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Stack Overflow is for professional and enthusiast programmers, people who write code because they love it. We feel [the best Stack Overflow questions](#) have a bit of **source code** in them, but if your question generally covers...

- a specific programming problem, or
- a software algorithm, or
- software tools commonly used by programmers; and is
- a practical, answerable problem that is unique to software development

... then you're in the right place to ask your question!

Please [look around](#) to see if your question [has been asked before](#). It's also OK to [ask and answer your own question](#). Questions which are too broad, unclear, incomplete or primarily opinion-based may be [closed by the community](#) until they are improved.

[Click here for tips on how to ask good questions](#) that are likely to be well-received by the community and attract good answers.

Some questions are still off-topic, even if they fit into one of the categories listed above:

1. Questions *seeking debugging help* ("*why isn't this code working?*") must include the desired behavior, a specific problem or error and the shortest code necessary to reproduce it in the question itself. See: [How to create a Minimal, Reproducible Example](#).
2. Questions about *a problem that can no longer be reproduced or that was caused by a simple typographical error*. This can often be avoided by identifying and closely inspecting the [shortest program necessary to reproduce the problem](#) before posting.
3. Questions asking for *homework help* must include a summary of the work you've done so far to solve the problem, and a description of the difficulty you are having solving it.
4. Questions asking us to *recommend or find a book, tool, software library, tutorial or other off-site resource* are off-topic for Stack Overflow as they tend to attract opinionated answers and spam. Instead, describe the problem and what has been done so far to solve it.
5. Questions about *general computing hardware and software* are off-topic for Stack Overflow unless they directly involve tools used primarily for programming.
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7. Questions asking for [support for offsite resources](#) such as App Stores are off-topic for Stack Overflow. Direct your questions to the relevant organisation instead.
8. Legal questions, including questions about copyright or licensing, are off-topic for Stack Overflow. [Open Source Stack Exchange](#) or [Law Stack Exchange](#) may be suitable alternatives.

If your question is not on-topic for Stack Overflow, it may be on topic for [another Stack Exchange site](#). If your question would be of interest to ...

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- Professional system and network administrators, ask on [Server Fault](#).
- Users of TeX, LaTeX, ConTeXt, and related typesetting systems, ask on [TeX - LaTeX Stack Exchange](#).

- Database administrators and professionals, ask on [Database Administrators Stack Exchange](#).
- SharePoint enthusiasts, ask on [SharePoint Stack Exchange](#).

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- **Asking**

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