << endl;
    auto end_time = chrono::steady_clock::now();
    cout << chrono::duration<double>(end_time - start_time).count() << endl;
    start_time = end_time;
    total = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < 10000000; ++i) {
        total += PassByReference(s);
    }
    cout << total << endl;
    end_time = chrono::steady_clock::now();
    cout << chrono::duration<double>(end_time - start_time).count() << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
260000000
2.6825
260000000
0.0452582
```

PassByValue:
A new string a is created
and the content is
copied from s

[now duration](#)

Cannot pass something other than variable by reference

```
int PassByReference(string& s) {
    return s.length();
}
int main() {
    auto start_time = chrono::steady_clock::now();
    string s = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz";
    int total = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < 10000000; ++i) {
        total += PassByReference(s);
        // total += PassByReference("123");
    }
    cout << total << endl;
    auto end_time = chrono::steady_clock::now();
    cout << chrono::duration<double>(end_time - start_time).count() << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Compilation
Error

Output

```
260000000
0.050572
```

Technical term:
To pass by reference,
the argument must be
an lvalue.



Pass by Const Reference

```
int PassByConstReference(const string& s) {  
    return s.length();  
}  
int main() {  
    auto start_time = chrono::steady_clock::now();  
    string s = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz";  
    int total = 0;  
    for (int i = 0; i < 10000000; ++i) {  
        total += PassByConstReference(s);  
        total += PassByConstReference("abc");  
    }  
    cout << total << endl;  
    auto end_time = chrono::steady_clock::now();  
    cout << chrono::duration<double>(end_time - start_time).count() << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

Output

```
290000000  
1.36043
```

Don't do this for
primitives such as
int, double, bool



struct

Use struct to declare data structures that can hold multiple data.

```
struct Point {  
    double x, y;  
};  
int main() {  
    Point p;  
    p.x = 1.0;  
    p.y = 2.5;  
    Point q{3.6, 4.2};  
    cout << q.x << " " << q.y << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

Braces initializer list

Follows the order of member variable declaration

Output

3.6 4.2

struct is a class with all members declared public
Don't forget the semi-colon ;



Constructor

If you declare your own constructor, default constructor will not be implicitly declared and defined.

```
struct Point {  
    double x, y;  
    Point(double d, double r) {  
        x = d * cos(r);  
        y = d * sin(r);  
    }  
};  
int main() {  
    Point p(2, 0.5235988);  
    cout << p.x << " " << p.y << endl;  
    // Point q; ← Compilation Error  
    return 0;  
}
```

Output


1.73205 1



Constructor

We can also use initializer list.

```
struct Point {  
    double x, y;  
    Point(double d, double r)  
        : x(d * cos(r)), y(d * sin(r)) {}  
};  
int main() {  
    Point p(2, 0.5235988);  
    cout << p.x << " " << p.y << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```



Output

1.73205 1

Member functions

```
struct Point {
    double x, y;
    Point(double d, double r)
        : x(d * cos(r)), y(d * sin(r)) {}
    double DistanceToOrigin() {
        return sqrt(x * x + y * y);
    }
    void Rotate() {
        swap(x, y);
        x = -x;
    }
};

int main() {
    Point p(2, 0.5235988);
    cout << p.x << " " << p.y << endl;
    cout << p.DistanceToOrigin() << endl;
    p.Rotate();
    cout << p.x << " " << p.y << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
1.73205 1
2
-1 1.73205
```

[swap](#)



Overloading

```
struct Point {
    double x, y;
    Point Dot(double scalar) {
        return {scalar * x, scalar * y};
    }
    double Dot(const Point& p) {
        return x * p.x + y * p.y;
    }
};

int main() {
    Point p{2.2, 3.4};
    Point q = p.Dot(4.0);
    cout << q.x << " " << q.y << endl;
    Point r{1.5, 2.5};
    double s = p.Dot(r);
    cout << s << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
8.8 13.6
11.8
```

[Overload resolution](#)



Operator overloading

```
struct Point {
    double x, y;
    Point& operator*=(double scale) {
        x *= scale;
        y *= scale;
        return *this;
    }
};

int main() {
    Point p{2.2, 3.4};
    p *= 2.5;
    cout << p.x << " " << p.y << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Output

5.5 8.5

[Operator overloading](#)



Operator overloading

```

struct Point {
    double x, y;
    Point& operator*=(double scale) {
        x *= scale;
        y *= scale;
        return *this;
    }
};

ostream& operator<<(ostream& os, const Point& p) {
    os << p.x << " " << p.y;
    return os;
}

int main() {
    Point p{2.2, 3.4};
    p *= 2.5;
    cout << p << endl;
    return 0;
}

```

cout is a ostream

Output

5.5 8.5

[operator<<](#)

See section Stream extraction and insertion

Output a vector

```
ostream& operator<<(ostream& os,  
                    const vector<int>& c) {  
    for (auto&& x : c) {  
        cout << x << " ";  
    }  
    cout << endl;  
    return os;  
}  
  
int main() {  
    vector<int> a{1, 2, 3, 4, 5};  
    vector<int> b{10, 11, 12};  
    cout << a << b;  
    return 0;  
}
```

Output

```
1 2 3 4 5  
10 11 12
```



Template

```
template<class I>
ostream& operator<<(ostream& os,
                  const vector<I>& c) {
    for (auto&& x : c) {
        cout << x << " ";
    }
    cout << endl;
    return os;
}
int main() {
    vector<int> a{1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
    cout << a;
    vector<double> b{1.2, 3.4, 5.6};
    cout << b;
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
1 2 3 4 5
1.2 3.4 5.6
```



Output a 2D vector

```
template<class I>
ostream& operator<<(ostream& os,
                   const vector<I>& c) {
    for (auto&& x : c) {
        cout << x << " ";
    }
    cout << endl;
    return os;
}
int main() {
    vector<vector<int>> a{{11, 12, 13},
                        {21, 22},
                        {31, 32, 33}};

    cout << a;
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
11 12 13
21 22
31 32 33
```

Pair

Pair can hold two values (`first`, `second`) of possibly different types.

Pairs can be compared. The first value will be compared first. If they are equal, the second value will be compared.

```
int n;
cin >> n;
vector<pair<int, string>> students(n);
for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
    cin >> students[i].first >> students[i].second;
}
sort(students.begin(), students.end());
for (auto& student : students) {
    cout << student.first << " ";
    cout << student.second << endl;
}
```

Input

```
4
3 Percy
2 Ian
3 Jeremy
1 Tony
```

Output

```
1 Tony
2 Ian
3 Jeremy
3 Percy
```



Pair

Pair can be useful to return multiple values.

```
pair<int, int> CountLetters(const string& s) {  
    int upper = 0, lower = 0;  
    for (char c : s) {  
        upper += isupper(c) > 0;  
        lower += islower(c) > 0;  
    }  
    return {upper, lower};  
}  
  
int main() {  
    auto p = CountLetters("Hello, World!");  
    cout << p.first << " " << p.second << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

Output

2 8



Tuple

What about more values?

```
tuple<int, int, int> CountLetters(const string& s) {
    int upper = 0, lower = 0, spaces = 0;
    for (char c : s) {
        upper += isupper(c) > 0;
        lower += islower(c) > 0;
        spaces += c == ' ';
    }
    return {upper, lower, spaces};
}

int main() {
    auto p = CountLetters("Hello, World!");
    cout << get<0>(p) << " " << get<1>(p) << " ";
    cout << get<2>(p) << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Output

2 8 1



J021 Date sorting

Given N dates, sort the dates in chronological order.

Input

3

4, July 1981

18, October 1982

22, December 1981

Output

4, July 1981

22, December 1981

18, October 1982

Reading the input

Let's read one line of input.

`cin.get()` reads the next character, which is comma here.

```
int day, year;
string month_string;
cin >> day;
cin.get();
cin >> month_string >> year;
cout << day << endl;
cout << month_string << endl;
cout << year << endl;
```

Input

20, February 2021

Output

20
February
2021



Converting the month into an integer

```
const vector<string> kMonths =
    {"January", "February", "March", "April", "May", "June",
     "July", "August", "September", "October", "November", "December"};
int main() {
    int day, month, year;
    string month_string;
    cin >> day;
    cin.get();
    cin >> month_string >> year;
    auto it = find(kMonths.begin(), kMonths.end(), month_string);
    month = distance(kMonths.begin(), it);
    cout << day << endl;
    cout << month << endl;
    cout << year << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Input

20, February 2021

Output

20
1
2021



Storing the dates in a vector<tuple<int, int, int>>

```

const vector<string> kMonths =
    {"January", "February", "March", "April", "May", "June",
     "July", "August", "September", "October", "November", "December"};
int main() {
    int n;
    cin >> n;
    vector<tuple<int, int, int>> dates;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
        int day, month, year;
        string month_string;
        cin >> day;
        cin.get();
        cin >> month_string >> year;
        auto it = find(kMonths.begin(), kMonths.end(), month_string);
        month = distance(kMonths.begin(), it);
        dates.push_back({year, month, day}); ← The most significant
        // dates.emplace_back(year, month, day); ← component should go first
    }
    cout << get<1>(dates[2]) << endl; ← You can also use emplace_back
    return 0;
}

```

Input

```

3
4, July 1981
18, October 1982
22, December 1981

```

Output

```

11

```

Alternative way

```

const vector<string> kMonths =
    {"January", "February", "March", "April", "May", "June",
     "July", "August", "September", "October", "November", "December"};
int main() {
    int n;
    cin >> n;
    vector<tuple<int, int, int>> dates(n);
    for (auto& date : dates) {
        cin >> get<2>(date);
        cin.get();
        string month_string;
        cin >> month_string >> get<0>(date);
        auto it = find(kMonths.begin(), kMonths.end(), month_string);
        get<1>(date) = distance(kMonths.begin(), it);
    }
    cout << get<1>(dates[2]) << endl;
    return 0;
}

```

Input

```

3
4, July 1981
18, October 1982
22, December 1981

```

Output

```

11

```



Even fancier

```

const vector<string> kMonths =
    {"January", "February", "March", "April", "May", "June",
     "July", "August", "September", "October", "November", "December"};
int main() {
    int n;
    cin >> n;
    vector<tuple<int, int, int>> dates(n);
    for (auto& [year, month, day] : dates) {
        cin >> day;
        cin.get();
        string month_string;
        cin >> month_string >> year;
        auto it = find(kMonths.begin(), kMonths.end(), month_string);
        month = distance(kMonths.begin(), it);
    }
    cout << get<1>(dates[2]) << endl;
    return 0;
}

```

Structured binding declaration
Must be auto

Input

```

3
4, July 1981
18, October 1982
22, December 1981

```

Output

```

11

```



Output the sorted dates

```
vector<tuple<int, int, int>> dates(n);
... input ...
sort(dates.begin(), dates.end());
for (auto& date : dates) {
    cout << get<2>(date) << ", ";
    cout << kMonths[get<1>(date)] << " ";
    cout << get<0>(date) << endl;
}
return 0;
}
```

Solved with only 25 lines!

Input

```
3
4, July 1981
18, October 1982
22, December 1981
```

Output

```
4, July 1981
22, December 1981
18, October 1982
```

M2102 Social Distancing and miamia

Input	Output
<pre>4 &1.2 (120) {4} 1,,2,,3,,4,,8,,7,,6,,5,,</pre>	9.200000
<pre>5 &1 (16 0){8}1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,1,8,2,7 ,{4}[1,8],[2,7],[3,6],[240][4,5],</pre>	4.625000

M2102 Social Distancing and miamia

	Contestant	M2101 Social Distancing and Exam	M2102 Social Distancing and miamia
1		👎 20 / 0:09	👎 20 / 0:21
2		👎 20 / 2:09	👎 20 / 2:08
3	Why did I do q2 with Python	👎 20 / 0:18	13
4		👎 20 / 0:18	👎 20 / 0:31
5		👎 20 / 0:04	👎 20 / 0:12
6		👎 20 / 2:27	👎 20 / 1:34
7		👎 20 / 1:27	👎 20 / 1:29
8		👎 20 / 0:21	👎 20 / 0:51
9		👎 20 / 0:09	👎 20 / 0:30
9		👎 20 / 0:30	👎 20 / 2:58

Reading the start time

```
int main() {  
    int n;  
    cin >> n;  
    char c;  
    cin >> c;  
    double current_time;  
    cin >> current_time;  
    cout << current_time<< endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

Input

```
4  
&1.2  
(120)  
{4}  
1,,2,,3,,4,,8,,7,,6,,5,,
```

Output

```
1.2
```



Reading the rest of the data - Method 1

```
...
string s;
for (int i = 1; i < n; ++i) {
    string t;
    cin >> t;
    s += t;
}
cout << s << endl;
```

Input

```
4
&1.2
(120)
{4}
1,,2,,3,,4,,8,,7,,6,,5,,
```

Output

```
(120){4}1,,2,,3,,4,,8,,7,,6,,5,,
```

Reading the rest of the data - Method 2

```
int main() {
    int n;
    cin >> n;
    char c;
    cin >> c;
    double current_time;
    cin >> current_time;
    string s = accumulate(istream_iterator<string>(cin),
                          istream_iterator<string>(), string());
    cout << s << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

↑ End of stream
↑ Empty string

Input

```
4
&1.2
(120)
{4}
1,,2,,3,,4,,8,,7,,6,,5,,
```

Output

```
(120){4}1,,2,,3,,4,,8,,7,,6,,5,,
```

Uses operator + to concatenate strings.

Note: press CTRL+Z (windows) / CTRL+D (linux)
for end-of-file



Tokenize the input

Break down the string into space separated tokens.

(120){4}1,,2,,3,,4,,8,,7,,6,,5,,



bpm 120 notevalue 4 1,,2,,3,,4,,8,,7,,6,,5

(160){8}1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,1,8,2,7,{4}[1,8],[2,7],[3,6],[240][4,5],



bpm 160 notevalue 8 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,1,8,2,7, notevalue 4 [1,8] ,
[2,7] , [3,6] , bpm 240 [4,5] ,



Tokenize the input

```
stringstream ss;
for (char c : s) {
    if (c == '(') {
        ss << " bpm ";
    } else if (c == '{') {
        ss << " note_value ";
    } else if (c == '[') {
        ss << " [";
    } else if (c == ')' || c == '}' || c == ']') {
        ss << " ";
    } else {
        ss << c;
    }
}
cout << ss.str() << endl;
```

Change closing brackets to whitespace

[stringstream](#)



Input

```
5
&1
(16
0){8}1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,1,8,2,7
,{4}[1,8],[2,7],[3,6],[240][4,5
],
```

Output

```
bpm 160  notevalue 8
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,1,8,2,7,
notevalue 4  [1,8 , [2,7 , [3,6 ,
bpm 240  [4,5 ,
```


Process BPM and note value

```
double bpm = 0, note_value = 0;
while (!ss.eof()) {
    string token;
    ss >> token;
    if (token == "bpm") {
        ss >> bpm;
        cout << bpm << endl;
    } else if (token == "note_value") {
        ss >> note_value;
        cout << note_value << endl;
    }
}
```

stringstream is useful for type conversions

Input

```
5
&1
(16
0){8}1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,1,8,2,7
,{4}[1,8],[2,7],[3,6] ,(240)[4,5
],
```

ss

```
bpm 160  notevalue 8
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,1,8,2,7,
notevalue 4  [1,8 , [2,7 , [3,6 ,
bpm 240  [4,5 ,
```

Output

```
160
8
4
240
```

Process beats and ignore brackets

```
double bpm = 0, note_value = 0;
while (!ss.eof()) {
    string token;
    ss >> token;
    if (token == "bpm") {
        ss >> bpm;
    } else if (token == "note_value") {
        ss >> note_value;
    } else if (token[0] != '[') {
        int commas = count(token.begin(), token.end(), ',');
        current_time += commas * 240.0 / bpm / note_value;
    }
}
cout << fixed << setprecision(9) << current_time << endl;
```

Set to fixed point format (default = scientific notation)

Precision = 9 d.p. is sufficient.



Input

```
5
&1
(16
0){8}1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,1,8,2,7
,{4}[1,8],[2,7],[3,6],(240)[4,5
],
```

ss

```
bpm 160 notevalue 8
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,1,8,2,7,
notevalue 4 [1,8 , [2,7 , [3,6 ,
bpm 240 [4,5 ,
```

Output

```
4.625000000
```

Solved?

Sadly, the 40 line program fails to solve the task :(

because operator+ creates a new string every time.

This will be “fixed” in C++20 where the intermediate value will be moved using `std::move`.

[accumulate](#)



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C++17

Test	Result	Run Time
1	Accepted	0.001 s
2	Accepted	0.708 s
3	Time Limit Exceeded	1.000 s
4	Time Limit Exceeded	1.000 s
1	Accepted	0.002 s
2	Accepted	0.151 s
3	Time Limit Exceeded	1.000 s
4	Time Limit Exceeded	1.000 s
5	Time Limit Exceeded	1.000 s
1	Accepted	0.001 s
2	Accepted	0.031 s
3	Accepted	0.883 s
4	Time Limit Exceeded	1.000 s
5	Time Limit Exceeded	1.000 s
1	Accepted	0.002 s
2	Accepted	0.040 s
3	Time Limit Exceeded	1.000 s
4	Time Limit Exceeded	1.000 s
5	Time Limit Exceeded	1.000 s
6	Accepted	0.246 s

C++20

Test	Result	Run Time
1	Accepted	0.001 s
2	Accepted	0.018 s
3	Accepted	0.052 s
4	Accepted	0.216 s
1	Accepted	0.001 s
2	Accepted	0.008 s
3	Accepted	0.041 s
4	Accepted	0.096 s
5	Accepted	0.399 s
1	Accepted	0.001 s
2	Accepted	0.005 s
3	Accepted	0.019 s
4	Accepted	0.156 s
5	Accepted	0.263 s
1	Accepted	0.001 s
2	Accepted	0.005 s
3	Accepted	0.052 s
4	Accepted	0.191 s
5	Accepted	0.625 s
6	Accepted	0.245 s

Closing

Use a lot of library functions != Good programs



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C++ style guide

[Google C++ style guide](#)

Indentation: 2 spaces

1 space around binary operators

1 space before and after parenthesis ()

etc.

Macros

Some competitive programmers use macros to shorten their code.

```
#define x first
#define y second
#define pii pair<int,int>
#define ll long long
#define pll pair<ll,ll>
#define pbb pair<bool,bool>
#define mp make_pair
#define pb push_back
#define pf push_front
#define popb pop_back
#define popf pop_front
#define xmod (ll)(1e9+7)
#define hmod 1286031825167LL
```

This is discouraged for several reasons:

- It makes code hard to read for others
- It makes the code longer (harder to find main)
- It is easy to introduce subtle bugs
- It makes debugging harder

dxxxxxe

```
1 #include<bits/stdc++.h>
2 using namespace std;
3 typedef array<int,4> arin;
4 vector<arin>v;
5 bool sw=false;
6 void out(int a,int b,int c,int d){
7     if(!sw) v.push_back({a,b,c,d});
8     else v.push_back({b,a,d,c});
```

mxxxxxg

```
1 #include<bits/stdc++.h>
2 using namespace std;
3 int r,c;
4 vector< pair< pair<int,int>, pair<int,int> > > a;
5 bool a[105][105];
6 int dx[8] = {0, 0, 1, -1, 1, 1, -1, -1};
7 int dy[8] = {1, -1, 0, 0, -1, 1, -1, 1};
```

```
/**
 *   author:  tourist
 *   created: 28.01.2021 19:09:28
 **/
#include <bits/stdc++.h>

using namespace std;

int main() {
```

By [Benq](#), contest: Educational Cod

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;

// returns the first index
int firstAtLeast(const vect
```



Exercises

[01007 Packet Re-assembly](#)

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