

Augmented “Comet” Database

4th field showing count of added lines

HALLEY’S	76	2037	0
WIRTANEN	5	2019	2
Methane 0.57			
Water 0.34			
STEPHAN-OTERNA	25	2028	1
Water 0.88			

Lab 4 Mission:

- Deal with augmented database format
 - New private variable(s)
 - Modify algorithms to rd/wrt disk file
 - Added lines are multi-word.... Dang!
- Overload the >> and the << operators so that an entire comet is dealt with in a single operation. E.g. inStream >> object

Pseudo-code

- Read first 3 fields as usual
- Read new 4th field with `cin >> lineCount`
 - *What is next char in stream at that point?*
- IF `lineCount > 0`
 - Gobble the `'\n'` character
 - Create dynamic storage, `string[]` of necessary size
 - For each line
 - Read ***line*** into storage with `getline()`
 - Advance to next line
 - Advance to next storage

Issues:

- Got to delete [] dynamic storage when done
 - C++ automatically calls “destructor” (*if there IS one*) when object falls out of scope
 - Pointer to storage must remain unchanged, so that delete [] command will work. Use temp pointer for looping/advancing
- Want to overload >> and << to do whole Comet
 - >> MUST return a value of ifstream&
 - << MUST return a value of ofstream&