# The Tasks

- We previously discussed about the possibility of generating permutations of a string without recursion. Well, there are multiple ways of doing this. I mentioned the use of a "NextPermutation" function in the discussion board. Here we will try a more straightforward approach: Using a <u>stack</u> to replace recursion, which uses the function call stack.
- Specifically, you need to modify the perm function in chapter
   1. Let us name the new function non\_recursive\_perm.
   You should use a stack within the function.
  - Each push corresponds to a call to perm in the recursive form.
  - Each pop corresponds to returning from a call to perm in the recursive form.

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- Something important: What information should you keep in each stack item? Think about it and decide for yourself. If you need a structure or a class for the stack items, define it yourself.
- Here, you are required to use the STL class template stack. This is a practice for those of you who are not familiar with STL. Look for information on this template yourself. Note: Its exact behaviors of its functions might be different from the Stack template in the textbook.
- Your non\_recursive\_perm function should have the same argument list as the perm function in the textbook.

# **The Guidelines**

- Allowed environments: VS2012/2013/2015, Dev-C++.
  Indicate your environment at the beginning of your code.
- You need to write your own main function to test your permutation generation function. You do not need to include this main function in your submission. The instructor will provide a test main function for you.
- No usage of STL class templates (except for stack) allowed.
- Include documentation; this will be part of your grade.
- Demo: Only a randomly selected subset of students; will be announced separately after the due date.

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## Submission:

- Use E3 only.
- Submit all your code in a single <u>header file</u> (.h). Name it P2\_xxxxxx.h, where xxxxxx is your ID. <u>Do not</u> submit your main function or any file that is not your code (such as the \*.sln file). No compressed file (\*.zip, \*.rar, etc.).
  Only the header file!!!
- Due date: 11/3/2015. There's a grace period of 4 days with 10% deduction per day. (The deduction kicks in only when you have accumulated more than three days of delay during the semester.)