

# Explanation

**Title:** OpenCV C++ Program to play a video.

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The following is the explanation to the **C++** code to play a video in C++ using the tool **OpenCV**.

Things to know:

- (1) The code will only compile in Linux environment.
  - (2) To run in windows, please use the executable file.
  - (3) Compile command: `g++ -w vid.cpp -o vid `pkg-config --libs opencv``
  - (4) Run command: `./vid`
  - (5) Please make sure that the video : "Bumpy.mp4" is in the same location.
- Before you run the code, please make sure that you have OpenCV installed on your // system.

**Code area:**

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// Author: Aditya Prakash
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#include "opencv2/highgui/highgui.hpp"
// highgui - an interface to video and image capturing.

#include <iostream>
// The header files for performing input and output.

using namespace cv;
// Namespace where all the C++ OpenCV functionality resides.

using namespace std;
// For input output operations.

int main()
{
    VideoCapture cap("Bumpy.mp4");
    // cap is the object of class video capture that tries to capture Bumpy.mp4
    if ( !cap.isOpened() ) // isOpened() returns true if capturing has started.
    {
        cout << "Cannot open the video file. \n";
        return -1;
    }

    double fps = cap.get(CV_CAP_PROP_FPS); //get the frames per second.
    // The function get is used to derive a property from the element.
    // Example:
    // CV_CAP_PROP_POS_MSEC : Current Video capture timestamp.
    // CV_CAP_PROP_POS_FRAMES : Index of the next frame.

    namedWindow("A_good_name",CV_WINDOW_AUTOSIZE); // Create a window called
    // "A_good_name".
    // first argument: name of the window.
    // second argument: flag- types:
    // WINDOW_NORMAL : The user can resize the window.
    // WINDOW_AUTOSIZE : The window size is automatically adjusted to fit the
    displayed image() ), and you cannot change the window size manually.
    // WINDOW_OPENGL : The window will be created with OpenGL support.

    While(1) // An infinite loop
    {
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    Mat frame;
    // Mat object is a basic image container. frame is an object of Mat.

    if (!cap.read(frame)) // if not success, break loop
    // read() decodes and captures the next frame.
    {
        cout<<"\n Cannot read the video file. \n";
        break;
    }

    imshow("A_good_name", frame);
    // first argument: name of the window.
    // second argument: image to be shown(Mat object).

    if(waitKey(30) == 27) // Wait for 'esc' key press to exit
    {
        break;
    }
}

return 0;
}

```

End of explanation.