

# News Feed

Your aim is to write a console program that can simulate a social network.

Users have the following capabilities (command to be used in [ - ]):

**[post]** A user can post a feed item.

**[follow]** Users can follow other users.

**[reply]** A user can comment on another user's feed item.

**[upvote/downvote]** Upvote or downvote posts.

**[shownewsfeed]** Any user can read his news feed. News items are sorted based on the following:

Followed users: posts by followed users appear first.

Score (= upvotes - downvotes): higher the better.

Number of comments: higher the better.

Timestamp: more recent the better.

## Bonus

Allow users to comment on a comment and upvote/downvote a comment.

Display time in language like 2m ago, 1 hr ago etc.

## Input and output

The input should be taken in the form of statements. The statements should consist of commands and arguments. Commands can be words like 'signup', 'newsfeed', 'upvote' etc. Arguments can be separated from commands by special characters, something like '~'. As a result, a statement to reply to post 005 can look something like

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reply~005~this is the reply text
```

***You may change the input-output format without changing the functionality to suit your needs.***

## Sample

Input is in red, the output is blue. You need to print the output of *shownewsfeed* for a user, whenever he logs in.

signup~lucious  
signup~albus  
signup~tom  
login~tom  
post~I am going to be the darkest dark wizard of all time  
post~I am lord Voldemort btw 3:)  
login~lucious

id: 002  
(0 upvotes, 0 downvotes)  
tom  
I am lord Voldemort btw 3:)  
1994-04-19 10:11 PM

id: 001  
(0 upvotes, 0 downvotes)  
tom  
I am going to be the darkest dark wizard of all time  
1994-04-19 10:10 PM

upvote~001  
follow~tom  
reply~001~I am with you dark lord!  
login~albus

id: 001  
(1 upvote, 0 downvotes)  
tom  
I am going to be the darkest dark wizard of all time  
1994-04-19 10:10 PM

id: 003  
Lucious  
I am with you dark lord!  
1994-04-19 10:15 PM

id: 002  
(0 upvotes, 0 downvotes)  
tom  
I am lord Voldemort btw 3:)  
1994-04-19 10:11 PM

post~Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers  
to turn on the light  
follow~tom  
downvote~001  
downvote~002  
reply~002~LOL!  
shownewsfeed

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id: 001
(1 upvote, 1 downvotes)
tom
I am going to be the darkest dark wizard of all time
1994-04-19 10:10 PM
    id: 003
    lucius
    I am with you dark lord!
1994-04-19 10:15 PM

id: 002
(0 upvotes, 1 downvotes)
tom
I am lord Voldemort btw 3:)
1994-04-19 10:11 PM
    id: 005
    albus
    LOL!
    1994-04-19 10:30 PM

id: 004
(0 upvotes, 0 downvotes)
albus
Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to
turn on the light
1994-04-19 10:28 PM
```

## Guidelines

Input can be read from a file or STDIN or coded in a driver method.  
Output can be written to a file or STDOUT.  
Feel free to store all interim/output data in-memory.  
Restrict internet usage to looking up syntax  
You are free to use the language of your choice.  
Save your code/project by your name and email it. Your program will be executed on another machine. So, explicitly specify dependencies, if any, in your email.

## Expectations

The Code should be demo-able (very important). The code should be functionally correct and complete.

At the end of this interview round, an interviewer will provide multiple inputs to your program for which it is expected to work

The code should handle edge cases properly and fail gracefully. Add suitable exception handling, wherever applicable.

Handle concurrency where needed.

The code should have a good object-oriented design.

The code should be readable, modular, testable, and extensible. Use intuitive names for your variables, methods, and classes.

It should be easy to add/remove functionality without rewriting a lot of code.

Do not write monolithic code.

Don't use any databases.