

Competitive STL Extensions

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- ▶ Solutions are compiled in a judging environment without any additional libraries, with just a vanilla compiler installation.

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- ▶ GNU C++ specific: `#include <bits/stdc++.h>` includes everything!

popcount: number of set bits

```
1 int main(int argc, const char* argv[]) {  
2     static_assert(0 == __builtin_popcount(0)); // wow so constexpr  
3     static_assert(4 == __builtin_popcount(0b1111));  
4     static_assert(3 == __builtin_popcount(0b100101));  
5     return __builtin_popcount(argc);  
6 }
```

godbolts under x86 to

```
1 main:  
2     xor     eax, eax  
3     popcnt  eax, edi  
4     ret
```

Similarly, `__builtin_clz` and `__builtin_ctz` count leading/trailing zeros

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- ▶ Can be done in just $O(\log n)$ multiplications

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1  #include <bits/extc++.h>
2
3  constexpr int64_t Modulo = 1000000007;  // a prime number
4  auto multiply_modulo = [](int64_t a, int64_t b) {
5      return a * b % Modulo;
6  };
7  // this is required to fully define the operation
8  // will be called through ADL
9  int64_t identity_element(decltype(multiply_modulo)) {
10     return 1;
11 }
12 bool fermat_little_theorem_holds(int64_t x) { //  $x^p \equiv x \pmod{p}$ 
13     return __gnu_cxx::power(x, Modulo, multiply_modulo) == x % Modulo;
14 }
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- ▶ Shipped with GNU C++ library as an extension within namespace `__gnu_pbds`

PBDS: order statistics tree

```
1  #include <bits/extc++.h>
2  using namespace __gnu_pbds;
3
4  template<typename K, typename V, class Earlier = std::less<K>>
5  using RankedMap = tree<
6      K, V, Earlier,
7      rb_tree_tag,    // or splay_tree_tag
8      tree_order_statistics_node_update // extension policy
9  >;
10
11 template<typename K, class Earlier = std::less<K>>
12 using RankedSet = RankedMap<K, null_type, Earlier>;
```

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- ▶ Most importantly, arbitrary precision arithmetics: although problems requiring it are quite rare, sometimes it is easier to switch to python or java just for big integers.

- ▶ Thanks!
- ▶ More examples are available on my github
<https://github.com/moskupols/competitive-stl-extensions>
- ▶ For more info on PBDS see GNU C++ library manual:
<https://goo.gl/PmR86Z>