Text Processing in Linux - The Cut Command - #1



Problem Statement

Task

Display the third character from each line of text.

Input Format

A text file with lines of ASCII text only.

Input Constraints

 $1 \le N \le 100$ (N is the number of lines of text in the input file)

Note: These values don't really impact your command.

Output Format

The output should contain **N** lines. Each line should contain just the third character of the corresponding input line. Do **not** code defensively for situations where the third character may not be present in a line of text (i.e., it is not even 3 characters long).

Sample Input

Hello World how are you

Sample Output

-				
r				
14/				
VV				

Recommended References

This is a very well written tutorial demonstrating different ways in which 'cut' may be used to either print characters at a particular position, or to print columns of a text file, based on delimiters. The latter is particularly useful while dealing with tabulated data in *.tsv or *.csv format.