Just-in-time C++

An introduction to programming using five puzzle projects developed incrementally

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Introduction

Why does the world need yet another C++ book? This book is peculiar because:

- This is a workbook and you can never have too many problem sets or projects on which to practice.
- The projects are logic games and puzzles not as flashy as a modern video game, but engaging and stimulating none the less.
- C++ is presented only as needed "just in time". The idea is for the reader to "pull" more understanding of C++, instead of the author trying to "push" each new feature.



"Good judgment is the result of experience. Experience is the result of bad judgment." [Mark Twain]

This workbook focuses on practicing judgment: what are the features that are necessary and sufficient for each project, what stepwise increments would result in demonstrable progress and maintain a "working" system, what kind of leverage could be achieved by investing in data structures and algorithms, and what constitutes a "good enough" design. The C++ language is merely a "means". The "end" is practicing and appropriating insight.

Who is this book for?

- For beginners who want a crash course in programming, or have been disaffected by traditional introductory courses.
- For students who have completed the first programming course and are interested in additional "problem sets".
- For instructors who would like additional projects to integrate into their courses.
- For hackers-to-be looking for challenges on which to practice.

Paul Graham in his "Hackers and Painters" paper [http://www.paulgraham.com/hp.html] suggests that Computer Science departments are populated by four distinct personalities: mathematicians, scientists, engineers, and hackers. "Good software designers are no more engineers than architects are ... What hackers, painters, composers, architects, and writers all have in common is that they're makers. What hackers and painters are trying to do is make good things ... You learn to paint mostly by doing it. Ditto for hacking. Most hackers don't learn to hack by taking college courses in programming. They learn to hack by writing programs of their own at age thirteen."

A dominant motivation for this book is to facilitate the assertion: you learn to program by programming.

The core values of this book are:

Demo

Example is the school of mankind, and they will learn at no other. [Edmund Burke]

• Do

I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand. [Chinese proverb]

Distill

Doing that well with one dollar which any bungler can do with two. [Arthur Wellington]

Demo. All material and discussion is presented almost exclusively through examples. I would rather paint a picture in code, than bury insight in a thousand words.

Do. Understanding does not come – or does not stick around – until the learner has had to go "hand-to-hand" with the material over and over.

Distill. The projects in this book are compelling and approachable, but they are not simple. Much of each project will involve serious thought about data structures and algorithms. These subjects are about abstraction, about leverage, about standing firm against the temptation to "let's just brute force this implementation", and insisting that simplicity and elegance are worth the up-front investment. I am reminded of a passage from C. S. Lewis' <u>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</u>. The visitor asks if Aslan the Lion is safe. The response is, "Of course he isn't safe. But he's good." Emphasizing more advanced material like data structures and algorithms in an introductory C++ book is not safe – but it **is** good.



Whenever this icon appears, it is used to highlight a programming pearl – a rule of thumb for design or problem solving.

The five logic games and puzzles are introduced here. Each can be implemented with a graphical user interface. But a console/keyboard user interface is much simpler, sufficiently interesting, and the target for this book. Additionally, console/keyboard user interfaces can be implemented in any language. This book will focus on C++, but the reader can use their target language instead.

Fifteen Puzzle

The puzzle consists of a 4 by 4 grid containing 15 slideable squares and one blank space. The puzzle is initialized by randomly sliding the squares until they are sufficiently "shuffled". The player then moves individual squares, or entire rows/columns until the pieces are back in ascending order.

Below, the "board" has been randomized, and the player inputs the digit '6'. The puzzle finds the '6', and moves it and the "10" toward the blank space. Next, the player asks for the '1' (and the intervening '2' and "13") to be moved toward the blank space.

	6	4	14
2	1	7	8
9	3	13	12
11	5	10	15

Number: 6

6		4	14
2	1	7	8
9	3	13	12
11	5	10	15

Number: 1

6	1	4	14
2		7	8
9	3	13	12
11	5	10	15
ТТ	J	ΤU	Τ.

Number: 2

6	1	4	14
	2	7	8
9	3	13	12
11	5	10	15

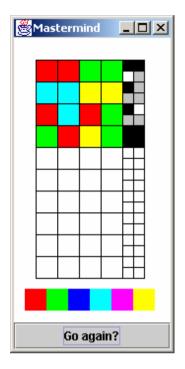
🎂 Fifteen Puzzle 🔲 🗖 🔀				
1	2	14	3	
12		4	8	
9	11	6	7	
15	5	10	13	

Mastermind

In Mastermind, player one selects a sequence of four colored pegs, and player two makes guesses until she has identified the sequence. There are six colors, and each color may be used more than once. As guesses are made, the feedback provided is: a black peg for each correct color in the correct position, and a white peg for each correct color in the wrong position.

A "command line" user interface for Mastermind is almost as enjoyable as the graphical UI. And – implementing a "command line" UI is very straight-forward. The user is prompted for 4 integers, and then receives feedback in the form of 2 integers: the number of black pegs, and the number of white pegs.

Input:	1	1	2	2		
					2	1
Input:	4	4	6	6		
					1	0
Input:	1	4	1	2		
					1	1
Input:	2	1	6	2		
					4	0

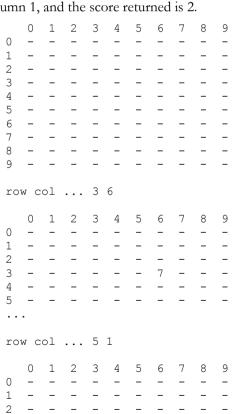


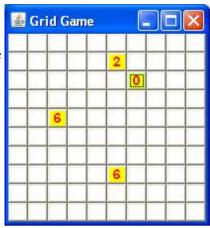
Grid Game

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I created this game as a Java GUI lab. Click on a grid location and the "distance" to the target is displayed. "Distance" is defined as "delta X plus delta Y" (the number of horizontal and vertical steps from the guess to the target). In the example to the right, I clicked on the cell at row 5 and column 3. My second selection was 3 rows down and 3 columns right. My third selection was 6 rows up. You will notice the "2" cell is 6 steps away from both "6" cells. The third selection was off by 2 steps. And the fourth selection "hit" the target.

A console/keyboard user interface (that is the target in this book) appears below. The "board" is drawn, and the player specified row 3 and column 6. The board is redrawn with a "score" of 7 at that location. The player then specified row 5 and column 1, and the score returned is 2.





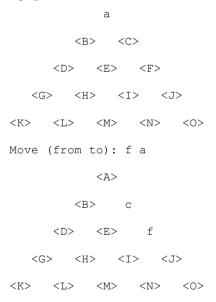
Peg Game

The Cracker Barrel Peg Game consists of fifteen holes arranged in a triangle, and fourteen pegs. The object is to remove pegs by jumping until one peg remains. The player chooses where the empty hole is positioned before play is begun. A graphical user interface might look like the windows shots to the right. The player chooses the 6 peg, and jumps over the 3 peg.





A possible command line user interface appears below. The player chooses the F peg, and jumps over the C peg.



Set Game

Sets found: 0

Refill Cards

Sets present: 4

Show Answer

Set Game

The game is played by finding sets of three cards that are all the same, or all different, across four independent "facets" or "dimensions". These dimensions are: number, shape, color, and fill. Each of these dimensions has three possible values. Number may be: one, two, or three; color may be: red, green, or blue; shape may be: rectangle, X, or O; and fill may be: open, striped, or solid. Because the book is blank-and-white, color will be ignored.

The following three cards form a set because: they are the same in shape (X), they are the same in number (2), and they are different in fill (one open, one striped, one solid).







The following three cards form a set because they are: the same in shape (X), different in number (one 1, one 2, one 3), and different in fill (one open, one striped, one solid).







The following three cards form a set because they are: different in shape (one O, one X, one rectangle), different in number (one 1, one 2, one 3), and different in fill (one open, one striped, one solid).







The following three cards are **not** a set because there are two "open" fills and one "striped" fill. If the "striped" fill were "open" (so that the fills are all the same) then these would be a set. Or – if one of the "open" fills were "solid" (so that the fills are all different) then the set criteria is satisfied.







A possible command line user interface appears below. The game is played by dealing twelve cards. As sets are picked up, those cards are replaced as the dealer has a chance. "Number" and "shape" are portrayed directly, "fill" is represented with special characters, and color has been eliminated. The cards are numbered 1 to 12 from left to right, and top to bottom. The player "selected" three cards by entering "1 8 12". The game evaluated that those cards do in fact constitute a set, removed them,

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and incremented the "sets found" count. Before asking for the missing cards to be replaced, the player input "2 5 10", and the game evaluated, removed, and added the set.

```
^ XX
                ^ XXX
. SSS
                        + XXX
        + SS
                + 00
. 0
                        . X
       + SSS
              + XX
                        . 00
sets present 8, sets found 0
Input: 1 8 12
        ^ XX
                ^ XXX
                        + XXX
       + SS
               + 00
. 0
^ 0
        + SSS
                + XX
sets present 3, sets found 1
Input: 2 5 10
                ^ XXX
                        + XXX
        + SS
               + 00
^ 0
                + XX
sets present 1, sets found 2
Input: 6 7 9
                ^ XXX
                        + XXX
                + XX
sets present 0, sets found 3
Input:
```

Brute Force versus Leverage

The following two examples demonstrate a fetish of this book: refusing to accept "brute force", and searching for elegance. The complexity of these implementations are entirely pre-mature – but I invite the reader to consider the "spirit of the law" and not get wrapped around the axle by the "letter of the law". These two alternative implementations first appeared in The Elements of Programming Style by Kernighan and Plauger in 1974. The goal of each is: convert a julian date (e.g. 2007-032) to a more traditional date (e.g. 2/1/07). The first implementation settles for an all-too-typical brute force approach: test if the julian number belongs in January, else test if the julian number belongs in February, else test is the julian number belongs in April, etc.

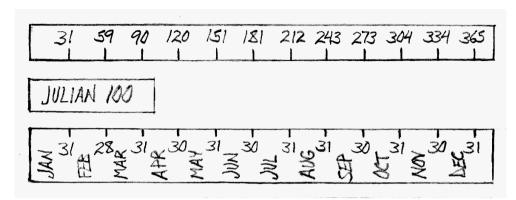
```
string convert julian( int year, int julian ) {
  int leap = 0, month, day;
  if (year % 400 == 0)
    leap = 1;
  else if (year % 100 == 0)
  else if (year % 4 == 0)
    leap = 1;
  if (julian <= 31) {
    month = 1;
    day = julian;
  } else if (julian <= (59+leap)) {</pre>
    month = 2;
    day = julian - 31;
  } else if (julian <= (90+leap)) {
    month = 3;
    day = julian - (59 + leap);
  } else if (julian <= (120+leap)) {
    month = 4;
    day = julian - (90 + leap);
  } else if (julian <= (151+leap)) {</pre>
    month = 5;
    day = julian - (120 + leap);
  } else if (julian <= (181+leap)) {</pre>
    month = 6;
    day = julian - (151 + leap);
  } else if (julian <= (212+leap)) {</pre>
    month = 7;
    day = julian - (181 + leap);
  } else if (julian <= (243+leap)) {
    month = 8;
    day = julian - (212+leap);
  } else if (julian <= (273+leap)) {
    month = 9;
    day = julian - (243 + leap);
  } else if (julian <= (304+leap)) {
    month = 10;
    day = julian - (273 + leap);
  } else if (julian <= (334+leap)) {</pre>
    month = 11;
```

```
dav = iulian - (304 + leap);
  } else {
    month = 12;
    day = julian - (334 + leap);
  int yr = year - (year/100 * 100);
  stringstream ss;
  ss << setfill('0') << setw(2) << month << '/' << setw(2) << day
     << '/' << setw(2) << yr;
  return ss.str();
int main( void ) {
   cout << convert julian( 1900, 60 ) << '\n';</pre>
                                                     // 03/01/00
                                                   // 02/29/00
   cout << convert_julian( 2000, 60 ) << '\n';</pre>
   cout << convert julian( 2002, 60 ) << '\n';</pre>
                                                   // 03/01/02
   cout << convert julian( 2004, 60 ) << '\n';</pre>
                                                   // 02/29/04
   cout << convert julian( 1900, 365 ) << '\n';</pre>
                                                   // 12/31/00
   cout << convert_julian( 2000, 365 ) << '\n';</pre>
                                                   // 12/30/00
   cout << convert julian( 2002, 365 ) << '\n';</pre>
                                                   // 12/31/02
   cout << convert julian( 2004, 365 ) << '\n';</pre>
                                                   // 12/30/04
```

The second implementation is a fraction of the size of the first. The 12 decisions laboriously enumerated above have been rolled into a single table below (i.e. days_per_month_table), and a loop that navigates the table.

The days_per_month_table is an example of a data structure – a framework of data designed to offer peculiar leverage for a class of problems. The subsequent for loop is an example of an algorithm – a set of instructions that produce a problem solution. The first julian conversion implementation is also an example of an algorithm – albeit an unfortunately clumsy example.

Both implementations could be viewed as two different types of yardstick for measuring julian date. The first has computed a "running total" for each month, but the second uses raw days per month.



The first yardstick is easier to use directly, and the second yardstick looks like more trouble than its worth. Perhaps a better analogy is the difference between a yardstick and a tape measure.



A yardstick is fixed and unwieldy. A tape measure is arguably agile.

Using a Compiler

Any C++ compiler will work. Dev-C++ (available at www.bloodshed.net) is an excellent choice and is free. It has a graphical user interface, but I prefer to use its command line user interface. I installed it at \cpp. Compiling and linking is as simple as the first line below, which produces the file "a.exe".

```
C:> \cpp\bin\c++ hello.cpp
C:> a.exe
hello world
C:>
```

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Output. Consider the Grid Game project. The first task is to print/output the board.

The command for sending text to the screen is cout. The token cout can be thought of as a proxy for the computer's monitor. The "<<" token points in the direction of data movement. Text that should be treated as data is enclosed in double quotes, and has historically been referred to as a "string of characters".

```
cout << "here is output from the program";</pre>
```

Here is the minimal amount of typing needed to produce a working program.

```
#include <iostream>
using std::cout;

int main() {
   cout << "here is output from the program";
}</pre>
```

cout allows output to be built up in pieces by "cascading" multiple "<<" operators. Statements are always terminated with a semi-colon.

```
cout << "here is " << "output from" << " the program";</pre>
```

Output can also be built up with separate statements.

```
cout << "here is ";
cout << "output from" ;
cout << " the program";</pre>
```

A comment is the language feature that allows descriptive text or documentation to be inserted in a program. All text that follows the characters "//" is a comment.

In this book, output produced by a code segment will routinely be appended as a comment.

```
cout << "here is ";
cout << "output from" ;</pre>
```

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```
cout << " the program"
// here is output from the program</pre>
```

To tell the compiler that a "carriage return" is desired, a special code is necessary. The backslash-n pair requests a new line (or carriage return).

```
cout << "line 1\nline followed by a blank line\n\nlast line\n";
// line 1
// line followed by a blank line
//
// last line</pre>
```

A sequence of characters intended to be treated as a unit is enclosed in double quotes. When a character "stands alone", it is enclosed in single quotes.

```
cout << "a string of characters\n";
cout << "stand-alone characters" << ':' << ' ' ' << '1' << 'z' << '\n';
// a string of characters
// stand-alone characters: 1z</pre>
```

So ... to print the Grid Game board, you could use the following brute force approach. But you would very quickly run out of leverage to implement the remainder of the game.

```
cout << " 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9\n";

cout << "0 - - - - - - - - - - - \n";

cout << "1 - - - - - - - - - \n";
```

Practice. Complete increment 1 of Appendix B and Appendix D.

Input. Receiving input from the keyboard is as easy as sending output to the monitor. Input received from the keyboard has to have a place to go – like mail received from the postal service. Each mailbox is a repository – a location where "puts" and "gets" can rendezvous. A mailbox represents an address – a unique identifier that distinguishes it from every other mailbox.



The mechanism needed for receiving input is called a "variable". Like the mailbox, each variable has a unique identifier – its name. Unlike the mailbox, each variable has a "type" – it can hold a certain type of data (e.g. a whole number, or a real number, or a single character, or a string of characters). Since the variable is an invention of the programmer, it must be "declared" to the compiler before it can be put in use.

A declaration follows. The type of the variable goes first, followed by its name. The next section will introduce several types supported by C++. For now, know that the type string can hold any combination of letters, digits, and punctuation. The name below is "word_var". There are quite a few rules for how to form legal variable names; for our purposes – any combination of upper and lower case letters, digits, and the '_' character are legal (and sufficient).

```
// variable declaration
string word var;
```

The token cin can be thought of as a proxy for the computer's keyboard. The ">>" token points in the direction of data movement. The statements at [1] are needed for the compiler to understand the tokens cout, cin, and string. The #include and using statements routinely appear together when you want to reference a "resource" that is part of C++'s standard library (which is distinct from the C++ standard language).

The variable declaration for the anticipated input is at [2], and the actual input occurs at [3]. The gray background at [4] represents input from the user.

```
#include <iostream>
                                        [1]
using std::cout;
                                        [1]
using std::cin;
                                        [1]
#include <string>
                                        [1]
using std::string;
                                        [1]
int main() {
   string word var;
                                        [2]
   cout << "Enter a word: ";
  cin >> word var;
                                        [3]
   cout << "The word is: " << word var << '\n';
```

```
// Enter a word: hello
// The word is: hello
```

cin can load a single variable [5], or multiple variables, in each statement. At [6], the user types three words, and presses <Enter>. cin parses the input searching for "white space" (spaces, tabs, or carriage returns). Each "token" or "word" found is assigned to the next variable specified by the programmer.

```
string first;
string second;
string third;
cout << "Enter 3 words: ";
cin >> first;
                                        [5]
cin >> second;
                                        [5]
cin >> third;
                                         [5]
cout << "The words are: ";
                                        [9]
cout << first << ", ";
cout << second << ", ";
cout << third << '\n';</pre>
// Enter 3 words: one two three
                                        [6]
// The words are: one, two, three
```

Multiple variables can be declared in a single statement by separating the variable names with commas [7]. Multiple variables can be loaded in a single cin statement [8]. There is no difference in functionality between [5] above and [8] below. This is true for cout as well (see [9] above and [10] below).

Practice. Complete increment 1 of Appendix C.

Variables. Let's now focus on the notion of "variables". Two other "types" supported by C++ are int and double. A variable can be declared with no initial value [1], and subsequently assigned a value [2]. Or – it can be declared and assigned an initial value in a single statement [3]. The int type is comparable to whole numbers (or counting numbers). It does not support the notion of a decimal point and digits less than 1. If you assign a number with a fractional component [2], that piece of the number is truncated [4] (not rounded up or down).

Numbers of type double **do** support decimal points [5].

```
int whole_number; [1]
whole_number = 12.75; [2]
```

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```
double real_number = 12.75; [3]
cout << "whole_number is " << whole_number << '\n';
cout << "real_number is " << real_number << '\n';
// whole_number is 12
// real number is 12.75 [4]</pre>
```

In the "Output" section, the distinction between a single character and a string of characters was introduced. The former is enclosed in single quotes, and the latter is enclosed in double quotes. The C++ type that can hold a single character is char [6]. The type that holds a sequence of characters is string [7].

```
char single = 'a';
string many = "one and two";
cout << "single is " << single << '\n';
cout << "many is " << many << '\n';

// single is a
// many is one and two</pre>
```

Here are some interesting arithmetic demos. Doubling an integer is no big deal [8]. When the variable "fraction" was initialized, its value was "0.333333333..." [9]. When it was doubled, its value went to "0.666666666...". Then when cout formatted the value, it rounded to six significant digits [10]. [11] demonstrates that the '+' operator on string variables performs string concatenation.

Performing addition on char variables has no real-world significance – but it does demonstrate an underlying implementation detail. Every character is represented by a value in the range of 1 to 127. '0' is 48, '1' is 49, 'A' is 65, 'B' is 66, 'a' is 97, 'b' is 98. What's happening at [12] is the value 49 is doubled, and then interpreted as the character 'b'.

```
int
      number
             = 123;
double fraction = 1.0 / 3.0;
                                                     [9]
string word = "123";
char letter = '1';
number = number + number;
                                                     [8]
fraction = fraction + fraction;
word = word + word;
                                                    [11]
letter = letter + letter;
                                                    [12]
cout << "number is " << number
                                 << '\n';
cout << "fraction is " << fraction << '\n';</pre>
cout << "word is " << word << '\n';
cout << "letter is " << letter
                                 << '\n';
// number
          is 246
                                                     [8]
                                                    [10]
// fraction is 0.666667
// word
         is 123123
                                                    [11]
// letter
           is b
                                                    [12]
```

The C++ type bool holds a boolean value: true or false, on or off, yes or no, 1 or 0. The reserved words "true" and "false" allow for initialization. When a bool variable is output, the legacy values of 1 and 0 are reported. The bool type will become more interesting in the "**Expressions**" section that follows.

```
bool on var = true;
```

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```
bool off_var = false;
cout << "on_var is " << on_var << '\n';
cout << "off_var is " << off_var << '\n';
// on_var is 1
// off var is 0</pre>
```

The type string is different from the other types previously discussed – it is a "class" rather than a primitive type. The "class" feature encompasses the largest segment of the C++ language: object-oriented programming. For now, it is sufficient to understand that a "class" is like a type on steroids. Instances of a "class" (called "objects") are smart (perhaps even sentient) – they can respond to requests from the programmer.

The syntax for making a request on an object appears below. Notice the use and placement of the period and parentheses. We'll see the parentheses again in the **Functions** section.

```
object.request();
```

The next example declares two string objects: first and second. Each is then asked to respond to size() and empty() requests. The former reports the length of the string object, the latter returns a boolean value that represents whether the string's length is zero. Another request to which string objects respond is clear() [13] – the result is to initialize the object.

In addition to a name and a type, each variable has a "life time". A variable lives for the duration of its enclosing "scope". To over-simplify: scope is a block of code enclosed in curly braces. This will become important in the next section. Attempting to compile the following code, would produce the error message "redeclaration of 'int common_name'" at [14]. The compiler can not deal with the same name defined twice in the same scope.

Below, the first declaration of common_name "goes away" at the end of its enclosing scope [15]. At that point, the name common_name can be reused [16].

```
int common_name = 123;
```

C++ also allows "hierarchical" reuse of variable names. By opening a new level of scope at [18], the variable name declared at [17] is "put on hold", and it can be reused at [19]. When the right curly brace is encountered at [20], the second instance of common_name "dies", and the first instance "comes back to life" [21].

```
int common_name = 123;
cout << "common_name is " << common_name << '\n';
{
    int common_name = 234;
    cout << "common_name is " << common_name << '\n';
}
cout << "common_name is " << common_name << '\n';
[20]
cout << "common_name is " << common_name << '\n';
[21]
// common_name is 123
// common_name is 234
// common_name is 123
</pre>
[21]
```

Expressions. An expression is usually an arithmetic computation like "6 * 8" and "3 - 4". Technically, it is an operator surrounded by two operands. [1] and [6] demonstrate the possibility of negative numbers. Since the two operands in [2] and [4] are integers, the operator is interpreted as integer division (which throws away the remainder, and does not round up). The 6.0 in [3] is a double, so the '/' operator is interpreted to mean "real world" division. The '%' in [5] is the modulo operator, but it is better understood as remainder division. It throws away the traditional quotient, and returns the remainder.

```
cout << 6 * 8 << '\n';
                              // 48
cout << -6 * 8 << '\n';
                              // -48
                                            [1]
cout << 6 / 8 << '\n';
                              // 0
                                            [2]
cout << 6.0 / 8 << '\n';
                              // 0.75
                                            [3]
cout << 18 / 4 << '\n';
                              // 4
                                            [4]
                              // 2
cout << 18 % 4 << '\n';
                                            [5]
cout << 3 - 4 << '\n';
                              // -1
cout << -4 + 3 << '\n';
                              // -1
                                            [6]
```

A boolean expression is an expression that returns a boolean value (true or false). Because of C++'s "precedence of operators", each of these boolean expressions must be enclosed in parentheses so that the compiler is not confused. Comparison operators like '>' and "<=" are self-documenting. Testing for equality [7] uses "==" and testing for inequality [8] uses "!=". [9] demonstrates the "negation" operator – it inverts whatever it is applied to.

```
cout << (18 < 4) << '\n'; // 0
cout << (18 >= 4) << '\n'; // 1
cout << (18 == 4) << '\n'; // 0
cout << (18 != 4) << '\n'; // 1
[7]
```

```
cout << ! (18 != 4) << '\n'; // 0 [9]
```

A bool variable can be used to capture the value of a boolean expression. That variable can then be manipulated: at [10] it is negated and assigned back on itself.

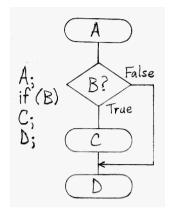
```
bool equal_to = (5 == 10);
cout << "equal_to is " << equal_to << '\n';
equal_to = ! equal_to;
cout << "equal_to is " << equal_to << '\n';

// equal_to is 0
// equal to is 1</pre>
```

Let's revisit integer division and remainder division, and examine some subtle functionality. Notice the output at [11]. As integer division is applied across a range of integers, a "step" function results – the quotient remains constant for the magnitude of the divisor. In similar fashion, remainder division creates a "saw tooth" function [12] – the result grows to some maximum value and then dives back to zero. The maximum value is one less that the divisor, and the period of the resulting "signal" is equal to the divisor.

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Selection. Computer languages provide a mechanism for directing flow of control based on the result of a boolean expression. "If" the boolean expression evaluates to true, then the "if" statement's "body" is executed; if the expression evaluates to false, then the "body" is skipped. In the "flow chart" to the right, B represents the boolean expression, and C represents the "body". C++ does not infer any meaning from the presence or absence of formatting. If the B expression evaluates to true, then the C statement (or block) will be executed. If B evaluates to false, then C is skipped, and execution proceeds to D.



The most basic form of an "if" statement appears below. The boolean expression goes inside parentheses, and there is no semi-colon until after the body.

```
if (boolean expression)
   body;
```

The body can be a single statement [1], or a block of statements enclosed in curly braces [2]. If a single statement is defined, the curly braces are optional [3]. Indenting the statement(s) that constitute the body of the if statement is a common convention for readability. Where the curly braces are positioned is a matter of personal taste. The two most popular practices are: placing the left brace immediately after the boolean expression [2], and putting the left brace on a line by itself [3].

```
// Notice the use and positioning of curly braces
int value = 5;
if (value < 5)
   cout << "value is less than 5\n";
   if (value > 5) {
      cout << "value is "
      cout << "greater than to 5\n";
}
if (value == 5)
{
   cout << "value is equal to 5\n";
}
// value is equal to 5</pre>
```

Here is an example using a boolean expression with two variables.

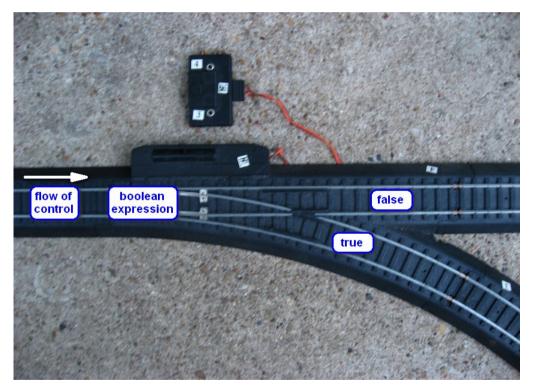
```
string first = "one";
string second = "two";
if (first == second)
{
   cout << first;
   cout << " is equal to ";
   cout << second << '\n';</pre>
```

```
}
if (first != second) // the inequality operator
   cout << first << " is not equal to " << second << '\n';
// one is not equal to two</pre>
```

An if statement may be combined with an else statement. The else statement and its body will be ignored if the boolean expression returns true. The else statement's body will be executed if the boolean expression returns false.

```
if (boolean expression)
   body;
else
   body;
```

if-else is like a railroad switch. A boolean expression that returns true sends flow of control down one track, and false sends flow of control down the other track.



In the code below, notice the placement of semi-colons below: no semi-colon at the end of the if and else lines, and a semi-colon after each "body" statement.

```
int num = 42;
if (num < 42)
   cout << "num is less than 42\n";
else
   cout << "num is greater than or equal to 42\n";</pre>
```

```
// num is greater than or equal to 42
```

Compound boolean expressions join multiple simple boolean expressions with "and" and "or" operators. The compound boolean "and" uses the "&&" operator [4].

```
int num = 42;
if (num > 10 && num < 100)
    cout << "num is between 10 and 100\n";
else
    cout << "num is outside the range of 10 to 100\n";
// num is between 10 and 100</pre>
```

The compound boolean "or" uses the "||" operator [5].

The code below cascades if-else statements as the body of an else statement. The indentation demonstrates how the compiler parses the code.

```
int num = 60;
if (num < 20)
    cout << "num is less than 20\n";
else
    if (num < 40)
        cout << "num is between 20 and 39\n";
    else
        if (num < 60)
            cout << "num is between 40 and 59\n";
        else
            if (num < 80)
                 cout << "num is between 60 and 79\n";
        else
                 cout << "num is greater than or equal to 80\n";
// num is between 60 and 79</pre>
```

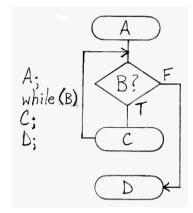
The next example is identical to the previous; the only difference is formatting. It demonstrates how to implement a multi-branch selection statement.

```
int num = 80;
if (num < 20)
    cout << "num is less than 20\n";
else if (num < 40)
    cout << "num is between 20 and 39\n";
else if (num < 60)
    cout << "num is between 40 and 59\n";
else if (num < 80)
    cout << "num is between 60 and 79\n";
else
    cout << "num is greater than or equal to 80\n";</pre>
```

```
// num is greater than or equal to 80
```

Practice. No increments are do-able until iteration is introduced.

Iteration. C++ provides several ways of repeating yourself. The most basic of these is the while statement. "While" the boolean expression evaluates to true, the while statement's "body" is executed; if the expression evaluates to false, then the "body" is skipped, and flow of control moves on. In the "flow chart" to the right, B represents the boolean expression, and C represents the "body". What has been added to the "if" statement's flow chart is the feedback arrow from the "body" back to the boolean expression.



The body of the while statement can be a single statement, or a block of statements enclosed in curly braces [1]. Every time the

body is executed, the boolean expression is immediately evaluated again. Below, notice the use of parentheses, the absence of the semi-colon after the boolean expression, and the indentation inside the curly braces. While counter's value is less than 5, the block of statements in the curly braces are executed. Once the value reaches 5, the boolean expression fails, and program execution picks up after the right curly brace.

```
int counter = 0;
while (counter < 5) {
   cout << counter << ' ';
   counter = counter + 1;
}
cout << '\n';
// 0 1 2 3 4</pre>
```

Quiz. What would happen if the curly braces above were left out?

Answer. The compiler would execute the single statement that follows the while statement, and immediately re-evaluate the boolean expression. Since the variable counter has the same value as before, the same result would ensue – again and again and again. That is known as an "infinite loop".

The while construct is like a railroad switch and a loop of track. The train of "flow of control" will travel around the loop of track while the boolean expression evaluates to true.



Here is a fairly useful example: converting degrees Celsius to degrees Fahrenheit. While celsius is less than 101, the two statements enclosed in curly braces are repeated. The second statement updates the celsius variable [2] right before the boolean expression is evaluated the next time around.

There is a new feature below that has not previously been discussed – setw (num). For now, know that it allows the programmer to specify the "width" of the next field given to cout. If the next field is a number, then it will be right-justified as well.

```
int celsius = -40;
cout << "Celsius Fahrenheit\n";</pre>
while (celsius < 101) {
   // set width of 7
                                 set width of 12 for the next field
   cout << setw(7) << celsius << setw(12)</pre>
                              << celsius * 9/5 + 32 << '\n';
   celsius = celsius + 20;
                                                   [2]
}
// Celsius
           Fahrenheit
       -40
                   -40
//
//
       -20
                    -4
//
                    32
        0
//
        20
                    68
//
        40
                   104
//
        60
                   140
//
        80
                   176
```

```
// 100 212
```

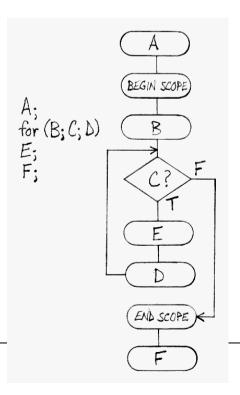
As we saw earlier with the tokens cout, cin, and string, setw() requires the following lines at the top of the program for the compiler to accept its use.

```
#include <iomanip>
using std::setw;
```

The boolean expression in the next example [3] is always true, so it seemingly results in an infinite loop. But – the break statement [4] will cause the enclosing loop to quit, and flow of control will immediately proceed to the next statement after the loop. Another special loop flow of control statement is continue [5]. It causes flow of control to jump to the next evaluation of the boolean expression.

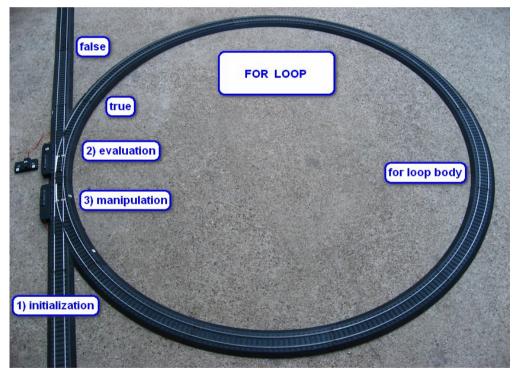
The for loop provides the same functionality as the while loop – plus some. Inside the parentheses, there are three "clauses": initialization (B in the flow chart), evaluation (aka boolean expression, C in the flow chart), and modification (D). The initialization clause is executed only once – the first time the for loop is encountered. The evaluation clause is executed at the top of the loop, every time through the loop. The modification clause is executed at the bottom of the loop before program execution returns to the top of the loop.

To the right, E is the for loop's body. B and D are new with the for loop. "Begin Scope" and "End Scope" seek to demonstrate that variables declared in a for loop have a life time that is limited to the for loop, and any variables declared in a for loop can be reused after the loop.



The example below compares comparable for and while loops.

Trying to model the for loop with a railroad switch and a loop of track requires more visual elements than the picture provides. The important points below are: initialization occurs one time, evaluation occurs every time through the loop, and manipulation occurs at the tail-end of the loop right before evaluation.



Here is an example of a loop within a loop. The "outer" loop produces 3 rows, and the "inner" loop results in 6 columns. The body of the inner loop consists of a single statement. The outer loop's body is two statements: the inner for loop [6] (which includes the first cout statement), and the second cout statement [7].

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```
for (int i=0; i < 3; i = i + 1) {
  for (int j=0; j < 6; j = j + 1) [6]
    cout << i << j << ' ';
  cout << '\n';
}

// 00 01 02 03 04 05

// 10 11 12 13 14 15

// 20 21 22 23 24 25</pre>
```

There is a lot more power and complexity available with the if, for, and while statements, but this chapter has presented the 20% of the features that afford 80% of the leverage.

Practice. Complete increment 1 (App A and App E) and increment 2 (App B and App C).

Chapter 3 ... Arrays, Input, stringstream

Arrays. In the example below, to add and use a fourth integer requires: declaring an additional int variable, assigning it a value, and adding it to the cout statement.

```
int first, second, third;
first = 1;
second = 2;
third = 3;
cout << first << ' ' << second << ' ' << third << '\n';
// 1 2 3</pre>
```

Computer languages provide a mechanism (called "array") for declaring and referencing a "list" of variables using a single name. When an array variable is declared, its size goes inside square brackets [1]. Each element in the array is read or assigned by putting its position in the list in square brackets [2]. The first element of the array is addressed with the value 0 (not 1).

Arrays are like a patch panel. Each port is an element; and having them arranged in close proximity affords many benefits: elements have an implicit order, each element has neighbors that are readily "computed", and the neighborhood can be easily "canvased".



Data structures are often implemented with arrays. A data structure is data that is designed and structured to provide peculiar efficiency for a class of problems.

The real leverage of arrays is that they can be accessed by using another variable, and they can be traversed by using a loop. Below, a sequence of four integer variables is defined. Each element in the sequence is accessed iteratively by using the variable "i".

```
int numbers[4];
for (int i=0; i < 4; i = i + 1)
   numbers[i] = i + 1;
for (int i=0; i < 4; i = i + 1)
   cout << numbers[i] << ' ';
cout << '\n';</pre>
// 1 2 3 4
```

Specifying the size of an array, and the boundary for traversing the array can be done with an integer variable. That variable below is SIZE. It is declared at [3] and used at [4]. With this kind of foresight and design (aka "indirection"), the size of an array can be easily changed, and no other code needs to change. The loop demonstrates prompting for two integers, and using one as an index to select a specific "element" of the array, and using the other to give that element a new value [5].

```
int SIZE = 6;
                                            [3]
int array[SIZE];
                                            [4]
for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i = i + 1)
                                            [4]
  array[i] = 0;
int position, value;
while (true) {
   for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i = i + 1)
                                            [4]
      cout << array[i] << ' ';</pre>
  cout << "\nPosition value: ";</pre>
  cin >> position >> value;
  if (position == -1)
      break;
  array[position] = value;
                                            [5]
}
// 0 0 0 0 0 0
// Position value: 0 6
// 6 0 0 0 0 0
// Position value: 5 1
// 6 0 0 0 0 1
// Position value: -1 1
```

Here is another demonstration of the usefulness of arrays. The first two elements are assigned the value one, and then each subsequent element is assigned a value computed by adding the values of its two predecessors (element "i-2" and element "i-1") [6].

```
int array[10];
array[0] = 1;
array[1] = 1;
for (int i=2; i < 10; i = i + 1)
    array[i] = array[i-2] + array[i-1];
for (int i=0; i < 10; i = i + 1)
    cout << array[i] << ' ';
cout << '\n';</pre>
// 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55
```

Arrays can be initialized when they are defined by putting a list of values in curly braces. If you put fewer elements in the initialization list than are defined in the array, all the latter elements are automatically assigned the value "0" (or whatever makes the most sense for the type of the array).

```
double array[10] = { 2.0, 3.1, 4.2 };
for (int i=0; i < 10; i = i + 1)
   cout << array[i] << ' ';
cout << '\n';</pre>
// 2 3.1 4.2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
```

It is possible to define an array of arrays (also known as a two dimensional array). The variable matrix below is an array of 3 arrays, each of which is an array of 4 integers. Notice that the first dimension is being accessed using the variable "i" (inside square brackets), and the second dimension is being accessed with the variable "j".

```
int matrix[3][4] = { { 1, 2, 3, 4 }, { 5, 6, 7, 8 }, { 9, 10, 11, 12 } };
for (int i=0; i < 3; i = i + 1)
    for (int j=0; j < 4; j = j + 1)
        cout << matrix[i][j] << ' ';
cout << '\n';</pre>
// 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
```

Below, the array values simulates a bunch of random numbers. The array buckets will be used to "count" the number of occurrences of the digits 0 through 9. The first loop iterates through each element of the values array, and uses that element to index into the buckets array. Whatever value is found at the location is incremented by one [7]. The second loop outputs "column headers" [8], and the third loop outputs the computed counts [9].

```
int buckets[10] = { 0 };
int values[30] = \{4, 7, 9, 1, 3, 2, 0, 5, 2, 6, 8, 4, 5, 3, 6,
                    1, 3, 0, 4, 8, 3, 5, 1, 9, 5, 2, 7, 8, 3, 1 };
for (int i=0; i < 30; i = i + 1)
  buckets[ values[i] ] = buckets[ values[i] ] + 1;
                                                          [7]
for (int i=0; i < 10; i = i + 1)
                                                           [8]
  cout << i << ' ';
cout << '\n';
for (int i=0; i < 10; i = i + 1)
                                                           [9]
   cout << buckets[i] << ' ';</pre>
cout << '\n';
// 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
                                                           [8]
// 2 4 3 5 3 4 2 2 3 2
                                                          [9]
```

In the **Selection** section, a multi-branch selection statement was demonstrated. This kind of code is very common. Since this is a sequence of instructions to achieve a desired outcome, it could be characterized as an algorithm.

```
if (num < 20)
    cout << "num is less than 20\n";
else if (num < 40)
    cout << "num is between 20 and 39\n";
else if (num < 60)
...</pre>
```

Just as there is an equivalence between mass and energy, algorithm and data structure are often interchangeable.



Instead of using an enormous "if ... else if ... else if ..." algorithm, the boundary conditions can be loaded in an array (a type of data structure), and the messages to output can also be loaded in an array. The inner loop [11] is used to find the correct range, and the outer loop [10] is used to step through the test values. Notice that the variable "j" is declared in the outer loop, and then initialized in the inner loop. This is because the correct value for "j" is found in the inner loop [12], but it needs to hang around so that it can be used in the outer loop [13].

```
boundaries [4] = \{ 20, 40, 60, 80 \};
string messages[5] = { " is less than 20\n",
                         " is between 20 and 39\n",
                         " is between 40 and 59\n",
                         " is between 60 and 79\n",
                         " is greater than or equal to 80\n" };
int test values[8] = { 19, 20, 39, 40, 59, 60, 79, 80 };
for (int i=0, j; i < 8; i = i + 1) {
                                                          [10]
   for (j=0; j < 4; j = j + 1)
                                                          [11]
      if (test values[i] < boundaries[j])</pre>
         break;
                                                          [12]
   cout << test values[i] << messages[j];</pre>
                                                          [13]
// 19 is less than 20
// 20 is between 20 and 39
// 39 is between 20 and 39
// 40 is between 40 and 59
// 59 is between 40 and 59
// 60 is between 60 and 79
// 79 is between 60 and 79
// 80 is greater than or equal to 80
```

The next example is a piece of a larger example in the Introduction chapter. The goal is to convert a julian number (a number in the range 1..365) to its corresponding month/day representation. The array at [13] is a table of the number-of-days in each month. test_data is a list of interesting test cases. The outer loop [14] steps through the test data. The inner loop [15] steps through the days table until the size of the test data no longer exceeds the size of the current month. The "heavy lifting" appears at [16] – the test data is iteratively reduced in size by the number of days in the current month.

```
j = j + 1)
// body of inner loop
  test_data[i] = test_data[i] - days_per_month_table[j]; [16]
  cout << (j+1) << '/' << test_data[i] << " ";
}
cout << '\n';
// 1/1  1/31  2/1  2/28  3/1  4/10  12/31</pre>
```

It would be nice if an array variable could be given to cout and cout would print the elements of the array. This is being attempted at [19] and it doesn't work. The output at [21] is seemingly not intelligible. [What is being printed is the "base address" of the array.] Sending an array of type char to cout seems to behave a little better [20] – but there are four characters of garbage at the end [22].

C++ will accept an array of type char, but it doesn't know where the end of the array is (that's why the garbage at the end). If you put a "null" character (a zero) at the end of a char array [17], C++ can now identify the end of the array [23]. Since arrays of characters are so very useful, C++ allows them to be easily initialized by using enclosing the desired characters in double quotes [18]. When you use the double quotes feature, the compiler puts the null character at the end for you automatically.

```
int nums[] = \{1, 2, 3\};
char chars[] = \{ '1', '2', '3' \};
char first[] = { 'o', 'n', 'e', ' ', 't', 'w', 'o', 0 };
                                                             [17]
char second[] = "one two";
                                                             [18]
cout << "nums is --" << nums << "--\n";
                                                             [19]
cout << "chars is --" << chars << "--\n";
                                                             [20]
cout << "first is --" << first << "--\n";
cout << "second is --" << second << "--\n";
// nums
         is --0x22ff60--
                                                             [21]
// chars is --123w^{\#}=--
                                                             [22]
// first is --one two--
                                                             [23]
// second is --one two--
                                                             [24]
```

Here is a simple "Wheel of Fortune" example. When the user enters a character [25], it is: appended to the end of the guesses string [26], used to search the answer array [27], and used to update the puzzle array [28].

```
char
      answer[] = "too close for comfort";
char puzzle[] = "--- ---- --- ::
string quesses;
char letter;
int
     SIZE = 21;
while (true) {
  cout << '\n' << puzzle</pre>
        << '\n' << "previous guesses: " << guesses
        << '\n' << "next guess:
   cin >> letter;
                                                          [25]
  guesses = guesses + letter;
                                                          [26]
   for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i = i + 1)
      if (answer[i] == letter)
                                                          [27]
        puzzle[i] = letter;
                                                         [28]
}
```

```
// --- ----
// previous quesses:
// next guess:
                                                       [25]
//
// --- f-- f--
// previous quesses: f
                                                       [26]
// next guess:
                                                       [25]
// -oo --o-- fo- -o-fo--
// previous guesses: fo
                                                       [26]
// next quess:
                                                       [25]
//
// -oo --o-- for -o-for-
// previous guesses: for
                                                       [26]
// next guess:
```

Practice. Complete increment 2 (App A, App D, App E) and increment 3 (App B, App C).

Input (reprise). cin supports all C++ variable types. The programmer should not assume that the user will provide the input that is expected, and should be careful to validate keyboard input before anything "undefined" is attempted (e.g. assigning non-number input to a number variable).

Receiving an entire line of input is demonstrated below. getline() is a function (functions are yet to be presented) that expects to be find in the parentheses: the cin object and a string variable [1]. The user's input is assigned to the string variable and returned to the code that "called" getline().

```
string str;
cout << "Input: ";
getline( cin, str );
cout << "input was --" << str << "--\n";

// Input: one two three
// input was --one two three--</pre>
```

Validating user input starts with the getline() function [2], and then its up to the programmer's ingenuity. Here is a very basic algorithm. You can step through each character in the string [3] (we saw the size() function in the string class in a previous section). Checking that the current

character is in the range '0' to '9' (inclusive) [4] may be sufficient; but [5] and [6] demonstrate "boundary conditions" that may need to be addressed.

```
string line;
while (true) {
  cout << "Enter a number: ";</pre>
  getline( cin, line );
                                                        [2]
  for (i=0; i < line.size(); i = i + 1)
                                                        [3]
     if (line[i] < '0' || line[i] > '9')
                                                        [4]
        break;
  if (i < line.size()) cout << " NOT a number\n";</pre>
                       cout << " IS a number\n";</pre>
}
// Enter a number: 123
// IS a number
// Enter a number: 12a
// NOT a number
// Enter a number: -12
                                                        [5]
// NOT a number
// Enter a number: 1.2
                                                        [5]
// NOT a number
// Enter a number: 1 2
// NOT a number
// Enter a number: 001
  IS a number
```

Another motivation for reading an entire line of input into a single variable is the following. The cin object returns a single "token" for each variable it is asked to initialize. [A "token" is a sequence of characters delimited by "white space" (space, tab, or carriage return).] At [2], a single variable is specified, but at [3], the user enters three tokens. cin immediately assigns the first token to the variable str. When flow of control returns to the cin statement, it does not wait for new user input, because it already has the remaining input from the previous iteration [4].

stringstream. In the **Variables** section, string was introduced as a class. stringstream is the second class we'll use. It is an excellent tool for converting a value from one type to another (e.g. from string to int). It is also used with getline() to support heterogeneous user input, and "tokenizing" user input.

It would be nice if ... C++ was smart enough to automatically handle the type conversion represented at [1] (int to string) and [2] (string to int). The compiler errors are presented as comments.

There are many tools for doing type conversion, and the easiest is the stringstream class. The programmer can "write" to a stringstream object just like one would cout [3], and "read" from a stringstream object just like one would cin [4]. After those two statements, a string variable has been assigned an int value.

The inverse is also possible. Notice at [6] that the string includes a fractional part, but after the conversion, the fractional part has been truncated [7]. To reuse a stringstream object it must first be "cleared" [5].

```
stringstream converter;
      num = -123;
string str;
converter << num;</pre>
                                                    [3]
converter >> str;
                                                    [4]
cout << "str is **" << str << "**\n";
converter.clear();
                                                    [5]
str = "3.14159";
                                                    [6]
converter << str;</pre>
converter >> num;
cout << "num is **" << num << "**\n";
// str is **-123**
// num is **3**
                                                    [7]
```

stringstream is part of the C++ standard library, and requires the following lines at the top of the program.

```
#include <sstream>
using std::stringstream;
```

Another prominent purpose for the stringstream class is to divide a string into its constituent tokens. Below, the string phrase is "written" to the object tokenizer [8]. Individual "words" are then extracted until "end of string" is reached [9].

```
stringstream tokenizer;
string word, phrase = "the quick brown fox";
tokenizer << phrase;
while (tokenizer >> word)
    cout << "word --" << word << "--\n";
cout << "done\n";

// word --the--
// word --quick--</pre>
```

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```
// word --brown--
// word --fox--
// done
```

Suppose your application needs to iteratively accept commands like "quit" or "help" – and – multiple integers. The former are strings, and the latter are integers. getline () can move any and all user input to a string variable [11]. The string can then be evaluated [12]. If no "command" is found, the string is loaded in a stringstream object and the desired integers are extracted [13].

This technique has the added benefit of disposing of unwanted input. At [14] three numbers were requested, but four were provided. The unsolicited number was simply ignored. [Miscellaneous note: [10] demonstrates how to include the double quote character in a string literal.]

```
string line;
     first, second, third;
int
while (true) {
  cout << "Enter 3 numbers or \"quit\": ";</pre>
                                                      [10]
   getline( cin, line );
                                                      [11]
   if (line == "quit")
                                                      [12]
      break;
   stringstream tokenizer;
   tokenizer << line;
                                                      [13]
   tokenizer >> first >> second >> third;
   cout << first << "^^" << second << "^^" << third << '\n';
}
// Enter 3 numbers or "quit": -123 234 -345 456
                                                    [14]
// -123^^^234^^^-345
// Enter 3 numbers or "quit": quit
```

Practice. Complete increment 3 of Appendix A, increment 4 of Appendix B and Appendix C.

Chapter 4 ... Wrestling with Arrays

Many of the practice projects use arrays extensively. This section provides additional coverage of the subject. It discusses arrays and loops in the context of algorithms (sort and search) and data structures (accessing an array with an array).

Consider how to sort the array of numbers. A very simple strategy might be: step through the entire array and move the largest value to the end. This could be accomplished by comparing adjacent elements, and swap the two values if the left number is larger than the right number [1].

That is sufficient to move the largest number to the last position [2]. We could then repeat the process all over again to move the next largest number to the next-to-last position [3]

```
int numbers[] = { 9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1,3,5,7,9,2,4,6,8,1 };
for (int j=0, temp; j < 17; j = j + 1)
                                                             [2]
  if (numbers[j] > numbers[j+1]) {
                 = numbers[i];
      numbers[j] = numbers[j+1];
      numbers[j+1] = temp;
for (int j=0, temp; j < 16; j = j + 1)
                                                             [3]
   if (numbers[j] > numbers[j+1]) {
      temp = numbers[j];
      numbers[j] = numbers[j+1];
      numbers[j+1] = temp;
for (int i=0; i < 18; i = i + 1)
  cout << numbers[i] << ' ';</pre>
cout << '\n';
// 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 3 5 7 8 2 4 6 8 1 9 9
```

Notice that the upper bound on the first loop is "N-1", and on the second loop it is "N-2". Each subsequent loop will always be one less than its predecessor. Instead of enumerating a seemingly endless sequence of loops, introducing an outer loop [4] would save a lot of lines of code – and – allow any size array to be sorted. The outer loop's "i" is used to limit the inner loop's "j" [5].

```
int numbers[] = { 9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1,3,5,7,9,2,4,6,8,1 }; int temp; for (int i=17; i > 0; i = i - 1) [4]
```

This algorithm is called bubble sort – the smallest values in the array "bubble" to the top.

Once an array is sorted, it is much easier to search. Consider the sorted array letters [6] and the elements of test_data [7] that will be sought. The output below is the goal.

In the field of gunnery, it is common to employ "bracketing". If the first shell lands short of the target, the elevation of the howitzer is adjusted so that the next shell will land long. Then the elevation is adjusted again so that the third shell "splits the difference". The enclosing "bracket" shrinks by half with each shell fired and resulting split-the-difference adjustment.

The "binary search" algorithm uses the same strategy to find its "target". The loop at [8] steps through each element of test_data. The variables lower and upper maintain the limits of the "bracket", and mid is computed to split their difference [9]. If the character in the sorted array at the mid position is greater than the test character [10], then upper is moved closer to lower. If the inverse is true [11], then lower is moved closer to upper. Otherwise, the two are equal and the search is complete.

When the while loop exits, there are two possibilities: the element was found [12], or lower and upper crossed each other because the element was not found [9].

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Practice. Complete increment 5 of Appendix C, increment 3 of Appendix D and Appendix E.

This section demonstrates accessing an array with an array. Arrays offer flexibility like hinges. Instead of a fixed attach point, a hinge offers "range of motion" in one dimension. A scalar variable can provide access to a single value, but an array provides access (or range of motion) to a sequence of values. If the index into an array is another array, then range of motion is extended to two dimensions.

The universal joint to the right provides two "degrees of freedom". Using an array to access another array provides the same kind of decoupling.



An anagram takes a sentence, applies an encoding function, and produces a puzzle to solve. The encoding that will be used here is to reverse the order of the alphabet [13]. The anagram produced is at [14].

```
// abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
// zyxwvutsrqponmlkjihgfedcba [13]
//
// the early worm is for the birds.
// gsv vziob dlin rh uli gsv yriwh. [14]
```

Here is a possible design for encoding an anagram. The letters array is searched for each letter in the answer array [16], and when its position is found [17], that position is used on the mapping array to initialize the encoded array. The code at [15] transfers any non-lower-case character from answer to encoded.

```
char answer[33] = "the early worm is for the birds.";
char encoded[33];
char letters[] = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz";
char mapping[] = "zyxwvutsrqponmlkjihgfedcba";
for (int i=0; i < 33; i = i + 1)
   if (answer[i] < 'a' || answer[i] > 'z')
      encoded[i] = answer[i];
else
```

C++ allows characters to be treated very much like integers. The loop below prints the lower case character set.

```
for (char ch='a'; ch <= 'z'; ch = ch + 1)
   cout << ch;
cout << '\n';
// abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz</pre>
```

The ASCII printable characters are in the range 32 to 126 (lower case letters go from 97 to 122). Instead of having parallel letters and mapping arrays, it would be nice if each character in answer could be used to index into

```
!"#$%&'()*+,-./
0123456789:;<=>?
@ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO
PQRSTUVWXYZ[\]^_
`abcdefghijklmno
pqrstuvwxyz{|}~
```

mapping directly. Here we have two degrees of freedom: the loop control variable 'i' gets us to the correct character in the mapping array, and that character points to the encoding character.

```
encoded[i] = mapping[ answer[i] ];
```

The trick then becomes: how to replace 'a'..'z' with 'z'..'a' in the ASCII encoding sequence. The mapping array now needs to have elements 0 to 122. Instead of an enormous initialization string, [19] employs an obscure C feature: breaking a string literal into two or more smaller string literals (the compiler will patch them together to produce a single string literal).

The loop at [20] is the same as the previous design, and [21] is the new leverage for which we were shooting.

```
char answer[33] = "the early worm is for the birds.";
char encoded[33];
               // 0123456789012345678901234567890123456789
char mapping[] = "
                                                     !\"#$%&!"
                                                                     [19]
                 "()*+,-./0123456789:;<=>?@ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO"
                 "PQRSTUVWXYZ[\\]^_`zyxwvutsrqponmlkjihgfedcba";
for (int i=0; i < 33; i = i + 1)
                                                                     [20]
   if (answer[i] < 'a' || answer[i] > 'z')
      encoded[i] = answer[i];
  else
      encoded[i] = mapping[ answer[i] ];
                                                                     [21]
cout << "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz" << '\n';</pre>
for (char ch='a'; ch <= 'z'; ch = ch + 1)
  cout << mapping[ch];</pre>
cout << "\n\n" << answer << '\n' << encoded << '\n';
```

Yet another optimization allows us to shrink the 123-element mapping array to 26 elements: characters can be manipulated with arithmetic.

```
int first = 'a' - 'a', second = 'z' - 'a';
cout << "first is " << first << ", second is " << second << '\n';</pre>
```

```
// first is 0, second is 25
```

The mapping array is a shadow of its former self [22], and the array-on-array statement [23] has been adapted.

```
char answer[33] = "the early worm is for the birds.";
char encoded[33];
char mapping[] = "zyxwvutsrqponmlkjihgfedcba"; [22]
for (int i=0; i < 33; i = i + 1)
    if (answer[i] < 'a' || answer[i] > 'z')
        encoded[i] = answer[i];
    else
        encoded[i] = mapping[ answer[i] - 'a' ]; [23]
cout << "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz" << '\n' << mapping;
cout << "\n\n" << answer << '\n' << encoded << '\n';</pre>
```

Practice. Complete increment 4 of Appendix E.

Chapter 5 ... Functions

In previous sections, examples of "functions" were introduced. One of those early previews is replayed below. getline () is a function that accepts the cin object and a string variable [1], and returns true if more input remains and false if "end of file" is reached [2].

```
string line;
while (getline( cin, line ))
   cout << " " << line << '\n';
cout << " done\n";

// first line
// second line
// second line
// 2
// done</pre>
[2]
```

The function is a mechanism for encapsulating functionality so that it can be used as a "black box" – when the user supplies one or more inputs, the box provides one or more outputs. It is like a change machine: the user inserts a dollar, and the machine returns coins.

Consider the code below. Let's move the second cout statement to a function.

```
int main() {
   cout << "header ...\n";
   cout << "the good stuff in the middle\n";
   cout << "... trailer\n";
}

// header ...
// the good stuff in the middle
// ... trailer</pre>
```



The motivation for this activity is [3] below. encapsulation() is a function, and the syntax at [3] is referred to as a "function invocation".

```
int main() {
  cout << "header ...\n";
  encapsulation();
  cout << "... trailer\n";
}</pre>
```

At a minimum, each function is composed of: a return type [4], the function's name [5], and a body [6]. The encapsulation function below has a body that consists of the second cout statement from the previous main() [6]. It does not need to return anything to the code that called (or invoked) it, so its return type is specified as void [4].

```
void [4]
encapsulation() {
    [5]
```

```
cout << "the interesting stuff in the middle\n"; [6] \}
```

A function can accept information supplied by the caller of the function. That information can be packaged as one or more arguments (or parameters). Below, the text that had previously been "hard wired" in the function's cout statement, is now being specified by the calling code [10], and "passed" as an argument. Each argument has a type [7] and a name [8], and the argument's name can then be referenced in the function's body [9].

```
// [7] [8]
void encapsulation( string argument ) {
    // [9]
    cout << argument << '\n';
}
int main() {
    cout << "header ...\n";
    // [.......................]
    encapsulation( "the interesting stuff in the middle" );
    cout << "... trailer\n";
}</pre>
```

If a function needs to return information to it's caller, the function can define a return type [11], and then explicitly return a literal or variable in the body that agrees with the return type [12]. The function min() is then invoked with two int variables [13], and its return value is immediately "forwarded" to the cout statement.

```
// return type
                                                       [11]
min(int one, int two) {
                            // 2 input arguments
  if (one < two)
     return one;
                             // return value
                                                       [12]
                             // return value
   return two;
                                                       [12]
int main() {
  int first = 48;
  int second = 24;
                                           [....13.....]
   cout << "the smaller value is " << min( first, second ) << '\n';</pre>
}
// the smaller value is 24
```

Here's another example of a function with a defined return type. The function to_upper() accepts an argument of type string and returns a value of type string. [14]. The body of the function makes a copy of the argument [15] and iterates through the copy [16]. When a lower case letter is found, it is converted to upper case [17] (e.g. the encoded value of 'a' is 97 and 'A' is 65). The copy variable is then returned [18], and subsequently handed to cout [19].

```
string to_upper( string argument ) {
    string copy = argument;
    for (int i=0; i < copy.size(); i = i + 1) [16]
    if (copy[i] >= 'a' && copy[i] <= 'z')
        copy[i] = copy[i] - 32;
    return copy;
    [18]</pre>
```

```
int main() {
   string phrase = "Here is Camel Case";
   cout << to_upper( phrase ) << '\n';

// HERE IS CAMEL CASE</pre>
[19]
```

Instead of the to_upper() function returning a string value, what about having it modify the string argument it was passed [20]? The variable phrase is passed in (and ostensibly passed out) at [21]. When it is subsequently output [22], the value has not changed [23].

```
void to_upper( string argument ) {
  for (int i=0; i < argument.size(); i = i + 1)
    if (argument[i] >= 'a' && argument[i] <= 'z')
        argument[i] = argument[i] - 32; [20]
}
int main() {
  string phrase = "Here is Camel Case";
  to_upper( phrase ); [21]
  cout << phrase << '\n'; [22]
}
// Here is Camel Case [23]</pre>
```

The reason the previous example did not work is because parameters passed to functions are "passed by value" by default. The argument parameter above does not represent the same piece of computer memory as the phrase variable. It is instead a **copy** of the phrase variable, and "goes away" when the function returns.

To tell the compiler that you don't want "pass by value", but instead want the variable that is passed and the parameter that is defined to refer to the same piece of computer memory – you supply an '&' character immediately after the type of the function's parameter [24]. This results in what is called "pass by reference" – the function works on the original variable rather than a copy of the original.

```
//
void to_upper( string& argument ) {
  for (int i=0; i < argument.size(); i = i + 1)
    if (argument[i] >= 'a' && argument[i] <= 'z')
        argument[i] = argument[i] - 32;
}
int main() {
  string phrase = "Here is Camel Case";
  to_upper( phrase );
  cout << phrase << '\n';
}
// HERE IS CAMEL CASE</pre>
```

"Pass by value" could be characterized as: what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas. "Pass by reference" could lamely be summarized as: you put your left foot in, you pull your left foot out.

When an array is passed to a function, C++ effectively provides "pass by reference" by default. At [25], no special syntax was used; yet the changes made at [26] actually come through at [27].

C++ does not require the size of the array to be specified in a function's argument list [28]. But – passing that size allows the function to be more general.

```
[...28...]
void double_array( int array[], int length ) {
  for (int i=0; i < length; i = i + 1)
      array[i] = array[i] * 2;
}
int main() {
  int array[] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };
  double_array( array, 5 );
  ...
}</pre>
```

Passing a multidimensional array to a function undoes the previous discussion. At [29], leaving out the size of both dimensions causes a compiler error. The response that limitation is at [30]. Since the first dimension can be left out, it has been, and passed as a parameter instead. The second dimension is hard-wired in the function's argument list, and in the inner loop [31].

```
// void print matrix( int matrix[][] ) {
                                                                   [29]
// ERROR: declaration of 'matrix' as multidimensional array
// must have bounds for all dimensions except the first
void print matrix( int matrix[][6], int first dim ) {
                                                                   [30]
   for (int i=0; i < first dim; <math>i = i + 1) {
      for (int j=0; j < 6; j = j + 1)
                                                                   [31]
         cout << setw(3) << matrix[i][j];</pre>
      cout << '\n';
} }
int main() {
   int matrix[3][6] = { \{1,2,3,4,5,6\}, \{7,8,9,10,11,12\},
                         {13,14,15,16,17,18} };
   print matrix( matrix, 3 );
}
// 1 2 3 4 5 6
```

```
// 7 8 9 10 11 12
// 13 14 15 16 17 18
```

As programs get larger, how the functions are laid out physically (how they are grouped in separate files and how they are ordered) becomes important. As a very small example, maybe you want the main() function to appear first in your C++ file. When the compiler reaches [32], it does not know what to make of the token "do_something".

```
int main() {
    // ERROR: 'do_something' undeclared
    do_something( "some input" );
}

void do_something( string arg ) {
    cout << "do_something: " << arg << '\n';
}</pre>
```

At a minimum, the compiler needs a function's "declaration" (aka its "signature") before it encounters an invocation of the function. A function declaration consists of the function's: name, return type, and the number and type of all arguments [33]. The function definition [34] can then appear anywhere – as long as it can be found when the program's executable is constructed.

```
// function declaration
void do_something( string ); [33]
int main() {
    // function invocation
    do_something( "some input" );
}

// function definition
void do_something( string arg ) {
    cout << "do_something: " << arg << '\n';
}

// do something: some input</pre>
```

In the **Variables** section, the notion of "scope" was introduced – every variable is defined in some "block" or "scope" that defines the life-time of that variable. Here is a demonstration that variables can be defined at "global" scope [35]. This variable can be accessed any where in the program [36].

```
string global_variable; [35]

void do_something() {
   cout << "do_something: " << global_variable << '\n'; [36]
}

int main() {
   global_variable = "some value";
   do_something();
}

// do something: some value</pre>
```

Global variables allow programmers to be lazy. Instead of exercising the discipline of defining and passing function arguments – the programmer defines a few global variables, and then any and all functions can write to or read from those variables. This practice leads to programs that are very difficult to debug and maintain. Coupling is a serious design issue, and global variables invite chaotic coupling that is impossible to keep up with.

Practice. Complete increment 5 of App B and App E, increments 4/5/6 of Appendix D.

Let's consider some standard functions supplied by C++. Several projects will need random numbers. The output of rand() can be "scaled" by using remainder division [37]. rand() needs a random "seed" to produce its randomness. Without this seed, it produces the same sequence every time its enclosing program is executed [38].

```
for (int i=0; i < 20; i = i + 1)
   cout << rand() % 20 << ' ';

cout << '\n';

// > demo.exe
// 1 7 14 0 9 4 18 18 2 4 5 5 1 7 1 11 15 2 7 16 [38]
// > demo.exe
// 1 7 14 0 9 4 18 18 2 4 5 5 1 7 1 11 15 2 7 16 [38]
// > demo.exe
// 1 7 14 0 9 4 18 18 2 4 5 5 1 7 1 11 15 2 7 16 [38]
```

The "seed" for rand () is an integer supplied to the standard srand () function [40]. In the following example, the integer is specified by the user [39].

```
int seed;
cout << "Enter seed: ";</pre>
cin >> seed;
                                                               [39]
srand( seed );
                                                               [40]
for (int i=0; i < 20; i = i + 1)
  cout << setw(3) << rand() % 20;</pre>
cout << '\n';
// > demo.exe
// Enter seed: 123
// 0 13 15 4 3 5 9 18 0 4 9 10 0 3 9 6 18 15 7 10
// > demo.exe
// Enter seed: 231
                                                               [39]
// 12 13 13 10 5
                   7 5 5 19 12 15 7 15 14 11 4 9 12 17 11
// > demo.exe
// Enter seed: 321
                                                               [39]
                      2 14 14 2 11 11 13 16 17 8 4 14 13 19
// 6 18 17 0 5 13
// > demo.exe
// Enter seed: 321
                                                               [39]
    6 18 17 0 5 13 2 14 14 2 11 11 13 16 17 8 4 14 13 19
```

A more convenient way of supplying the requisite seed is the standard time () function. time () returns the time since midnight GMT, 1 January 1970 (measured in seconds). It expects a "pointer"

(introduced later), but the value null (aka zero) can be passed instead [41]. Every time the enclosing program is executed, the number of seconds returned by time () is different – so – the subsequent sequence of numbers generated will be random.

```
srand( time(0) );
                                                             [41]
for (int i=0; i < 20; i = i + 1)
  cout << setw(3) << rand() % 20;</pre>
cout << '\n';
// > demo.exe
// 12 7 11 8 10 10 11 10 19 11
                                    9 9 15 19 10 7 11 11 8
// > demo.exe
// 2 4 7
             2
                6 10
                           5 15
                                 3 1 10 18 11 8 17 19 15 6
// > demo.exe
// 8 7 9 1 7 16 0 18 6 18 0 14 13 16 9 1 13 0 1 15
```

Practice. Complete increment 4 of Appendix A and increment 6 of App B and App C.

Chapter 6 ... struct, vector, deque, map

struct. In the Arrays section, creating a sequence of variables under a single name was discussed [1]. This section introduces a new way to define a "composite" type. struct allows the programmer to define a new "type" (something that behaves like int or string – you can subsequently define and manipulate instances of it). The syntax for struct is at [2]. Each variable in the struct is known as a "member". Using the new type is at [3] (notice the ';' after the right brace), and using the instance of that new type is at [4] (a '.' separates the struct's instance name and the member name).

```
// three integers, each with their own name
int first = 1, second = 2, third = 3;
// three integers under a single name
int numbers[3] = { 1, 2, 3, };
                                                          [1]
// define a new type
struct Trio {
                                                          [2]
   int first, second, third;
};
// create and initialize an instance of that new type
Trio group = \{1, 2, 3\};
                                                          [3]
// access the "members" of this instance
cout << group.first << ' ' << group.second << ' '</pre>
                                                          [4]
     << group.third << '\n';
// 1 2 3
```

The real power of the struct feature is its ability to aggregate a heterogeneous collection of variables [5]. The programmer can treat this new "compound" type just like the "simple" types previously discussed. Instances of this type can be: put in an array, passed to a function, returned from a function, etc.

```
struct Heterogeneous {
  int first;
  string second;
  char third;
};

Heterogeneous bunch = { 42, "some words", 'z' };

cout << bunch.first << "--" << bunch.second << "--"
  << bunch.third << '\n';

// 42--some words--z</pre>
```

The following example demonstrates a "system" of cooperating data structure and algorithms. The programmer can create and initialize an instance of the data structure [8], and then pass that data structure to the algorithms as it requests "services" [9].

In the **Functions** section, "pass by value" and "pass by reference" were introduced. The former is what you get by default when you define a parameter to a function [7]. The latter can be requested (by specifying the '&' character) [6]. The former results in a parameter that is effectively "read only". The latter yields a "read/write" parameter (in the add() function both total and count are updated).

```
struct RunningTotal {
                                    // DATA STRUCTURE
  double total;
  int count;
};
            [...6...]
rt.total = rt.total + value;
  rt.count++; }
                 [...7...]
double average( RunningTotal rt ) {
                                       // ALGORITHM
  return rt.total / rt.count; }
int main() {
  RunningTotal rt = { 0, 0 };
                                                 [8]
  for (int i=1; i < 7; i++)
     add(rt, i);
                                                 [9]
  cout << "average is " << average( rt ) << '\n';</pre>
                                                 [9]
}
// average is 3.5
```

Previously, the notion of objects was introduced. Objects (like word and converter below) can respond to requests (aka function invocations).

```
string word;
... word.size()
stringstream converter;
... converter.clear()
```

If we move the add() and average() functions into the RunningTotal definition [10], then they become "siblings" with the data members of the struct. These "function members" no longer need to have the struct passed to them, since they are now part of the struct. Instead — each function is now invoked on the "object" [11].

```
struct RunningTotal {
   double total;
   int   count;

   void add( int value ) {
      total = total + value;
      count++; }

   double average() { return total / count; } [10]
};

int main() {
   RunningTotal rt = { 0, 0 };
```

The struct above is almost a complete class. To take that final step: you change struct keyword to class [12], add the keyword "public" to make the function's accessible [13] (adding "private" is optional), change the initialization syntax [15], and add a "constructor" to handle initialization [14]. This is covered in more detail later.

```
class RunningTotal {
                                                         [12]
 private:
   double total;
    int.
        count;
 public:
                                                         [13]
    RunningTotal( int t, int c ) {
                                                         [14]
      total = t;
      count = c; }
    . . .
};
int main() {
  RunningTotal rt(0,0);
                                                         [15]
```

Practice. Complete increment 6 of Appendix E.

vector. In the **Functions** section, passing arrays as an argument routinely required explicitly passing the size of the array. vector (a class in C++'s standard library) is a "smart array", and does not suffer from this limitation. Additionally, it is a nice stepping stone on the path to classes.

But, in order to talk about vector, the subject of "templates" must be introduced. Just like functions can be "configured" with an argument list, they can also be configured with the template language feature [1]. Inside the angle brackets, function-like parameters [2] may be specified, but primarily you will find the new keyword typename [3]. Entries of the latter kind allow place-holders for some future "type" to be specified.

The function search () below has been "parameterized" to allow the caller of the function to specify SIZE and TYPE inside angle brackets at "compile time" [4], and value and array inside parentheses at "invocation time" [5]. Angle brackets are the syntax for specifying "template parameters" [4], and parentheses are required for "function parameters" [5].

```
[..1..] [..2..] [..3..]
template <int SIZE, typename TYPE>
int search( TYPE value, TYPE array[] ) {
  for (int i=0; i < SIZE; i = i + 1)
    if (value == array[i])</pre>
```

Templates allow code (functions or classes) to be written that are independent of one or more types. Instead of having to write many versions of the search() function, each seemingly identical; the programmer has written a "template function", and the compiler will "expand" that template into as many versions as programmers desire. Below, the compiler will create a string version of search() because of the request at [6], and an int version because of the call at [7].

```
string array[] = { "tom", "dick", "harry" };
cout << "dick is at " << search<3,string>( "dick", array ) << '\n'; [6]
int nums[] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 };
cout << "5 is at " << search<9,int>( 5, nums ) << '\n'; [7]
// dick is at 1
// 5 is at 4</pre>
```

In addition to template functions, C++ supports template classes. vector is one of these. When you define an instance of vector (aka an object), you specify the "type" of the elements it will hold in angle brackets [9]. Because the class vector is not part of the C++ standard language (it is part of its standard library), the two statements at [8] are required in order for the compiler to not generate an error when it encounters the token "vector".

After a vector object is created, elements can be inserted by invoking the push_back() function [10]. The argument supplied to push_back() must be of the type specified in angle brackets at [9]. Any attempt to insert a value of the wrong type will cause a compiler error [11].

```
#include <vector>
    using std::vector;

int main() {
    vector<int> array;
    array.push_back( 123 );
    array.push_back( "234" );
    // ERROR: invalid conversion from 'string' to 'int'
}
```

vector objects are "smart": they can grow to any size desired, and can report their size () on demand [12]. As new elements are added, they are appended to the end of the vector and its size is incremented [13]. Once one or more elements have been added to a vector object, it behaves just like an array. Elements can be accessed or modified by using the array square bracket notation [14].

```
vector<int> array;
cout << "initial size is " << array.size() << '\n';
for (int i=10; i > 0; i = i - 1) {
    array.push_back( i );
    cout << array.size() << ' ';
}</pre>
```

```
cout << '\n';
for (int i=0; i < array.size(); i = i + 1)
    cout << array[i] << ' ';
    cout << '\n';
}
// initial size is 0
// 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
// 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1</pre>
[13]
// 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
```

Unlike arrays, a vector object can have its contents assigned to another vector object with a single assignment statement [15].

```
vector<int> first, second;
for (int i=1; i < 10; i = i + 1)
    first.push_back( i );

second = first;

for (int i=0; i < second.size(); i = i + 1)
    cout << second[i] << ' ';
cout << '\n';

// 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9</pre>
```

vector objects can be compared like variables of "primitive" type (e.g. int or char). [16] causes the three vector objects to have the same contents. The pop_back() function removes the last element from a vector [17]. The equality expression at [18] succeeds; but the one at [19] fails because the two objects are of different size. Next – the second object's first element is changed [20], and it is no longer equal to the first [21].

```
vector<int> first, second, third;
for (int i=1; i < 10; i = i + 1)
   first.push back( i );
third = second = first;
                                                                    [16]
third.pop back();
                                                                    [17]
cout << "first.size " << first.size() << ", second.size "</pre>
     << second.size() << ", third.size " << third.size() << '\n';
if (first == second) cout << "first == second\n";
                                                                    [18]
                     cout << "first != second\n";</pre>
if (first == third) cout << "first == third\n";</pre>
                                                                    [19]
                      cout << "first != third\n";</pre>
else
second[0] = 99;
                                                                    [20]
if (first == second) cout << "first == second\n";
                                                                    [21]
                      cout << "first != second\n";</pre>
else
// first.size 9, second.size 9, third.size 8
// first == second
                                                                    [18]
// first != third
                                                                    [19]
// first != second
                                                                    [21]
```

A limitation of arrays is the requirement to pass the length of the array (along with the array) when a function is invoked. This is not needed when a vector object is passed [22]. The object knows its size, and the function can request it [23].

An additional feature of the vector class is shown at [24]. A vector object can be initialized when it is created by supplying a "sequence". A sequence is essentially an array – but it is "represented" by specifying its "begin" (inclusive) and "end" (exclusive).

```
void print_vector( vector<int> array_object ) {
   for (int i=0; i < array_object.size(); i = i + 1)
        cout << array_object[i] << ' ';
   cout << '\n';
}

int main() {
   int array[] = { 2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18,20 };
        // begin end
   vector<int> vec( array, array+10 );
   print_vector( vec );
}

// 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20
```

The vector class is wonderful – but – it was designed to grow (and shrink) only at the rear. The deque class (double-ended queue, rhymes with check) can grow and shrink at the front **and** the rear. As with other classes, the statements at [25] are required for the compiler to understand the token "deque". A deque object can contain any type of element – but only one type per object. The object created at [26] will hold int values.

In addition to push_back() [28], this class provides push_front() [27]. Odd numbers are being inserted at the front, and even numbers at the back. deque supports standard array syntax; but you can also retrieve the first element with front() [29] and the last element with back(). To remove the first element you call pop_front() [30], and pop_back() will remove the last.

```
#include <deque>
                                                                 [25]
                                                                 [25]
using std::deque;
deque<int> double ended;
                                                                 [26]
for (int i=0; i < 10; i = i + 1)
   if (i % 2)
      double ended.push front( i );
                                                                 [27]
      double ended.push back( i );
                                                                 [28]
while (double ended.size()) {
   cout << double ended.front() << ' ';</pre>
                                                                 [29]
   double ended.pop front();
                                                                 [30]
}
// 9 7 5 3 1 0 2 4 6 8
```

Accessing the elements of an array requires the use of an integer literal or variable [31]. If they could be accessed with a "string" that would be a powerful tool. Implementing a dictionary application would be easy.

The map class is a container for "key-value" pairs. The "key" is used for storing and retrieving the "value". The types for the "key" and the "value" are specified inside angle brackets when the map object is created [32]. Then values that are of the "key" type are specified inside the array's square brackets [33].

```
string normal_array[5];
normal_array[0] = "first"; [31]
map<string, string> map_array; [32]
map_array["first"] = "A sentence for a value.";
cout << "first element is " << map_array["first"] <<'\n'; [33]
// first element is A sentence for a value.</pre>
```

Here is a very typical use of map. The "key" type is string and the "value" type is int [37]. The elements of the input array are used as the index into the map_array object. [38] represents a "look up". If no instance of the "key" exists, then one is created, and it is assigned an "empty value". [39] takes the value returned by [38] and increments it. And [40] writes the arithmetic result back to the original "key".

Listing the elements of a map is more complicated than a vector. The easiest way to accomplish this is the for_each() function [41]. It expects three arguments: the "begin" and "end" of the sequence of elements contained by the map object, and the name of a function that will be called for each element. The "signature" of that function should specify a single argument: a "pair" template object that declares the same two types (in angle brackets) as the map object itself [35]

pair is actually a struct with two members [36]: first (the "key" for an element), and second (the "value" for the same element).

This example counts and reports the number of occurrences of each "word" added to the map object. Like vector and deque, map requires the lines at [34] for the sake of the compiler.

```
#include <map>
                                                                      [34]
using std::map;
using std::pair;
void print( pair<string,int> element ) {
                                                                      [35]
   cout << element.first << "--" << element.second << " ";</pre>
                                                                      [36]
int main() {
   map<string,int> map_array;
                                                                      [37]
   string input[] = { "one", "two", "three", "four", "five", "four",
                      "three", "two", "one", "one", "two", "one" };
   for (int i=0; i < 12; i = i + 1)
      // [40] write [38] read
                                                   [39] increment
      map_array[ input[i] ] = map_array[ input[i] ] + 1;
```

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```
for_each( map_array.begin(), map_array.end(), print );
    cout << '\n';
}
// five--1 four--2 one--4 three--2 two--3 [42]</pre>
```

Practice. Increment 7 of Appendix C and increments 7/8/9/10/11 of Appendix E do not depend on anything discussed hereafter. Complete them anytime you desire.

Appendix A ... Grid Game project

Increments

- 1. draw the board
- 2. iteratively prompt for input and plot it
- 3. implement the game with a fixed target
- 4. implement a randomly assigned target

The "target" is hiding somewhere in the 10 x 10 grid, and the player iteratively inputs a row and a column trying to find it. The first guess below is 4 and 8. The game computes the distance between the target and the guess (7), and plots that value at the row 4 and column 8 grid location. For the second guess, the player "steps off" 7 paces (horizontally and vertically), and inputs row 3 and column 2. The game computes a "delta X plus delta Y" of 4 and plots the answer at row 3 and column 2.

The user then triangulates to produce her third guess: row 6 and column 3 is 7 steps from the first guess and 4 steps from the second guess. When the game displays 0 at that location, the target has been "destroyed".

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Appendix A ... Grid Game project

Increment 1. Use two or more loops to output the board, and then exit.

Consider attacking this in stages: get the column labels working, then the row labels, then the dash characters in the "body".

Increment 2. In order to redraw the board and all previous guesses after each new guess, all guesses must be "remembered". You could choose to maintain a list of all guesses (and the answer received), and then compare each guess with each grid location as the board is redrawn. But that seems like an enormous amount of work.

What about maintaining a two-dimensional array that holds the "state" of each grid location? The type of that array would need to be able to hold dash characters – and – integer values.

In this increment, iteratively prompt for: a row, a column, and a value; and plot the value at the specified row and column. Notice that the value can be two digits, and it is right justified.

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2	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Increment 3. Add a "hard-wired" target position (i.e. the target row and column will be the same every time the game is run). Remove the "value" prompt and input. Instead – compute and plot "delta X plus delta Y".

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3	-	-	-	_	_	-	-	-	_	-
4	-	-	-	_	_	-	-	-	_	-
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4	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-
5	_	_	_	_	4	_	_	_	_	-
6	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-
7	_	_	_	-	-	_	_	_	-	_
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4	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	0	_	-
5	_	_	_	_	4	_	_	_	_	-
6	_	_	_	-	-	_	_	_	-	_
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Increment 4. Use the rand () function to compute a random target position.

Appendix AA ... Grid Game implementations

Increment 1. Printing the column labels is a simple exercise in iteration.

```
cout << ' ';
      for (int i=0; i < 10; i = i + 1)
         cout << " " << i;
      // 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Printing the row labels is an additional simple exercise in iteration [0].
      cout << ' ';
      for (int i=0; i < 10; i = i + 1)
        cout << " " << i;
      cout << '\n';
      for (int i=0; i < 10; i = i + 1)
                                        [0]
        cout << i << '\n';
      //
           0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
      // 0
      // 1
      // 2
      // ...
Adding the "body" to this grid is accomplished by adding an inner loop [2] to
the second loop [1].
      cout << ' ';
      for (int i=0; i < 10; i = i + 1)
        cout << " " << i;
      cout << '\n';
      for (int i=0; i < 10; i = i + 1) { [1]
        cout << i;
         for (int j=0; j < 10; j = j + 1)
                                          [2]
           cout << " -";
         cout << '\n';
      }
      // 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
      // 0 - - - - - - -
      // 1 - - - - -
      // 2 -
      // ...
```

Increment 2. The goal here is to iteratively: draw the board, prompt for row-column-value, receive that input from the player, and repeat.

The playing surface (or board) resembles a matrix. Therefore, modeling it with a two-dimensional array is a natural fit. This choice allows us to: assign an initial value to every position [3], modify any position specified by the player [4], and retrieve the value of each position in order to draw the board [5]. Since the contents of the matrix are heterogeneous (characters and numbers), let's declare the 2D array to be of type string [6]. [string is the "lowest common denominator" between all other data types.] The variable that receives the "value" input is also of type string [7].

Because the "value" input by the player can be one or two characters wide, displaying them right-justified is desirable. In the early cout discussion, right-justification was demonstrated using the setw() function; and has been exercised in this increment [8].

```
string grid[10][10];
                                              [6]
for (int i=0; i < 10; ++i)
   for (int j=0; j < 10; ++j)
      grid[i][j] = "-";
                                              [3]
int row, col;
string val;
                                              [7]
while (1) {
  cout << "\n ";
   for (int i=0; i < 10; ++i)
      cout << setw(3) << i;
                                              [8]
   cout << '\n';
   for (int i=0; i < 10; ++i) {
      cout << i;
      for (int j=0; j < 10; ++j)
         cout << setw(3) << grid[i][j];</pre>
                                             [5]
      cout << '\n';
   cout << "row col val ... ";
   cin >> row >> col >> val;
   grid[row][col] = val;
                                              [4]
```

Increment 3. This increment introduces the notion of a target position and wrestles with the algorithm for computing "delta X plus delta Y". The "value" user input has been removed, and replaced with an integer computed by the application.

The next increment will pick a random target location; but the target location is constant in this increment [9]. The algorithm for computing the response to player input is at [10] (development of that algorithm follows). Converting that value from integer to string is at [10] and [11].

```
string grid[10][10];
... (initialize grid)

int row, col, target_row = 4, target_col = 7;  [9]
while (1) {
    ... (draw the board)
    cout << "row col ... ";
    cin >> row >> col;
    stringstream ss;
    ss << abs(target_row - row) + abs(target_col - col);  [10]
    grid[row][col] = ss.str();  [11]</pre>
```

Every location on the board is identified by a (row,column) pair. What would happen in the following design if the target col is greater than the guess col?

```
int guess_row, guess_col, target_row = 4, target_col = 7;
int delta_x = guess_col - target_col;
int delta_y = guess_row - target_row;
int delta_x_y = delta_x + delta_y;
```

Do you need to accommodate this possibility with code like the following?

```
int delta_x;
if (guess_col > target_col
    delta_x = guess_col - target_col;
else
    delta x = target col - guess col;
```

What about this strategy?

```
int delta_x = guess_col - target_col;
if (delta_x < 0)
    delta x = delta x * -1;</pre>
```

The field of mathematics defines a function called "absolute value" that represents this logic. Computer languages routinely provide this functionality, and it is called abs () in C++.

```
delta_x_y = abs(target_col - guess_col) + abs(target_row - guess_row);
```

Increment 4. Picking random numbers is the domain of the rand () function. It was introduced earlier. The integer produced by rand() can be very large, but it can be scaled to the range 0 to 9 by applying the the modulus operator [12]. Everything else remains the same.

```
string grid[10][10];
... (initialize grid)
srand( time( 0 ) );
int target_row = rand() % 10; [12]
```

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```
int target_col = rand() % 10;
int row, col;
while (1) {
    ... (draw the board)
    cout << "row col ... ";
    cin >> row >> col;
    stringstream ss;
    ss << abs(target_row - row) + abs(target_col - col);
    grid[row][col] = ss.str();
}</pre>
```

Appendix B ... Fifteen Puzzle project

Increments

- 1. draw the board
- 2. draw the board with loops
- 3. add an array to maintain a mapping of location and number
- 4. add cin, search, update
- 5. draw_board(), move(), swap()
- 6. mix up the numbers

The goal is to: implement a "board" consisting of the numbers 1 through 15, and a space (an empty position), mix up the numbers, and respond to requests from the player to move numbers (swap the number specified with the adjacent space).

```
6 4 14
 2 1 7 8
 9 3 13 12
 11 5 10 15
Number: 6
      4 14
 2 1 7 8
 9 3 13 12
 11 5 10 15
Number: 1
 6 1 4 14
    7 8
 9 3 13 12
11 5 10 15
Number: 2
   1 4 14
    2 7 8
```

Increment 1. Print the numbers 1 through 16 in a 4 x 4 grid using one or more loops. Right justify the numbers.

```
1 2 3 4
5 6 7 8
9 10 11 12
3 14 15 16
```

9 3 13 12 11 5 10 15

Increment 2. As the project evolves, we will need to maintain a mapping between positions and numbers. The former are fixed: positions 0 through 3 are the first row, 4 through 7 are the second row, etc. The latter are dynamic - they move around as the player interacts.

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In this increment, put the numbers in an array, and print the elements of that array.

Increment 3. Add an infinite loop that: displays the board, prompts for a number, finds the specified number and replaces it with a space. These are all pieces that will be needed in the final application. Consider using the number '0' to represent the concept of "space".

```
5 6 7 8
 9 10 11 12
 13 14 15 16
Number: 2
 1
    3 4
 5 6 7 8
  9 10 11 12
 13 14 15 16
Number: 13
       3 4
  5 6 7 8
  9 10 11 12
   14 15 16
Number: 11
```

3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 12 14 15 16

Increment 4. Move the "draw board" functionality to a draw board () function. Replace the number 16 with a space. When the user specifies a number attempt to "move" it (if the space is adjacent to that number, then swap the two).

How much effort is necessary to evaluate this adjacency criteria? The number 1 has 2 neighbors, number 2 has 3 neighbors, and number 6 has 4 neighbors. Do all these numbers have to be treated special – or – is there some "secret family recipe" that yields a solution in a fraction of the code?

```
5 6 7 8
 9 10 11 12
 13 14 15
Number: 15
  1 2 3 4
  5 6 7 8
  9 10 11 12
 13 14
```

Number: 11

2 3

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```
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 12 13 14 11 15

Number: 10

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 12 13 14 11 15
```

Increment 5. In the real puzzle, the numbers must first be mixed up. Design and implement a "randomizing" algorithm.

Would it make sense to randomly place the numbers on the board?

What about swapping pairs of random number?

How are the numbers randomized in the real puzzle?

Is it possible to put the puzzle in a state that is impossible to solve?

Appendix BB ... Fifteen Puzzle implementations

Increments

- 1. draw the board
- 2. draw the board with loops
- 3. add an array to maintain a mapping of location and number
- 4. add cin, search, update
- 5. draw board(), move(), swap()
- 6. mix up the numbers

Increment 1. Each line is output with its own cout statement. Notice the "\n" carriage returns embedded in each string literal.

```
cout << " 1 2 3 4\n";
cout << " 5 6 7 8\n";
cout << " 9 10 11 12\n";
cout << "13 14 15 16\n";

// 1 2 3 4
// 5 6 7 8
// 9 10 11 12
// 13 14 15 16</pre>
```

Increment 2. How about using an outer loop to control the output of each row [1], and an inner loop to output each "column" [2]?

```
int number = 1;
for (int i=0; i < 4; i = i + 1) {
    for (int j=0; j < 4; j = j + 1) {
        cout << setw(3) << number;
        number = number + 1;
    }
    cout << '\n';
}

// 1 2 3 4
// 5 6 7 8
// 9 10 11 12
    // 13 14 15 16</pre>
```



I don't give a damn for a man that can only spell a word one way. [Mark Twain]

Let's consider two alternative "spellings". Instead of using a separate variable to count and output each number, you could compute the number from the two loop control variables [3].

```
for (int i=0; i < 4; i = i + 1) {
  for (int j=0; j < 4; j = j + 1)
     cout << setw(3) << i * 4 + j + 1; [3]
  cout << '\n';
}</pre>
```

Or – a single loop will work, if you embed some logic to decide when it's time to start a new row [4]. When "i" equals 4, 8, or 12, then the modulo (i.e. "remainder") operator returns 0.

```
for (int i=1; i <= 16; i = i + 1) {
  cout << setw(3) << i;
  if (i % 4 == 0)
     cout << '\n';
}</pre>
```

Increment 3. In anticipation of dealing with stationary positions and moving numbers, this increment adds an array to provide the indirection that can manage this mapping. The loop index variable is no longer output; it is used to access each element of the array [5].

```
int numbers[] = { 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16 };
for (int i=0; i < 16; i = i + 1) {
   cout << setw(3) << numbers[i];
   if ((i+1) % 4 == 0)
      cout << '\n';
}</pre>
```

Increment 4. The goal here is it iteratively: display the board [6], receive a number from the player [7], and convert the specified number [8] to a space. The convention chosen for representing a space is the number 0. It is assigned at [8], and then used at [9]. A simple sequential search is used to identify the location of the specified number [10].

```
int numbers[] = { 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16 };
int number:
while (true) {
   // Draw the board
                                               [6]
   cout << '\n';
   for (int i=0; i < 16; i = i + 1) {
                                               [9]
      if (numbers[i] == 0)
         cout << " ";
         cout << setw(3) << numbers[i];</pre>
      if ((i+1) % 4 == 0)
         cout << '\n';
   // Prompt for user input
   cout << "\nNumber: ";</pre>
   cin >> number;
                                               [7]
   // Search for the specified number
   for (int i=0; i < 16; i = i + 1)
                                              [10]
      if (numbers[i] == number) {
         numbers[i] = 0;
                                               [8]
         break;
}
```

Increment 5. The intent of this increment is to implement the entire game, except for the randomizing of the numbers. A draw_board() abstraction has been introduced [11], and everything associated with a "move" has been encapsulated [12].

```
int main() {
  int numbers[] = { 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,0 };
  int number;
```

```
while (true) {
             draw board ( numbers );
                                                      [11]
             cin >> number;
             move( numbers, number );
                                                      [12]
       }
         }
draw board () packages implementation that was previously "inline".
       void draw board( int numbers[] ) {
          cout << '\n';
          for (int i=0; i < 16; i = i + 1) {
             if (numbers[i] == 0)
                cout << " ";
             else
                cout << setw(3) << numbers[i];</pre>
             if ((i+1) % 4 == 0)
                cout << '\n';
          cout << "\nNumber: ";</pre>
```

How should move () be implemented? Consider the geometry and the numbering convention of our 16-position grid.

```
0 1 2 3
4 5 6 7
8 9 10 11
12 13 14 15
```

What about searching for the position of the number specified, and then testing all its neighbors for the location of the space.

```
void move( int numbers[], int number ) {
  // Search for the number's position
   int i;
   for (i=0; i < 16; i = i + 1)
      if (numbers[i] == number)
        break;
   // If the number was not found - return
   if (i == 16)
      return;
   // Test the 2 neighbors of position 15
   if (i == 15 && numbers[11] == 0) // neighbor above
      swap( numbers, i, 11 );
   if (i == 15 && numbers[14] == 0) // neighbor to the left
      swap ( numbers, i, 14 );
   // Test the 3 neighbors of position 14
   if (i == 14 \&\& numbers[10] == 0) // neighbor above
     swap( numbers, i, 10 );
   if (i == 14 && numbers[13] == 0) // neighbor to the left
      swap( numbers, i, 13 );
   if (i == 14 && numbers[15] == 0) // neighbor to the right
     swap( numbers, i, 15 );
```

This choice seems like an enormously bloated approach.

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Looking at position 6, its neighbor above is 4 less, its neighbor below is 4 greater, its neighbor to the left is 1 less, and its neighbor to the right is 1 greater. Does that pattern always hold?

```
0 1 2 3
4 5 6 7
8 9 10 11
12 13 14 15
```

Is position 8 to the right of position 7? Are positions 11 and 12 adjacent? Do the positions on the "edge" present nothing but exceptions, or are there some rules that can be exercised?

What about testing for a problematic boundary condition and then applying a general rule?

```
// "i" is the position of the number specified by the player
// If "i" is not on the top row - and - the space is above "i",
// then swap the contents of the two positions
if (i is not on the top row && numbers[i-4] == 0)
    swap( numbers, i, i-4 );
// If "i" is not on the top row - and - the space is below "i"
if (i is not on the bottom row && numbers[i+4] == 0)
    swap( numbers, i, i+4 );
// If "i" is not in the left column - and - the space is left of "i"
if (i is not in the left column && numbers[i-1] == 0)
    swap( numbers, i, i-1 );
// If "i" is not in the right column - and - the space is right of "i"
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```

Is there some "general" way to test for these boundary conditions (i.e. top row, bottom row, left column, right column)? Consider the following example of integer division and modulus division.

```
for (int i=0; i < 16; i = i + 1) {
   cout << (i / 4) << ' ';
   //cout << (i % 4) << ' ';
   if ((i+1) % 4 == 0)
      cout << '\n';
}
//
      i / 4
                           i % 4
                   i
//
      0 0 0 0
                  0-3
                          0 1 2 3
//
     1 1 1 1
                 4-7
                          0 1 2 3
//
      2 2 2 2
                          0 1 2 3
                  8-11
      3 3 3 3
                 12-15
                          0 1 2 3
```

It looks like "i / 4 == 0" can tell us if "i" is on the top row. And "i % 4 == 0" can tell us if "i" is in the left column. Given our accumulated insight, the following implementation is suggested.

```
void move( int numbers[], int number ) {
   int i;
   for (i=0; i < 16; i = i + 1)
       if (numbers[i] == number)
            break;
   if (i == 16)
       return;
   // if i is not on the top row AND the space is above
   if   (i / 4 > 0 && numbers[i-4] == 0)
```

```
swap( numbers, i, i-4 );
// if i is not on the bottom row AND the space is below
else if (i / 4 < 3 && numbers[i+4] == 0)
    swap( numbers, i, i+4 );
// if i is not in the left column AND the space is to the left
else if (i % 4 > 0 && numbers[i-1] == 0)
    swap( numbers, i, i-1 );
// if i is not in the right column AND the space is to the right
else if (i % 4 < 3 && numbers[i+1] == 0)
    swap( numbers, i, i+1 );
}</pre>
```

The final piece is a swap () function. You can see a "diagonal" quality to the assignments below. First, save the value at position_one. Second, move the value from position_two to position_one. Finally, move the saved value to position_two.

Increment 6. When I first implemented this project, I created a randomizing algorithm that was a work of art. The testing proceeded without a hitch. Later, I showed the puzzle to my daughter. After working for several minutes, she insisted the puzzle could not be solved. I tried to finish her game and was forced to agree with her.

Searching the Internet, I found the puzzle was invented by a traveling showman in the 1800s. He would start with the numbers in ascending order, manually switch the 14 and the 15, slide all the numbers until they were sufficiently mixed up, and then wager that no one in the community could slide the numbers back into ascending order.

I decided that my randomizing algorithm effectively reproduced the "switched 14 and 15" configuration on occasion.

The point of this story is to suggest that the only reasonable way to randomize the numbers is to perform dozens (or hundreds) of moves. Do you want to focus on strictly "legal" moves (i.e. numbers that are adjacent to the space)? Or – do you want to just generate random numbers in the range 1 to 16, and pass each to move ()?

I chose the latter option ...

```
int main() {
   int numbers[] = { 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,0 };
   srand( time( 0 ) );
   for (int i=0; i < 600; i = i + 1)
       move( numbers, rand() % 15 + 1 );

   int number;
   while (true) {
       draw_board( numbers );
       cin >> number;
       move( numbers, number );
}
```

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```
// 14 9 11 8 // 10 1 3 6 // 5 12 4 // 7 13 15 2 // // Number:
```

Appendix C ... Mastermind project

Increments

- 1. prompt, receive input, report input
- 2. prompt, receive input, report input in a loop
- 3. replace 4 variables with an array of 4 elements
- 4. convert 4 integer inputs to 1 string input
- 5. add hard-wired answer array and compute "totally correct" response
- 6. populate answer array with random values
- 7. compute "partially correct" response

The Mastermind game starts with the selection of four random numbers in the range 1 to 6, and the player tries to guess the selected numbers. After each guess, the game provides two numbers: the count of guess numbers that are totally correct (correct number in the correct position), and the count of guess numbers that are partially correct (correct number in the wrong position).

Below, the player typed "1 1 4 4". The program responded "0 0". The first number represents "totally correct", and the second number is "partially correct". The second response says there are 3 numbers that are correct – but – in the wrong position. After rearranging three of those numbers, and adding a fourth; the response seems to suggest a step backward: two of the numbers are "totally correct". The player assumed the middle two numbers were correct, and added two other numbers that were consistent with all previous feedback. The fourth response says: the four numbers have been identified, but two need to be swapped. The fifth guess solved the puzzle.

Increment 1. Start with really basic functionality: prompt for input, accept four strings, report the strings back to the player, and exit.

```
Input: 4 \times 2 one 4 \times 2 one
```

Increment 2. Replace the string variables with int variables. Add a loop and repeat indefinitely. Notice what happens when too many numbers are entered, and then too few numbers.

```
Input: 4 3 2 1

Input: 1 2 3 4 5

Input: 6 7 8

5 6 7 8
```

Increment 3. Replace the four integer variables with an integer array of four elements. Not much work in this increment – don't make too much of it.

Increment 4. In the final product, we want to allow the player to enter "answer" and have the selected numbers output. To that end, use getline() to capture player input in a string variable, and test if "quit" is input. If not, use the string variable to initialize a stringstream object that can then be used to "tokenize" the player input and initialize the legacy integer array.

```
Input: 1 2 3 4
Input: 5 6 7
Input: 8 9 1 2 3
Input: quit
```

Increment 5. Add a hard-wired "answer" array. Evaluate player input against the answer array and report the count of "correct number in the correct position". When the count equals 4 – exit. In addition to the "quit" command, add an "answer" command that allows the player to request that the answer array be displayed.

```
int answer[] = { 2, 6, 4, 1 };
// Input: 1 3 2 4
// 0
// Input: answer
// 2 6 4 1
// Input: 2 6 1 4
// Input: 2 6 4 1
// Input: 2 6 4 1
```

Increment 6. Populate the answer array with random numbers.

Increment 7. Complete the Mastermind project by computing the "correct number in the wrong position", and displaying it after the "correct number in the correct position" count.

When a number in the answer contributes to the "totally correct" count, it should not also participate in the "partially correct" count. When a number in the guess is matched to a number in the answer, both numbers should be set aside so that they are not matched to any other number. The sum of "totally correct" plus "partially correct" can never be more than four.

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Should the "partially correct" count be computed before or after the "totally correct" count? Is the computation of each independent of the other, or are they dependent? Are there data structures that offer leverage to the algorithm?

Appendix CC ... Mastermind implementations

Increments

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Increment 1. The goal of this increment is very limited: iteratively [1] prompt for input [2], receive four integers [3], and report the user's input [4]. Notice that the user supplied five integers at [5], but only the first four seem to have been returned by cin. The fifth value is actually returned the next time cin is called [6]. This demonstrates that cin stores up user input, and then dispenses that input to the number of variables supplied by the programmer.

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```
int first, second, third, fourth;
while (true) {
                                                    [1]
   cout << "Input: ";</pre>
                                                    [2]
   cin >> first >> second >> third >> fourth;
                                                    [3]
   cout << "
   cout << first << ' ' << second << ' '
                                                    [4]
   cout << third << ' ' << fourth << '\n';
}
// Input: 4 3 2 1
                      4 3 2 1
//
// Input: 1 2 3 4 5
                                                    [5]
                      1 2 3 4
//
// Input: 6 7 8
                      5 6 7 8
                                                    [6]
```

Increment 3. Instead of juggling four autonomous integers, this increment replaces them with an integer array composed of four elements [7]. An array lends itself to the leverage of loops. This is

seen at as input is received [8] and reported [9]. The laborious enumeration of four distinct variables has been replaced by the shorthand of repetition.

Increment 4. This increment reworks the scheme for user input. In addition to integers, we would the user to be able to input commands like "quit" and "answer". To this end, let's accept input as a string [10]. Since we don't know if the user will enter four integers or one word, we need to "read" an entire line of input with getline() [11].

If "quit" is entered [12], then we break out of the while loop and exit the program. Otherwise, the string received from the user is loaded into a stringstream object [13], and that object is used to break the string into individual integers [14].

```
string input string;
                                                    [10]
int input[4];
while (true) {
   cout << "Input: ";</pre>
   getline( cin, input string );
                                                    [11]
   if (input string == "quit")
                                                    [12]
      break;
   stringstream ss;
   ss << input string;
                                                    [13]
   for (int i=0; i < 4; i = i + 1)
      ss >> input[i];
                                                    [14]
```

Increment 5. We are ready to add the beginning of the actual puzzle. A hard-wired "answer" array has been introduced at [15]. The user can now ask for the answer to be displayed [16].

The most interesting feature of this increment is designing an algorithm for computing the count of "correct numbers in the correct position". How hard (or simple) is this challenge?

How about this approach – step through the input array and the answer array, compare each element of one to its counterpart in the other, and increment a num_correct variable when they are found to be equal [17].

```
string input_string;
int input[4];
int answer[] = { 2, 6, 4, 1 };
int num_correct = 0;
while (true) {
   cout << "Input: ";
   getline( cin, input_string );
   if (input_string == "quit")</pre>
```

```
break;
if (input string == "answer") {
                                            [16]
  cout << "
  for (int i=0; i < 4; i = i + 1)
     cout << answer[i] << ' ';</pre>
  cout << '\n';
  continue;
stringstream ss;
ss << input string;
for (int i=0; i < 4; i = i + 1)
  ss >> input[i];
for (int i=0; i < 4; i = i + 1)
  if (input[i] == answer[i])
                                            [17]
     num correct = num correct + 1;
cout << "
             - " << num correct << '\n';
if (num correct == 4)
  break;
num correct = 0;
```

Increment 6. To replace the hard-wired array with a random array, we can use the same functions as we did with the Grid Game and the Fifteen Puzzle. srand() [18] seeds the random number generator, and time() gives srand() a different starting point each time the application is run. rand() [19] returns a random number of unknown size, and the % operator expression scales the number to the range 0 through 5.

```
string input_string;
int input[4];
int answer[4];
srand( time( 0 ) );
for (int i=0; i < 4; i = i + 1)
    answer[i] = rand() % 6 + 1; [19]</pre>
```

Increment 7. The final piece is to compute the count of "correct numbers in the wrong position". Let's encapsulate the computation of both values (totally correct and partially correct) in a new function evaluate_guess(). It will need the answer array and the input array to do its work [20]. Since it must return two values, the return value of the function won't be sufficient. We could use the return value for one of the numbers, and a function argument for the other. But – it would be more symmetric to use a function argument for each [21].

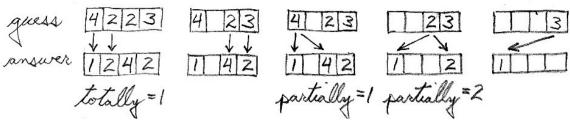
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The first thing to notice about evaluate_guess() is that the totally_correct and partially_correct arguments are being passed by reference (the '&' syntax after the type of the argument) [22]. This means the function can assign a value to each argument, and expect that value to be returned to the caller of the function.

The algorithm evaluate_guess () operates on the foundation of the two data structures at [23]. As the "totally" and "partially" counts are computed, these two arrays maintain the state of the evaluation of the guess versus the answer.

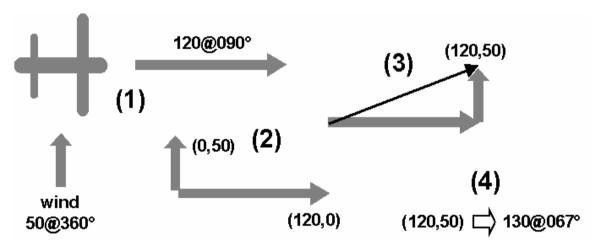
```
void evaluate guess( int answer[], int guess[],
                                                            [22]
                     int& totally correct,
                     int& partially correct ) {
  bool guess used[4] = { false, false, false, false };
                                                            [23]
  bool answer used[4] = { false, false, false, false };
   totally correct = partially correct = 0;
   // Compute the totally correct value (from the previous increment)
   for (int i=0; i < 4; i = i + 1)
      if (guess[i] == answer[i]) {
                                                            [24]
         totally correct = totally correct + 1;
        quess used[i] = answer used[i] = true;
   // Compute the partially correct value
   for (int i=0; i < 4; i = i + 1) {
                                         // step thru the guess
      if (guess used[i])
        continue;
      for (int j=0; j < 4; j = j + 1) { // step thru the answer
         // If this slot in answer has been previously used, skip it
         if (answer used[j])
            continue;
         if (guess[i] == answer[j]) {
           partially correct = partially correct + 1;
           guess used[i] = answer used[j] = true;
            // Now that this guess slot has been "bound" to an answer
            // slot, don't try to match it to another answer slot
           break;
} } }
```

The code at [24] above came from the previous increment, and is modeled in the first frame below. When the first '2' of the guess matches the first '2' of the answer, the totally_correct count is incremented, and both '2's are removed from future consideration. The code at [25] is new, and is modeled by the next four frames below. Each remaining number in the guess is compared to those that remain in the answer. In the third frame below: '4' matches '4', the partially_correct count is incremented, and the '4's are removed. The fourth frame does the same with '2's. The final frame does not produce a match.



This algorithm is fairly straight-forward (in hind-sight). Is it the simplest algorithm possible? Is it the only algorithm possible?

Oftentimes, transforming a problem from its default "domain" to a different domain makes the complexity go away. Consider rectangular coordinates and polar coordinates. Addition and subtraction are easy in the former; multiplication and division are easy in the latter.



What if we moved from a "position" focus to a "value summary" focus. Both the guess and the answer could be refactored as a count of the digits from '1' to '6'. The two new arrays could then be combined by performing a "min" operation. The effect of this manipulation could be described as: if the guess has one '2' and the answer has two '2's (or vice versa) then the overlap is one and that represents the number of totally correct and partially correct '2's.

guess:	4 2 2 3	answer:	1 2 4 2	min(guess,	answer)
1s	0	1s	1	1s	0
2s	2	2s	2	2s	2
3s	1	3s	0	3s	0
4s	1	4s	1	4s	1
5s	0	5s	0	5s	0
6s	0	6s	0	6s	0

The total of the third column above is 3. This represents the sum of totally correct and partially correct numbers in the guess – that is to say: the sum does not distinguish between the two values we are interested in computing. But -- we could subtract the count of totally correct numbers (developed in increment 4), and the amount remaining is just the partially correct figure.

Here is a model of the algorithm just proposed. The arrays that "count" the digits '1' to '6' are at [26]. Their size is one larger than necessary just for the convenience of being able to ignore the "zero" element. The first loop [27] uses each element of the guess or answer array as the index into the corresponding "counts" array. The second loop [28] compares the last six elements of the two "counts" array, and computes the sum of the "min"s. This is an excellent example of the indirection afforded by arrays – using an array to access an array.

```
int answer[4] = \{ \dots \};
int guess[4] = \{ \ldots \};
int answer counts[7] = { 0,0,0,0,0,0,0 };
                                                                      [26]
int guess \overline{\text{counts}}[7] = \{ 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0 \};
                                                                      [26]
// Count the number of occurrences of each digit
for (int i=0; i < 4; i = i + 1) {
                                                                      [27]
   // 3) write
                                     1) read
                                                              2) increment
   answer counts[ answer[i] ] = answer counts[ answer[i] ] + 1;
   guess counts[ guess[i] ] = guess counts[ guess[i] ] + 1;
int partially correct = 0;
for (int i=1, min value; i < 7; i = i + 1) {
                                                                      [28]
  min value = min( quess counts[i], answer counts[i] );
   partially correct = partially correct + min value;
```

Integrating this new algorithm into evaluate_guess() appears below. Because the answer_counts array only needs to be computed once per game, that is being done in main() (like guess_counts is computed at [29]), and the array is supplied as an argument to evaluate guess().

```
void evaluate guess( int answer[], int answer counts[], int guess[],
                     int& totally correct, int& partially correct ) {
   int guess counts[7] = { 0,0,0,\overline{0},0,0,0 };
   totally correct = partially correct = 0;
   // Count the number of occurrences of each digit in the guess
         [answer counts was computed in main()]
   for (int i=0; i < 4; i = i + 1)
      guess counts[ guess[i] ] = guess counts[ guess[i] ] + 1;
                                                                   [29]
   // Over-compute the partially correct value
   for (int i=1; i < 7; i = i + 1)
      partially correct = partially correct +
                            min( guess counts[i], answer counts[i] );
   // Compute the totally correct value
   for (int i=0; i < 4; i=i+1)
      if (guess[i] == answer[i])
         totally correct = totally correct + 1;
   // Remove the totally correct value from the partially correct value
  partially correct = partially correct - totally correct;
```

The new min () function, and the changes to main () are collected below.

```
int min( int one, int two ) {
  if (one < two) return one;
  else return two;
}</pre>
```

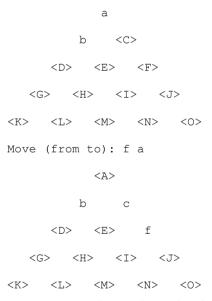
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Increments

- 1. draw the "board" with no formatting and no loop(s)
- 2. draw the "board" with no formatting
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- 4. prompt for a position, toggle the position
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- 6. design and implement the "jump" logic

The goal is to create a character-based user interface for the Peg Game. Missing pegs are represented by a single lower-case character; pegs that are present are upper case and enclosed in angle brackets. Moves are specified by giving the character of the desired peg, followed by the character representing the desired destination. Below – the 'F' peg jumps to the 'a' position, and the 'C' peg is removed.

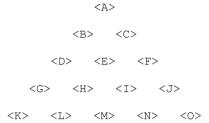


Increment 1. Output the starting point shown below.

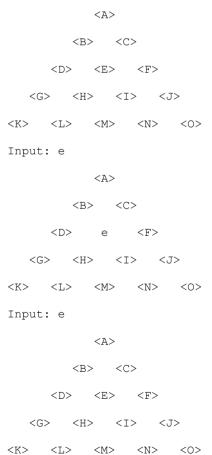
Increment 2. Use one or more loops to produce the same output as the previous increment. Consider using an array of characters that holds the characters 'A' through 'O'. This will allow the application to remember upper and lower case characters in subsequent increments.

G H I J K L M N O

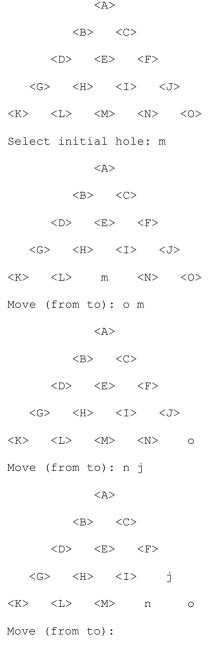
Increment 3. Adapt your application to produce the target format for the game.



Increment 4. Prompt the user for a position. Toggle the "state" of the position entered: if the peg is present, then remove it, and vice versa. Consider creating a draw_board() function and moving the array of position characters to a global variable. Consider adding a global array of "pegs present" booleans that can make it easier to evaluate the current state of each position.



Increment 5. Implement everything except the actual "jump" logic. Prompt the user for the location of the first peg to remove. Then iteratively ask for 2 positions, and toggle the state of both locations. Again – this input does not represent a jump, it is just two arbitrary positions.

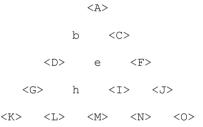


Increment 6. How do you want to implement the notion of a "jump"? Can you compute all possible jumps? Or do you have to create an exhaustive list of all jumps? Consider the board

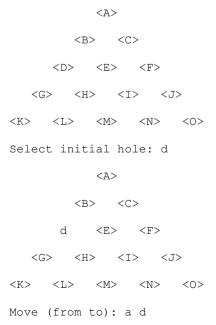
portrayal below with positions 1 through 15. All the possible jumps are listed below that. Is there some pattern that can be identified and exploited?

```
3
    4
        5
            6
  7
      8
          9
              0
            2-7
                  2-9
                              3-10
                        3--8
                                         4-11 4-6 4-13
                        6-13 6-15
                                        7--9 8-3 8-10
             6-1
                   6-4
                                    7-2
       9--7 10-3 10-8 11--4 11-13 12-5 12-14
13-11 13-15 13-6 13-4 14-12 14--5 15-6 15-13
```

Below, is it possible to jump from A to D? Is it legal to jump from I to B? Instead of focusing on possible jumps, is it better to think in terms of legal jumps? What is a legal jump? Do you need to consider position – and – state (i.e. filled or empty)? Are "from" position and "to" position sufficient for evaluating and processing a jump?



Complete this project by implementing the following interaction. When the number of pegs reaches one, the application should exit.



а b <C> <D> <E> <F> <G> <H> <I> <J> <K> <L> <M> <N> Move (from to): d a NOT A LEGAL MOVE а b <C> <D> <E> <F> <G> <H> <I> <J> <K> <L> <M> <N> <O> Move (from to): p j INVALID INPUT а b <C> <D> <E> <F> <G> <H> <I> <J> <K> <L> <M> <N> Move (from to): f a <A> b С <D> <E> f <G> <H> <I> <J> <K> <L> <M> <N> <0> Move (from to):

Here is an excerpt of main () that suggests one possible design.

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attempt_move () above does many things: tests if the input is valid, tests if the specified move is possible and legal, performs the jump by toggling the state of all affected positions, and returns a error message if necessary.

Appendix DD ... Peg Game implementations

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Increment 1. Each line is output with its own cout statement. Notice the "\n" carriage returns embedded in each string literal.

```
cout << "A\n";
cout << "B C\n";
cout << "D E F\n";
cout << "G H I J\n";
cout << "K L M N O\n";</pre>
```

Increment 2. A very useful property of the triangular arrangement of characters is: the number of characters on each row is equal to that row's number. Testing the column number against the row number [1] is all that is needed to correctly place carriage returns.

The positions array [2] is not necessary in this increment. But – it will come in handy later.

```
char positions[15] = { 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H',
                         'I','J','K','L','M','N','O' };
int i = 0, row = 0, col = 0;
while (row < 5) {
   while (col <= row) {
                                     // [1]
      cout << positions[i] << ' ';</pre>
      col = col + 1;
      i = i + 1;
   col = 0;
   row = row + 1;
   cout << '\n';
}
// A
// B C
// D E F
// G H I J
// K L M N O
```

Increment 3. The target output is ...

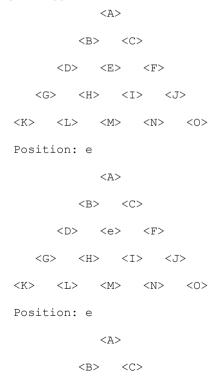
```
 <G> <H> <I> <J> // row 3

<K> <L> <M> <N> <O> // row 4
```

The indentation of each row is inversely proportional to the number of the row – the lower the row, the more the indentation. Row 0 needs an indentation of 12 spaces, row 1 needs 9 spaces, row two 6 spaces, row three 3 spaces, and row four 0 spaces. The loop at [3] implements this algorithm. The only other change is the "double spacing" at [4].

```
char positions[15] = { 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H',
                        'I','J','K','L','M','N','O' };
int i = 0, row = 0, col = 0;
while (row < 5) {
   for (int j=0; j < 4 - row; j = j + 1)
                                                 // [3]
      cout << " ";
   while (col <= row) {
      cout << '<' << positions[i] << ">
      col = col + 1;
      i = i + 1;
   }
   col = 0;
   row = row + 1;
   cout << "\n\n";
                                                 // [4]
```

Increment 4. The goal of this increment is the following scenario. When the user enters a position, the program toggles the state (i.e. the case of the letter) of that position.



Every time the user supplies a position, the "board" is redrawn. Let's encapsulate the "draw board" functionality in its own function [5]. The positions array is needed in draw_board() and main(). Rather than pass that array (and any other data that may be identified later) in the function invocation, it was decided to make it a global variable [6].

The prompt, user input, and input validation have been added at [7]. [8] demonstrates how a character can be converted to an array index (i.e. an integer in a range from 0 to whatever).

The primary goal of this increment is toggling the value (or state, or "fullness") of a specified position on the board. It is possible to identify if an element of the positions array is present or not by testing its case, but it is easier to test a boolean variable. For this reason, a "pegs present" array has been added at [9], referenced at [10], and toggled at [11]. Converting the case of a character is a simple matter of adding or removing an offset of 32 [12].

```
char positions[15] = { 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H',
                                                                   // [6]
                         'I','J','K','L','M','N','O' };
bool pegs present[15] = { true, true, true, true, true, true,
                                                                       [9]
            true, true, true, true, true, true, true, true };
void draw board() {
                                                                      [5]
                                                                   //
   int i = 0, row = 0, col = 0;
   cout << '\n';
   while (row < 5) {
      for (int j=0; j < 4 - row; j = j + 1)
  cout << "   ";</pre>
      while (col <= row) {
                                                                      // [10]
          if (pegs present[i])
             cout << '<' << positions[i] << ">
             cout << ' ' << positions[i] << "</pre>
          col = col + 1;
          i = i + 1;
      col = 0;
      row = row + 1;
      cout << "\n\n";</pre>
}
int main() {
   char letter;
   int posit;
   while (true) {
      draw board();
                                                                      // [5]
      cout << "Position: ";</pre>
                                                                      // [7]
      cin >> letter;
      if (letter < 'a' || letter > 'o')
          continue;
```

Increment 5. The goal here is to implement everything except the actual "jump" logic. Prompting for the initial hole has been added at [13]. Prompting for "from" and "to" positions has been changed at [14].

Since there are now two positions whose state need to be toggled, that logic has been encapsulated in a new function toggle peg (posit) at [15] and invoked at [16].

```
char positions[15] = \{\ldots\};
bool pegs present[15] = { ... };
void draw board() { ... }
void toggle peg( int i ) {
                                       // [15]
  if (pegs present[i])
     positions[i] = positions[i] + 32;
     positions[i] = positions[i] - 32;
  pegs present[i] = ! pegs present[i];
int main() {
  char from, to;
  draw board();
  cout << "Select initial hole: "; // [13]</pre>
  cin >> from;
   toggle peg( from - 'a' );
                                       // [16]
   while (true) {
     draw board();
     cout << "Move (from to): "; // [14]
     cin >> from >> to;
     if (from < 'a' || from > 'o' || to < 'a' || to > 'o')
        continue;
     toggle peg( from - 'a' );
                                      // [16]
     toggle peg( to - 'a' );
                                        // [16]
}
  }
```

Increment 6. There does not seem to be any insight or cunning that would allow us to compute or evaluate a proposed move at run-time. So, a brute force enumeration of all possible moves seems necessary.

The notion of "jump" needs to include three things: the "from" position, the "to" position (destination), and the "jumped over" position. An array of three integers can be used to represent the abstraction of a jump. The total number of possible jumps is 36. Taken together, a two-dimensional "36 by 3" array of integers is the starting point for the jump logic [17].

The attempt_move () [18] function needs to do many things: test if the input is valid [19], test if the specified move is possible [20] and valid [21], perform the jump by toggling the state of all affected positions [22], and return a error message if necessary [23].

To identify if the requested move is possible, a low-tech sequential search is used at [20]. For a jump to be valid: the "from" position must be occupied [21a], the "jumped over" position must be occupied [21b], and the "to" position must be empty [21c].

A new global variable (peg_count) has been added at [24], updated at [25], and used to determine when the game has been won [26].

```
char positions[15] = \{ \dots \};
bool pegs present[15] = { ... };
                        // \{1,4,2\} = \{ from, to, over \}
int jump_table[36][3] = { \{1,4,2\}, \{1,6,3\}, \{2,7,4\}, \{2,9,5\},
                                                                     // [17]
                            {3,8,5}, {3,10,6},
                            \{4,6,5\}, \{4,1,2\}, \{4,11,7\}, \{4,13,8\},
                            {5,14,9}, {5,12,8},
                            \{6,4,5\}, \{6,13,9\}, \{6,15,10\}, \{6,1,3\},
                            \{7,2,4\}, \{7,9,8\}, \{8,3,5\}, \{8,10,9\},
                            {9,2,5}, {9,7,8},
                            \{10,8,9\}, \{10,3,6\}, \{11,13,12\}, \{11,4,7\},
                            \{12,5,8\}, \{12,14,13\},
                            \{13,11,12\}, \{13,15,14\}, \{13,6,9\}, \{13,4,8\},
                            \{14,12,13\}, \{14,5,9\}, \{15,13,14\}, \{15,6,10\}\};
                                                                     // [24]
int peg count = 15;
void toggle peg( int i ) { ... }
string attempt move ( char from, char to ) {
                                                                     // [18]
   if (from < 'a' || from > 'o' || to < 'a' || to > 'o')
                                                                     // [19]
      return "INVALID INPUT";
                                                                     // [23]
   int one = from - 'a' + 1, two = to - 'a' + 1;
   for (int i=0; i < 36; i = i + 1)
      if (one == jump table[i][0] && two == jump table[i][1])
                                                                     // [20]
         if (pegs present[ jump table[i][0]-1 ]
                                                                     // [21a]
                && pegs present[ jump table[i][2]-1 ]
                                                                     // [21b]
                                                                     // [21c]
                && (! pegs_present[ jump_table[i][1]-1 ])) {
            toggle peg( jump table[i][0]-1 ); // source peg
                                                                     // [22]
            toggle peg( jump table[i][2]-1 );  // jumped peg
                                                                     // [22]
            toggle_peg( jump_table[i][1]-1 );  // destination
                                                                     // [22]
                                                                     // [25]
            peg count = peg count - 1;
            return "VALID MOVE";
   return "NOT A LEGAL MOVE";
                                                                     // [23]
}
void draw board() { ... }
int main() {
   char from, to;
   draw board();
   cout << "Select initial hole: ";
   cin >> from;
```

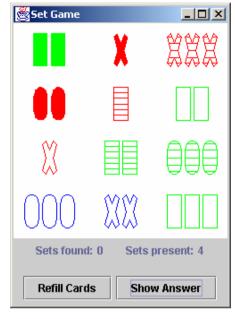
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Appendix E ... Set Game project

Increments

- 1. print all combinations of three three-value variables
- 2. print all combinations of $./+/^ X/O/S 1/2/3$
- 3. initialize and output a "int deck_of_cards[27][3]" data structure
- 4. replace "X3" format with "XXX" implementation
- 5. design initialize_cards() and draw_card() functions
- 6. replace state array with struct
- 7. add draw_board(), solicit card number (1-12), remove card
- 8. add a "fill" command
- 9. modify initialize_cards() to shuffle the deck of cards
- 10. design is a set()
- 11. design compute_sets_present()

The rules for the Set Game were introduced in the Introduction. The application evaluates all combinations of the displayed cards and counts the total number of sets present. The user may ask for the "answer" to be displayed.



When three cards are selected, the game evaluates whether the cards represent a set. If so: the cards are removed, and the "Sets present" count is incremented. If not: an error message is displayed.

Since a character-based user interface is very limited in its ability to display dense information content, this project will limit itself to three of the game's four dimensions: fill, shape, and number (color has been dropped). The normal game has 81 cards (3 to the 4th power). Our scaled back game will have 27 cards (3 to the 3rd power). Here is the entire deck of cards (the characters ./+/^ represent the three possible "fill" values.

The user interface that will be developed in this chapter appears below. The user's first proposed set is ". SSS", ". X", and ". OO". The application identifies that all three fill characteristics are the same, the three shape characteristics are different, the three number characteristics are different, and the cards therefore represent a set. The second proposed set ("^ XX", ". O", "+ SSS") has different fills, different shapes, and different numbers. The third set ("+ SS", "+ OO", "+ XX") has same fill, different shapes, same number. The "fill" command then replaces all missing cards and computes the new number of sets present.

sets present 8, sets found 0

```
Input: answer
answer 1 8 12
                1 9 11
                         2 4 8
                                  2 5 10
       2 6 12
                3 5 6
                        3 8 11
                                  6 7 11
       ^ XX
. SSS
                ^ XXX
                        + XXX
                         . X
. 0
        + SS
                + 00
^ 0
        + SSS
                + XX
                         . 00
sets present 8, sets found 0
Input: 1 8 12
        ^ XX
                ^ XXX
                        + XXX
. 0
        + SS
                + 00
        + SSS
                + XX
sets present 3, sets found 1
Input: answer
answer 2 5 10
              3 5 6
                        6 7 11
        ^ XX
                ^ XXX
                        + XXX
. 0
        + SS
                + 00
^ 0
        + SSS
                + XX
sets present 3, sets found 1
Input: 2 5 10
                ^ XXX
                        + XXX
        + SS
                + 00
^ 0
                + XX
sets present 1, sets found 2
Input: 6 7 11
                ^ XXX
                       + XXX
^ 0
sets present 0, sets found 3
Input: fill
        + 0
                ^ XXX
                        + XXX
^ 000
                        ^ SSS
        . XXX
                . XX
^ 0
        + 000
                . S
                         ^ SS
sets present 7, sets found 3
```

Increment 1. Let's consider how to represent the Set Game deck of cards. Each card has three attributes, and each attribute can take on one of three values -3 fill values times 3 shape values times 3 number values equals 27 cards.

```
. X
        . XX
                 . XXX
                          . 0
                                   . 00
                                            . 000
                                                     . S
                                                              . SS
                                                                      . SSS
+ X
        + XX
                 + XXX
                          + 0
                                   + 00
                                            + 000
                                                    + S
                                                             + SS
                                                                      + SSS
```

To get started, model this "three to the third power" domain with one or more loops and produce the following output.

```
000 001 002 010 011 012 020 021 022 100 101 102 110 111 112 120 121 122 200 201 202 210 211 212 220 221 222
```

Increment 2. Add an array of "fill" characters, an array of "shape" characters, and an array of "number" characters, and use your loop control variables to index into these arrays. The target output follows.

```
.X1
       .X2
               .X3
                       .01
                               .02
                                      .03
                                              .S1
                                                      .S2
                                                             .s3
+X1
       +X2
               +X3
                       +01
                              +02
                                      +03
                                              +S1
                                                     +S2
                                                             +S3
                       ^01
                              ^02
                                              ^S1
^X1
       ^X2
               ^X3
                                      ^03
                                                     ^S2
                                                             ^S3
```

Increment 3. Down the road, designing a "Card" abstraction is our goal. To get to that goal, let's consider the two-dimensional array data structure below.

```
int deck_of_cards[27][3];
// deck_of_cards[i] ---- the i-th card
// deck_of_cards[i][0] -- the fill value of the i-th card
// deck_of_cards[i][1] -- the shape value of the i-th card
// deck of cards[i][2] -- the number value of the i-th card
```

To initialize this two-dimensional array, we could use brute assignment ...

```
int deck_of_cards[27][3] = \{ \{0,0,0\}, \{0,0,1\}, \{0,0,2\}, \{0,1,0\} \dots \}
```

Is there some way to use one or more loops instead of "brute force"?

```
for (int i=0; i < 3; i = i + 1)
  for (int j=0; j < 3; j = j + 1)
    for (int k=0; k < 3; k = k + 1)
        deck of cards[ ?? ][ ?? ] = ??;</pre>
```

How about ...

```
for (int i=0; i < 3; i = i + 1)
  for (int j=0; j < 3; j = j + 1)
    for (int k=0; k < 3; k = k + 1) {
      deck_of_cards[ XX ][0] = i;
      deck_of_cards[ XX ][1] = j;
      deck_of_cards[ XX ][2] = k;
}</pre>
```

How can we make XX go from 0 to 26?

```
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 000 001 002 010 011 012 020 021 022 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 100 101 102 110 111 112 120 121 122 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 200 201 202 210 211 212 220 221 222
```

Is there some way to "compute" XX by using arithmetic on the variables i, j, and k? Here is an alternate representation.

```
possible arithmetic
i
           XX
   0
       0
            0 \rightarrow 0+0+0
       1
            1 \rightarrow 0+0+1
            2 \rightarrow 0+0+2
       2
            3 \rightarrow 0+3+0
       1
            4 -> 0+3+1
        2
            5 -> 0+3+2
    2
       0
            6 \rightarrow 0+6+0
            7 -> 0+6+1
       1
       2
            8 -> 0+6+2
1
   0
       0
           9 -> 9+0+0
           10 -> 9+0+1
       1
           11 -> 9+0+2
    1
      0 12 -> 9+3+0
```

Add to your program the declaration and initialization of the two-dimensional array deck_of_cards, and then use deck_of_cards to output the following ...

```
.X2
                                         .03
.X1
                .X3
                        .01
                                 .02
                                                 .S1
                                                          .S2
                                                                  .s3
+X1
                        +01
                                 +02
                                                 +S1
                                                         +S2
                                                                 +S3
        +X2
                +X3
                                         +03
^X1
        ^X2
                ^X3
                        ^01
                                 ^02
                                         ^03
                                                 ^S1
                                                         ^S2
                                                                 ^S3
```

Increment 4. Let's refactor the "shape" and "number" implementations, and produce the following output ...

```
. 0
                                                     . S
. X
        . XX
                 . XXX
                                   . 00
                                            . 000
                                                              . SS
                                                                       . SSS
                                                                       + SSS
+ X
        + XX
                 + XXX
                          + 0
                                   + 00
                                            + 000
                                                     + S
                                                              + SS
                                                     ^ S
^ X
        ^ XX
                 ^ XXX
                          ^ 0
                                   ^ 00
                                            ^ 000
                                                              ^ SS
                                                                       ^ SSS
```

We could use brute force and do something like ...

```
int main( void ) {
   int deck of cards[27][3];
   char fills[] = { '.', '+', '^' };
   for (int i=0; i < 27; i = i + 1) {
       cout << fills[ deck of cards[i][0] ] << ' ';</pre>
                (\operatorname{deck} \operatorname{of} \operatorname{cards}[i][1] == 0 \& \& \operatorname{deck} \operatorname{of} \operatorname{cards}[i][2] == 0)
[1]
                           ";
          cout << "X
[2]
       else if (deck of cards[i][1] == 0
                                                & &
                                                    deck of cards[i][2] == 1)
                           ";
          cout << "XX
[3]
       else if (deck \ of \ cards[i][1] == 0
                                                    deck of cards[i][2] == 2)
                                                & &
          cout << "XXX ";
[4]
       else if (deck_of_cards[i][1] == 1
                                                & &
                                                    deck of cards[i][2] == 0)
                          _ ";
          cout << "0
       else if (deck of cards[i][1] == 1
                                                    deck of cards[i][2] == 1)
[5]
          cout << "00
       else if (deck of cards[i][1] == 1
                                                && deck of cards[i][2] == 2)
[6]
                          ";
          cout << "000
[7]
       else if (deck_of_cards[i][1] == 2 && deck_of_cards[i][2] == 0)
          cout << "S
[8]
       else if (\text{deck of cards}[i][1] == 2 \&\& \text{deck of cards}[i][2] == 1)
```

Another alternative could be to use a 2-dimensional array to collapse "algorithm" (i.e. code) into "data structure". Frequently, a large multiple branch if-then-else block can be refactored into an array data structure – if – an indexing scheme can be conceived that allows the correct array element to be accessed. In this case, [1] through [9] above correspond to [1] through [9] below. The elements of the array below correspond to the "boundary conditions" being tested in the if statements above. deck_of_cards[i][1] below points to the desired shape array, and deck_of_cards[i][2] points to the desired number element within that shape array.

```
int main( void ) {
   int deck of cards[27][3];
   char fills[] = { '.', '+', '^' }; [1] [2]
                                   { {"X ", "XX ", "XXX"},
   string shaps numbs[3][3] =
                                       [4]
                                              [5]
                                      {"0 ", "00 ", "000"},
                                              [8]
                                                      [9]
                                        [7]
                                      {"S ", "SS ", "SSS"} };
   for (int i=0; i < 27; i = i + 1) {
      cout << fills[ deck of cards[i][0] ] << ' ';</pre>
      cout << shaps numbs[ deck of cards[i][1] ][ deck of cards[i][2] ]</pre>
          << " <del>"</del>;
      if ((i+1) % 9 == 0)
         cout << '\n';
} }
```

But – let's do this instead: use a loop to print each card with the correct number of shape characters.

```
for (int i=0; i < 27; i = i + 1) { cout << fills[ /* the fill value of the i-th card */ ] << ' '; for (int j=0; j < /* the numb value of the i-th card */; j = j + 1) cout << shaps[ /* the shap value of the i-th card */ ]
```

Notice that the shap characters are left-justified and right-filled (with spaces). How do you want to handle right-filling with spaces?

Increment 5. Define initialize_cards() and draw_card() functions by refactoring your current implementation. Then, draw the first 12 cards in three rows.

```
. X . XX . XXX . O
. OO . OOO . S . SS
. SSS + X + XX + XXX
```

Increment 6. In future increments, we will want to be able to assign "cards" from one array to another. But that won't work with a data structure implemented as an array.

```
int deck_of_cards[27][3] = { ... };
int displayed_cards[12][3] = { ... };
// compiler error: ISO C++ forbids assignment of arrays
displayed_cards[0] = deck_of_cards[0];
```

The "struct" data structure does not manifest this limitation.

```
struct Card { int fill, shap, numb; };
Card deck_of_cards[27] = { ... };
Card displayed_cards[12] = { ... };
// no compiler error
displayed cards[0] = deck of cards[0];
```

In this increment, convert the "deck of cards" abstraction from a two-dimensional array to an array of structs. The output will remain the same ...

```
. X . XX . XXX . O
. OO . OOO . S . SS
. SSS + X + XX + XXX
```

Increment 7. In Set, the user specifies three cards, and the cards are removed if they constitute a set. In this increment, add a draw_board() function, add and initialize a "displayed cards" array, prompt the user for a card number (use the range 1-12), and remove the specified card. How do you want to keep up with cards that have been removed? You could add an additional array that maintains the present/absent memory. You could "hijack" a member of the Card struct and use a "special value" to represent a missing card.

```
. X
       . XX
               . XXX
               . S
. 00
       . 000
                        . SS
. SSS + X
               + XX
                       + XXX
Input: 1
        . XX
               . XXX
               . S
                       . SS
. 00
       . 000
       + X
               + XX
                       + XXX
. SSS
Input: 6
                        . 0
        . XX
              . XXX
. 00
                        . SS
               . S
. SSS
       + X
               + XX
                       + XXX
Input: 11
                . XXX
        . XX
                        . 0
. 00
                . S
                       . SS
. SSS
       + X
                       + XXX
```

Increment 8. Add a "fill" command to your user interface that "deals" cards to replace missing cards. The application must now be able to accept string or numeric input.

```
. XX
                . XXX
. X
        . 000
                . S
. 00
                         . SS
. SSS
        + X
                + XX
                         + XXX
Input: 1
        . XX
               . XXX
                       . 0
        . 000
                . S
                         . SS
. 00
. SSS
        + X
                + XX
                        + XXX
```

```
Input: 2
               . XXX
        . 000
               . S
                       . SS
. 00
               + XX
. SSS
       + X
                       + XXX
Input: 3
                       . 0
        . 000 . S
                      . SS
. 00
. SSS
       + X
               + XX
                       + XXX
Input: fill
+ 0
       + 00
               + 000
                      . 0
       . 000
               . S
                       . SS
               + XX
                       + XXX
. SSS
       + X
```

Increment 9. Modify initialize_cards () to "shuffle" the deck of cards. Should you try to replicate human shuffling, or is there a simple brute-force-like algorithm that is possible?

Increment 10. Design an is_a_set (card, card, card) function. We want to advance the application's user interface to accept three numbers, and evaluate whether the three cards form a set. Below, the user specifies "1 2 3" and the program responds "NOT a set". The user then inputs "2 8 10" and the program: identified those cards represent a set, removed the cards from the "board", and incremented the "sets found" count. "6 7 12" was also evaluated to be a set. Finally, "1 2 3" resulted in the response "BAD INPUT" because card 2 doesn't currently exist.

```
+ X
        ^ 00
                + XX
                        + SS
        + 0
                        + 000
. XX
               . X
^ SSS
        . 0
                + SSS
                        ^ S
sets found - 0
Input: 1 2 3
NOT a set
+ X
        ^ 00
                + XX
                        + SS
                        + 000
. XX
        + 0
               . X
^ SSS
                + SSS
                        ^ S
        . 0
sets found - 0
Input: 2 8 10
+ X
                + XX
                        + SS
. XX
        + 0
                . X
^ SSS
                + SSS
                        ^ S
sets found - 1
Input: 6 7 12
```

```
+ X
                + XX
                         + SS
. XX
^ SSS
                + SSS
sets found - 2
Input: 1 2 3
BAD INPUT
+ X
                + XX
                        + SS
. XX
^ SSS
                + SSS
sets found - 2
Input:
```

A brute force is a set () design might look like the following ...

```
bool is a set ( Card one, Card two, Card three ) {
  bool shap is good = false, fill is good = false, numb is good = false;
   if ((one.numb == two.numb && two.numb == three.numb) ||
         (one.numb != two.numb && one.numb != three.numb
                               && two.numb != three.numb))
      numb is good = true;
   if ((one.fill == two.fill && two.fill == three.fill) ||
         (one.fill != two.fill && one.fill != three.fill
                               && two.fill != three.fill))
      fill is good = true;
   if ((one.shap == two.shap && two.shap == three.shap) ||
         (one.shap != two.shap && one.shap != three.shap
                               && two.shap != three.shap))
      shap is good = true;
   return shap is good && fill is good && numb is good;
}
```

Is there some algorithm that can be designed to "compute" a true/false response? Consider the table below. Most of the permutations of 0, 1, and 2 are listed. Is there a "pattern" to the permutations that is capable of deterministically identifying if the specified cards represent a set?

Increment 11. Design a compute_sets_present () function. One of the frustrations of playing Set is: staring at the cards and trying to identify if any sets exist in the remaining cars. It sure would be nice if: the game could tell you how many sets exist in the displayed cards.

How to proceed? What do you think about a strategy of testing every 3-card combination of the 12 displayed cards? Is that an outrageously large number of tests, or a reasonable number of tests? Is there a mathematical formula for computing "all combinations of 12 things taken 3 at a time"?

The answer is, "Yes."

```
12 * 11 * 10 / 3!
```

```
12 * 11 * 10 / 3 * 2 * 1
12 * 110 / 6
2 * 110 = 220
```

I think 220 tests is completely reasonable! How can these 220 combinations be enumerated? Would the odometer be a useful inspiration? What about imagining 3 odometer-like digit wheels, each with some configuration of the numbers 1 through 12?

Here are all 220 combinations. How could you implement this enumeration?

```
1.2.3 1.2.4 1.2.5 1.2.6 1.2.7 1.2.8 1.2.9 1.2.10 1.2.11 1.2.12
1.3.4 1.3.5 1.3.6 1.3.7 1.3.8 1.3.9 1.3.10 1.3.11 1.3.12
1.4.5 1.4.6 1.4.7 1.4.8 1.4.9 1.4.10 1.4.11 1.4.12
1.5.6 1.5.7 1.5.8 1.5.9 1.5.10 1.5.11 1.5.12
1.6.7 1.6.8 1.6.9 1.6.10 1.6.11 1.6.12
1.7.8 1.7.9 1.7.10 1.7.11 1.7.12
1.8.9 1.8.10 1.8.11 1.8.12
1.9.10 1.9.11 1.9.12
1.10.11 1.10.12
1.11.12
2.3.4 2.3.5 2.3.6 2.3.7 2.3.8 2.3.9 2.3.10 2.3.11 2.3.12
2.4.5 2.4.6 2.4.7 2.4.8 2.4.9 2.4.10 2.4.11 2.4.12
2.5.6 2.5.7 2.5.8 2.5.9 2.5.10 2.5.11 2.5.12
2.6.7 2.6.8 2.6.9 2.6.10 2.6.11 2.6.12
2.7.8 2.7.9 2.7.10 2.7.11 2.7.12
2.8.9 2.8.10 2.8.11 2.8.12
2.9.10 2.9.11 2.9.12
2.10.11 2.10.12
2.11.12
3.4.5 3.4.6 3.4.7 3.4.8 3.4.9 3.4.10 3.4.11 3.4.12
3.5.6 3.5.7 3.5.8 3.5.9 3.5.10 3.5.11 3.5.12
3.6.7 3.6.8 3.6.9 3.6.10 3.6.11 3.6.12
3.7.8 3.7.9 3.7.10 3.7.11 3.7.12
3.8.9 3.8.10 3.8.11 3.8.12
3.9.10 3.9.11 3.9.12
3.10.11 3.10.12
3.11.12
4.5.6 4.5.7 4.5.8 4.5.9 4.5.10 4.5.11 4.5.12
4.6.7 4.6.8 4.6.9 4.6.10 4.6.11 4.6.12
4.7.8 4.7.9 4.7.10 4.7.11 4.7.12
4.8.9 4.8.10 4.8.11 4.8.12
4.9.10 4.9.11 4.9.12
4.10.11 4.10.12
4.11.12
5.6.7 5.6.8 5.6.9 5.6.10 5.6.11 5.6.12
5.7.8 5.7.9 5.7.10 5.7.11 5.7.12
5.8.9 5.8.10 5.8.11 5.8.12
5.9.10 5.9.11 5.9.12
5.10.11 5.10.12
5.11.12
6.7.8 6.7.9 6.7.10 6.7.11 6.7.12
6.8.9 6.8.10 6.8.11 6.8.12
6.9.10 6.9.11 6.9.12
6.10.11 6.10.12
6.11.12
```

7.8.9 7.8.10 7.8.11 7.8.12

```
7.9.10 7.9.11 7.9.12
      7.10.11 7.10.12
      7.11.12
      8.9.10 8.9.11 8.9.12
      8.10.11 8.10.12
      8.11.12
      9.10.11 9.10.12
      9.11.12
      10.11.12
      count is 220
compute sets present () should concatenate all possible sets into a string. Add a new
"answer" command to the application's user interface. The following dialog is the target ...
                       ^ XXX
       . SSS
               ^ XX
                                + XXX
      . 0
                       + 00
               + SS
                                . X
      ^ 0
               + SSS
                       + XX
                                . 00
      sets present 8, sets found 0
      Input: answer
                                 2 4 8
                                         2 5 10 2 6 12 3 5 6
      answer 1 8 12
                       1 9 11
              3 8 11
                       6 7 11
       . SSS
              ^ XX
                       ^ XXX
                                + XXX
       . 0
               + SS
                       + 00
                                . X
      ^ 0
                                . 00
               + SSS
                       + XX
      sets present 8, sets found 0
      Input: 1 8 12
               ^ XX
                       ^ XXX
                                + XXX
       . 0
               + SS
                       + 00
      ^ 0
               + SSS
                       + XX
      sets present 3, sets found 1
      Input: answer
      answer 2 5 10
                       3 5 6
                              6 7 11
               ^ XX
                       ^ XXX
                                + XXX
               + SS
       . 0
                       + 00
      ^ 0
               + SSS
                       + XX
      sets present 3, sets found 1
      Input: 2 5 10
                       ^ XXX
                                + XXX
               + SS
                       + 00
      ^ 0
                       + XX
      sets present 1, sets found 2
      Input: 6 7 11
```

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```
^ XXX + XXX

^ O

sets present 0, sets found 3
Input: fill

+ S + O ^ XXX + XXX
^ OOO . XXX . XX ^ SSS
^ O + OOO . S ^ SS

sets present 7, sets found 3
Input:
```

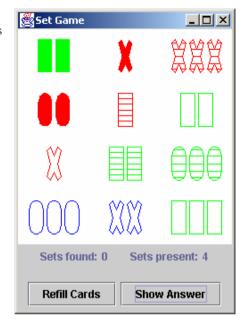
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Increments

- 1. print all combinations of three three-value variables
- 2. print all combinations of $./+/^ X/O/S 1/2/3$
- 3. initialize and output a "int deck_of_cards[27][3]" data structure
- 4. replace "X3" format with "XXX" implementation
- 5. design initialize_cards() and draw_card() functions
- 6. replace state array with struct
- 7. add draw_board(), solicit card number (1-12), remove card
- 8. add a "fill" command
- modify initialize_cards() to shuffle the deck of cards
- 10. design is a set()
- 11. design compute_sets_present()

Increment 1. The target output appears below. Notice that the rightmost digit of each triple changes fastest, and the leftmost digit changes slowest.

```
// 000 001 002 010 011 012 020 021 022
// 100 101 102 110 111 112 120 121 122
// 200 201 202 210 211 212 220 221 222
```



Let's use a loop to drive the rightmost digit [1], and put that inside a loop to drive the center digit [2], and put that inside a loop to drive the leftmost digit [3].

Increment 2. The next step is to produce a representation that more closely resembles the actual look of the Set game ...

```
// .X1
                   .X3
                          .01
                                                  .S1
                                  .02
                                          .03
                                                          .S2
                                                                  .s3
// +X1
           +X2
                  +X3
                          +01
                                  +02
                                          +03
                                                  +S1
                                                         +S2
                                                                 +S3
// ^X1
                  ^X3
                          ^01
                                  ^02
                                          ^03
                                                  ^S1
                                                         ^S2
                                                                 ^S3
```

Instead of outputting i, j, and k, let's use them to index into three new arrays [4] that contain the "card attributes" we wish to convey.

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```
for (int k=0; k < 3; k = k + 1)
        cout << fills[i] << shaps[j] << numbs[k] << " ";
    cout << '\n';
}</pre>
```

Increment 3. The goal here is to model the deck of cards with a two-dimensional array, and initialize the 2D array as effortlessly as possible.

```
int deck_of_cards[27][3];
for (int i=0; i < 3; i = i + 1)
  for (int j=0; j < 3; j = j + 1)
    for (int k=0; k < 3; k = k + 1) {
      deck_of_cards[ XX ][0] = i;
      deck_of_cards[ XX ][1] = j;
      deck_of_cards[ XX ][2] = k;
}</pre>
```

Let's assign an ordinal number to each of the 27 cards. Notice that the "fill" attribute is constant for each row, and changes when the counter advances first to 9 and second to 18.

```
0.0
        01
                                                                0.8
.X1
                .x3
        .X2
                        .01
                                .02
                                        .03
                                                .S1
                                                        .S2
                                                                .S3
09
        10
                11
                        12
                                13
                                        14
                                                15
                                                        16
                                                                17
+X1
        +X2
                +X3
                        +01
                                +02
                                        +03
                                                +S1
                                                        +S2
                                                                +S3
18
        19
                20
                        21
                                22
                                        23
                                                24
                                                        25
                                                                26
^X1
        ^X2
                ^X3
                        ^01
                                ^02
                                        ^03
                                                ^S1
                                                        ^S2
                                                                ^S3
```

That insight could be implemented by using an outer loop and multiplying its loop control variable by 9.

```
for (int i=0; i < 3; i = i + 1)
  for (int j=0; j < 3; j = j + 1)
    for (int k=0; k < 3; k = k + 1) {
      deck of cards[ i*9 + ... ][0] = i;</pre>
```

Notice that the "shape" attribute changes every third card, and the "number" attribute changes **every** card. These two insights taken together can complete the computation of the desired sequence ...

```
for (int i=0; i < 3; i = i + 1)
  for (int j=0; j < 3; j = j + 1)
    for (int k=0; k < 3; k = k + 1) {
      deck of cards[ i*9 + j*3 + k ][0] = i;</pre>
```

Outputting the deck of cards can now be collapsed from three embedded loops to a single loop that steps through cards 0 to 26. The "fill" attribute (i.e. the "i" variable) is captured at [5] and then recalled and used at [6].

```
for (int i=0; i < 3; i = i + 1)
  for (int j=0; j < 3; j = j + 1)
    for (int k=0; k < 3; k = k + 1) {
      deck_of_cards[i*9 + j*3 + k][0] = i; // [5]
      deck_of_cards[i*9 + j*3 + k][1] = j;
      deck_of_cards[i*9 + j*3 + k][2] = k;
  }
char fills[] = { '.', '+', '^' };</pre>
```

Increment 4. Next – replace the temporary "number" implementation with the target implementation.

```
temporary implementation ...
      .X2
             .X3
                           .02
                                   .03
                                          .S1
                                                 .S2
                                                        .S3
                    .01
+X1
      +X2
             +X3
                    +01
                           +02
                                  +03
                                          +S1
                                                 +S2
                                                        +S3
^X1
      ^X2
             ^X3
                    ^01
                          ^02
                                  ^03
                                         ^S1
                                                 ^S2
                                                        ^S3
target implementation ...
       . XX . XXX . O
                                . 00
                                        . 000
                                                . S
                                                        . SS
                                                                . SSS
       + XX
               + XXX
                       + 0
                                + 00
                                        + 000
                                                + S
                                                        + SS
                                                                + SSS
^ X
       ^ XX
                ^ XXX
                       ^ 0
                                ^ 00
                                        ^ 000
                                                ^ S
                                                        ^ SS
                                                                ^ SSS
```

We can retire the "numbs []" array, and replace it with a loop [7]. If the limit of the "number" attribute has not been reached [8], then print an instance of the "shape" attribute [9]; else print a blank [10].

```
int deck of cards[27][3];
char fills[] = { '.', '+', '^' };
char shaps[] = { 'X', 'O', 'S' };
for (int i=0; i < 27; i = i + 1) {
   cout << fills[ deck of cards[i][0] ] << ' ';</pre>
   for (int j=0; j < 3; j = j + 1)
                                                      //
                                                          [7]
      if (j \le deck \ of \ cards[i][2])
                                                      //
                                                          [8]
         cout << shaps[ deck of cards[i][1] ];</pre>
                                                      // [9]
      else
         cout << ' ';
                                                      // [10]
   cout << " ";
   if ((i+1) % 9 == 0)
      cout << '\n';
```

Increment 5. Let's start packaging existing implementation into logical units. initialize cards () and draw card() seem like good units of functionality.

```
void initialize_cards( int deck_of_cards[27][3] ) {
  for (int i=0; i < 3; i = i + 1)
    for (int j=0; j < 3; j = j + 1)
        for (int k=0; k < 3; k = k + 1) {
        deck_of_cards[i*9 + j*3 + k][0] = i;
        deck_of_cards[i*9 + j*3 + k][1] = j;
        deck_of_cards[i*9 + j*3 + k][2] = k;
}</pre>
```

```
void draw_card( int card[3] ) {
  char fills[] = { '.', '+', '^' };
  char shaps[] = { 'X', '0', 'S' };

cout << fills[ card[0] ] << ' ';
  for (int j=0; j < 3; j = j + 1)
    if (j <= card[2])
      cout << shaps[ card[1] ];
  else
      cout << ' ';
  cout << " ";
}</pre>
```

Given these building blocks, printing the first 12 cards in main () becomes easy.

```
int main ( void ) {
   int deck of cards[27][3];
   initialize cards ( deck of cards );
   for (int i=0; i < 12; i = i + 1) {
      draw card( deck of cards[i] );
      if ((i+1) % 4 == 0)
         cout << '\n';
} }
// . X
           . XX
                   . XXX
                           . 0
// . 00
           . 000
                   . S
                           . SS
// . sss
           + X
                   + XX
                           + XXX
```

Increment 6. In anticipation of more sophisticated manipulation of cards (maintaining a "deck of cards" array and a "displayed cards" array, and moving cards from the former to the latter), convert the second dimension of deck_of_cards from a 3-element array to a 3-member struct. The definition of this new Card abstraction is at [11], and the repackaging of deck_of_cards is at [12].

Using a card is now more "self documenting". What was deck_of_cards[1][0] is now deck_of_cards[1].fill, and card[1] is now card.shap.

```
void initialize_cards( Card deck_of_cards[] ) {
   for (int i=0; i < 3; i = i + 1)
      for (int j=0; j < 3; j = j + 1)
        for (int k=0; k < 3; k = k + 1) {
            deck_of_cards[i*9 + j*3 + k].fill = i; // formerly "[i][0]"
            deck_of_cards[i*9 + j*3 + k].shap = j; // formerly "[i][1]"
            deck_of_cards[i*9 + j*3 + k].numb = k; // formerly "[i][2]"
    }

void draw_card( Card card ) {
    char fills[] = { '.', '+', '^' };</pre>
```

```
char shaps[] = { 'X', 'O', 'S' };

cout << fills[ card.fill ] << ' ';
for (int j=0; j < 3; j = j + 1)
    if (j <= card.numb)
        cout << shaps[ card.shap ];
    else
        cout << ' ';
cout << " ";
}</pre>
```

Increment 7. Significant user interaction is being added in this step, so the drawing of the 12 "displayed cards" has been encapsulated in draw_board(). Notice that the "4 cards per line" logic has migrated to this new function [13], and an "Input:" prompt has been added [14].

A new "displayed cards" array has been added [15] and initialized [16]. In an infinite loop, user input of a card number (in the range 1-12) is received [17]. To designate missing cards, the "numb" member of Card has been hijacked and assigned a special value (i.e. "-1") at [18], and the use of that value appears in draw_card() [19].

```
void draw card( Card card ) {
   if (card.numb == -1) {
                                                 // [19]
      cout << " ";
      return;
   }
}
int main( void ) {
  Card deck of cards[27];
  Card displayed cards[12];
                                                 // [15]
   initialize cards ( deck of cards );
   for (int i=0; i < 12; i = i + 1)
      displayed_cards[i] = deck of cards[i];
                                                 // [16]
   int input;
   while (true) {
      draw board (displayed cards);
                                                 // [17]
      cin >> input;
      if (input > 0 && input < 13)
```

```
displayed_cards[input-1].numb = -1;  // [18]
}
```

Increment 8. Let's add a "fill" command that can move cards from the deck_of_cards array to the displayed cards array until no more cards remain.

```
. XXX
. X
        . XX
                         . 0
. 00
        . 000
                . S
                         . SS
        + X
                + XX
. SSS
                         + XXX
Input: 1
        . XX
                . XXX
                         . 0
                 . S
. 00
        . 000
                         . SS
. SSS
        + X
                + XX
                         + XXX
Input: 2
                 . XXX
                         . 0
. 00
                . S
        . 000
                         . SS
. SSS
        + X
                + XX
                         + XXX
Input: 3
                         . 0
. 00
        . 000
                . S
                         . SS
                         + XXX
                + XX
. SSS
        + X
Input: fill
        + 00
                + 000
. 00
        . 000
                 . S
                         . SS
. SSS
        + X
                + XX
                         + XXX
```

The application now needs to accept heterogeneous input from the user: the string "fill", or a number between 1 and 12. The variable input has been changed from an int to a string [19]. If the string "fill" is received [20], then each element of the displayed_cards array is evaluated [21], and each missing card is replaced by the "next" card in deck_of_cards. The next_card variable was added at [22].

If the input from the user was not the "fill" command, then the input must represent the number of a card. The string variable input, is converted to an int variable at [23].

```
struct Card { ... };

void initialize_cards( Card deck_of_cards[] ) { ... }

void draw_card( Card card ) { ... }

void draw_board( Card displayed_cards[] ) { ... }

int main( void ) {
   Card deck_of_cards[27];
   Card displayed_cards[12];
   initialize_cards( deck_of_cards );
```

```
for (int i=0; i < 12; i = i + 1)
      displayed cards[i] = deck of cards[i];
   int next card = 12, card;
                                                        // [22]
   string input;
                                                        // [19]
   while (true) {
      draw board (displayed cards);
      cin >> input;
      if (input == "fill") {
                                                        // [20]
         if (next card == 27) {
            cout << "\nNO MORE CARDS\n";
            continue;
         for (int i=0; i < 12; i = i + 1)
                                                        // [21]
            if (displayed cards[i].numb == -1) {
               displayed cards[i] = deck of cards[next card];
               next card = next card + 1;
         continue;
      stringstream ss;
      ss << input;
                                                        // [23]
      ss >> card;
      if (card > 0 && card < 13)
         displayed cards [card-1].numb = -1;
} }
```

Increment 9. How shall we "shuffle" or randomize the deck of cards? One strategy might be: divide the deck of cards into 2 decks, and interleave the cards back into a single deck (like humans shuffle a deck of cards). Another strategy might be: pull a random card out of the deck and place it in a new stack until no cards remain in the original stack. A third strategy might be: pick two random cards from the deck and swap them, and repeat 50/100/200 times.

The third strategy has been implemented below. The first random card is "saved" [24], the second random card is moved to the first card's position [25], and the saved card is moved to the second card's position [26].

Increment 10. We are now ready for the application to accept three card numbers from the user, and evaluate if they represent a set. Earlier, we saw the following attribute value combinations. If you add up each column, is there something useful that can be gleamed about the "no" columns versus the "yes" columns?

```
0
                0
                    1
                         1
                             2
                                 2
            0
                1
                    1
                         2
                             2
                                 0
                                     1
                                             1
                                                  2
            1
                1
                    2
                         2
                             0
                                 0
                                     2
                                         0
                                             1
                                                  2
Is a set?
               no
                   no
                       no no no yes yes yes
```

All the "not a set" columns are not evenly divisible by 3, and the "is a set" columns **are** evenly divisible. If the sum of the number attributes – and – the sum of the shape attributes – and – the sum of the fill attributes, are all evenly divisible by 3; then the 3 cards represent a set.

```
bool is_a_set( Card one, Card two, Card three ) {
  if ((one.numb + two.numb + three.numb) % 3 != 0) return false;
  if ((one.shap + two.shap + three.shap) % 3 != 0) return false;
  if ((one.fill + two.fill + three.fill) % 3 != 0) return false;
  return true;
}
```

The goal for the user interface is to accept three integers in the range 1 to 12 [27], remove the corresponding cards if they represent a set [28], and report the running total of sets found [29].

```
^ 00
+ X
                + XX
                        + SS
               . X
. XX
        + 0
                        + 000
^ SSS
        . 0
                + SSS
                        ^ S
sets found - 0
Input: 2 8 10
                                             // [27]
+ X
                + XX
                        + SS
                                             // [28]
. XX
       + 0
                . X
^ SSS
                + SSS
                        ^ S
sets found - 1
                                             // [29]
Input:
```

In the previous increment, user input was read into a string variable, and subsequently converted to an integer. In this increment, the conversion is to three integers [30]. Validation of the user input has been expanded to deal with 3 cards [31]. The 3 cards are then passed to is_a_set(), and its return value evaluated [32]. If the cards represent a set, then all 3 are "removed" [33] and a new sets_found variable is incremented. sets_found is now passed to draw_board() so that it can be reported to the user.

```
struct Card { ... };
void initialize_cards( Card deck_of_cards[] ) { ... }
void draw_card( Card card ) { ... }

void draw_board( Card displayed_cards[], int sets_found ) { // [34]
    ...
    cout << "\nsets found - " << sets_found << "\nInput: ";
}
int main( void ) {
    ...
    int next_card = 12, sets_found = 0, first, second, third;
    string input;</pre>
```

```
while (true) {
   draw board (displayed cards, sets found);
                                                              // [34]
   getline( cin, input );
   if (input == "fill") {
   }
   stringstream ss;
   ss << input;
   // Parse and validate the input
   ss >> first >> second >> third;
                                                              // [30]
   if (first < 1 || first > 12 || second < 1 || second > 12
         || third < 1 || third > 12
         || displayed cards[first-1].numb == -1
                                                              // [31]
         || displayed cards[second-1].numb == -1
         || displayed cards[third-1].numb == -1) {
      cout << "\nBAD INPUT\n";
      continue;
   }
   if (! is a set(displayed cards[first-1],
                    displayed cards[second-1],
                    displayed cards[third-1] )) {
                                                            // [32]
      cout << "\nNOT a set\n";</pre>
      continue;
   displayed cards[first-1].numb = -1;
                                                              // [33]
   displayed cards[second-1].numb = -1;
   displayed cards[third-1].numb = -1;
   sets found = sets found + 1;
```

Increment 11. It would be nice if the Set Game application could report to the user how many sets are present in the currently displayed cards, and then list those sets on demand.

```
^ XXX
       ^ XX
. SSS
                      + XXX
                       . X
. 0
       + SS
               + 00
       + SSS
              + XX
                       . 00
sets present 8, sets found 0
Input: answer
               1 9 11
                        2 4 8 2 5 10 2 6 12 3 5 6
answer 1 8 12
               6 7 11
      3 8 11
```

In the previous chapter, it was argued that the first step to this end would be to enumerate all combinations of 12 cards taken three at a time. Here are the first and last several lines of such an enumeration.

```
1.2.3 1.2.4 1.2.5 1.2.6 1.2.7 1.2.8 1.2.9 1.2.10 1.2.11 1.2.12 1.3.4 1.3.5 1.3.6 1.3.7 1.3.8 1.3.9 1.3.10 1.3.11 1.3.12 1.4.5 1.4.6 1.4.7 1.4.8 1.4.9 1.4.10 1.4.11 1.4.12 1.5.6 1.5.7 1.5.8 1.5.9 1.5.10 1.5.11 1.5.12 1.6.7 1.6.8 1.6.9 1.6.10 1.6.11 1.6.12 1.7.8 1.7.9 1.7.10 1.7.11 1.7.12 1.8.9 1.8.10 1.8.11 1.8.12 1.9.10 1.9.11 1.9.12
```

```
1.10.11 1.10.12
1.11.12
...
8.9.10 8.9.11 8.9.12
8.10.11 8.10.12
8.11.12
9.10.11 9.10.12
9.11.12
10.11.12
```

What patterns can you identify in the listing? What do you think about using three loops: an outer loop, a middle loop, and an inner loop? If all three loops went from 1 to 12, then combinations like 1.1.1, 4.5.4, and 8.9.9 would be generated; and having a card appear more than once is not desirable.

What about having: the outer loop go from 1 to 10, the middle loop go from i+1 to 11, and the inner loop go from j+1 to 12? The following demo generates the correct number of combinations that was computed in the previous chapter.

Our new function compute_sets_present () needs to accept the displayed cards array, and a string in which to store the list of sets present; and return the count of those sets. When a 3-card combination is generated, if one of the cards is missing, then skip that combination [35]. The is_a_set() function developed in the previous increment can then be invoked, and the number of sets and answer variables updated as appropriate [36].

```
int compute sets present( Card displayed cards[], string& answer str ) {
   int number of sets = 0;
   stringstream answer;
   for (int i=0; i < 12 - 2; i = i + 1)
      for (int j=i+1; j < 12 - 1; j = j + 1)
         for (int k=j+1; k < 12; k = k + 1) {
            if (displayed cards[i].numb == -1
                  || displayed cards[j].numb == -1
                  || displayed cards[k].numb == -1)
              continue;
                                                                  // [35]
            if (is a set (displayed cards[i], displayed cards[j],
                          displayed cards[k] )) {
              number of sets = number of sets + 1;
                                                                  // [36]
              answer << (i+1) << ' ';
              answer << (j+1) << ';
              answer << (k+1) << ";
        } }
 answer str = answer.str();
 return number of sets;
}
```

Appendix EE ... Set Game implementations

Let's report "sets present" in draw_board(). Since compute_sets_present() generates that value, it will be invoked in draw_board() [37].

The user can now ask for the "answer" to be displayed [38]. The "answer" string is reported in main() [39], but it is generated in compute_sets_present(). How to get that string from where it's generated to where its needed? The return value for compute_sets_present() is already spoken for. So – an "output" argument needs to be added to draw_board() [40] and then to compute_sets_present() as well [37]. The answer variable originates in main(), gets passed down to where it is assigned, and returned to where it is needed.

Appendix F ... Algorithms

Grid Game

How to compute "delta X plus delta Y" (increment 3)

Fifteen Puzzle

How to "move" a number (increment 4)

How to mix up the numbers to start the puzzle (increment 5)

Mastermind

How to compute the "totally correct" score

How to compute the "partially correct" score

Peg Game

How to output/format a board that looks like a bowling pin lay-out (increment 2)

How to validate and implement the notion of "jump" (increment 5)

Set Game

How to initialize 27 Cards (increment 3)

How to shuffle (randomize) the deck of Cards (increment 9)

How to identify if three Cards form a set (increment 10)

How to compute all possible sets present in a collection of 12 Cards (increment 11)

Appendix G ... Data Structures

Grid Game

How to model and maintain the "state" of the game (increment 2)

Fifteen Puzzle

How to maintain a mapping between "number" and "position" (increment 2)

Mastermind

Are there auxiliary data structures needed to compute the "partially correct" count? (increment 6)

Peg Game

How to maintain the state of the game's user interface (increment 3)

How to validate/implement a jump request. Is it algorithm or data structure? Int[36][3] (incr 5)

Set Game

How to model/implement the abstraction of "Card". int[27][3] then struct[27] (increment 3) How to designate missing cards (increment 7)

Appendix H ... Precedence of Operators

Operators	Associativity
() [] -> .	left to right
(unary operators) + - ! ~ ++ * & (cast) sizeof	right to left
(binary operators) * / %	left to right
(binary operators) + -	left to right
<< >>	left to right
< <= > >=	left to right
== !=	left to right
&	left to right
^	left to right
I	left to right
&&	left to right
11	left to right
?:	right to left
= += -= *= /= %= &= ^= = <<= >>=	right to left
,	left to right

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