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Queens (3) P38211\_en

Write a program to print the lexicographically smallest way to place n queens on an  $n \times n$  chessboard so that no queen threatens another queen.

#### Input

Input consists of a natural number n > 0.

### Output

Mark the queens with a 'Q', and the empty positions with a dot. Print the lexicographically smallest way (read from top to bottom and from left to right, and assuming that a 'Q' is smaller than a dot) to place n queens on an  $n \times n$  chessboard so that no queen threatens another queen. If there is no solution, print "NO SOLUTION".

#### Sample input 1

20

## Sample output 1

Q
Q
Q
.Q
Q
Q
Q
Q
Q
Q
Q
Q
Q.
Q
Q
Q
Q
Q
QQ.

# Sample input 2

3

# Sample output 2

NO SOLUTION

#### **Problem information**

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