

Stub the Function

► *You can check your work here, or peek if you get stuck.*

You should be able to **stub out the function** on your own. You shouldn't have to think about this part; you should memorize and practice each of these steps until they become second nature.

1. **Open the file using the supplied filename.**
2. If it can't be opened, then print the error message using **cerr**. To check if the file was opened, **explicitly** use the **fail()** function or, **implicitly** check using the stream variable itself. If you use the second method, don't forget the **not operator**.
3. Instead of adding an **else** to the **if** statement, add a **return** statement to end the function if nothing else can be done.
4. Add the **line-oriented I/O pattern**. You will have read and printed every line, and so you'll be ready to go on to the next step, where you actually solve the problem.



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