

Exercise C++

Note: it is not required to provide fully compilable code. It can also be pseudo code or a description of the solution. Please do not hesitate to ask for clarifications when necessary.

Provide classes to hold n-dimensional keys and their associated values (let's call them data storage classes). A data storage can be configured (at construction) with a number of dimensions and the common size of the dimensions (e.g. 3 dimensions of size 10). The keys are implicitly defined by the size of the dimension, i.e. size 10 means keys range from 0 to 9 in each dimension. For each key a random integer value should be associated (e.g. key [0,0,0] has value 14, key [0,0,1] has value 88, key [9,9,9] has value 5). The association of values to keys should be done in the storage construction.

Name the classes `ReadableStorageA` and `ReadableStorageB`. They should have different implementations regarding their `"read()"` function, but also share common functionality. Make sure to apply OOP concepts to avoid code duplication.

common:

- initialization in constructor (random value generation)
- both provide a `"info()"` function that outputs the total number of stored values to the console (e.g. "storage has 1000 values")
- both provide a `"read()"` function (but behaviour differs, see below)

specialities:

- `ReadableStorageA`:

function `"read()"` writes the next key in sorted order and its associated value (e.g. first call returns "key: [0,0,0] value: 14", second call returns "key: [0,0,1] value: 88", last call returns "key: [9,9,9] value: 5") to the console

calling `read()` after the last key has been written produces an error message "end of storage reached".

- `ReadableStorageB`:

function `"read()"` writes a random key of the storage and its associated value to the console, but never writes the same key/value more than once.

calling `read()` after all keys have been written exactly once produces an error message "end of storage reached". *Note: it suffices to describe (not code) the approach for `ReadableStorageB`.*

Be prepared to discuss how the storage classes can be made thread safe, i.e. multiple threads should be able to read the same storage object such that each thread reads a (random) subset of the storage when iteratively calling `"read()"`.

What are pros or cons when considering mutex vs. atomic based implementations.

Thank you!