

# Explanation

**Title:** OpenCV C++ Program to blur an image.

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The following is the explanation to the **C++** code to blur an Image 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 article.cpp -o article `pkg-config --libs opencv``
  - (4) Run command: `./article`
  - (5) The image bat.jpg has to be in the same directory as the code.
- Before you run the code, please make sure that you have OpenCV installed on your // system.

**Code area:**

(1)

```
#include <opencv2/core/core.hpp>
```

core - Module to define basic data structures, example: Dense Multi-Dimensional array Mat and basic functions too.

(2)

```
#include <opencv2/highgui/highgui.hpp>
```

highgui - an interface to video and image capturing.

(3)

```
#include <opencv2/imgproc/imgproc.hpp>
```

imgproc - An image processing module that for linear and non-linear image filtering, geometrical image transformations, color space conversion and so on.

(4)

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
#include <iostream>
```

The header files for performing input and output.

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```
using namespace cv;
```

Namespace where all the C++ OpenCV functionality resides.

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```
using namespace std;
```

For input output operations.

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```
int main()           // Main function  
{
```

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```
Mat image = imread("bat.jpg", CV_LOAD_IMAGE_UNCHANGED);
```

Read the image data in the file "bat.jpg" and store it in 'image'.

Mat object is a basic image container.

Imread:

first argument denotes the image to be loaded.

second argument specifies the image format as follows:

CV\_LOAD\_IMAGE\_UNCHANGED (<0) loads the image as it is.

CV\_LOAD\_IMAGE\_GRAYSCALE ( 0) loads the image in Gray scale.

CV\_LOAD\_IMAGE\_COLOR (>0) loads the image in the BGR format.

If the second argument is not there, it is implied CV\_LOAD\_IMAGE\_COLOR.

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```
if(! image.data )      // Check for no data
{
    cout << "Could not open or find the image.\n";
    return -1;          // unsuccessful
}
```

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```
blur(image,image,Size(10,10));           // Function to blur the image
first argument: input source
second argument: output destination
third argument: blurring kernel size
```

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```
namedWindow( "bat", CV_WINDOW_AUTOSIZE );    // Create a window
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 fitvthe displayed
image() ), and you cannot change the window size manually.
WINDOW_OPENGL : The window will be created with OpenGL support.
```

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```
imshow( "bat", image );      // Displays an image in the specified window.
first argument: name of the window.
second argument: image to be shown(Mat object).
```

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```
waitKey(0);      // Wait infinite time for a key press.
```

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```
return 0;        // Return from the main function.
}
```

End of explanation.