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 */
#include <atomic>
                           // for atomics
                          // for async() and futures
// for this_thread
// for durations
#include <future>
#include <thread>
#include <chrono>
#include <iostream>
long data:
std::atomic<bool> readyFlag(false);
void provider ()
     // after reading a character
std::cout << "<return>" << std::endl;</pre>
     std::cin.get();
     // provide some data
     data = 42;
     // and signal readiness
     readyFlag. store(true);
}
void consumer ()
     // wait for readiness and do something else
     while (!readyFlag.load()) {
    std::cout.put('.').flush();
          std::this thread::sleep for(std::chrono::milliseconds(500));
     }
     // and process provided data
std::cout << "\nvalue : " << data << std::endl;</pre>
int main()
     // start provider and consumer
     auto p = std::async(std::launch::async, provider);
     auto c = std::async(std::launch::async, consumer);
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