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Stack Overflow is for professional and enthusiast programmers, people who write code because they love it. We feel [the best Stack Overflow questions](#) have a bit of **source code** in them, but if your question generally covers...

- a specific programming problem, or
- a software algorithm, or
- software tools commonly used by programmers; and is
- a practical, answerable problem that is unique to software development

...then you're in the right place to ask your question!

Please [look around](#) to see if your question [has been asked before](#). It's also OK to [ask and answer your own question](#). Questions which are too broad, unclear, incomplete or primarily opinion-based may be [closed by the community](#) until they are improved.

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Some questions that fit into one of the categories listed above may be closed by the community because they aren't generally a good fit here or need additional information:

1. Questions *seeking debugging help* ("why isn't this code working?") must include the desired behavior, a specific problem or error and the shortest code necessary to reproduce it in the question itself. See: [How to create a Minimal, Reproducible Example](#).
2. Questions about *a problem that can no longer be reproduced or that was caused by a simple typographical error*. This can often be avoided by identifying and closely inspecting the [shortest program necessary to reproduce the problem](#) before posting.
3. Questions asking for *homework help* are not inherently off-topic. However, you must have made a good faith attempt to solve it yourself. The question must include a summary of the work you've done so far to solve the problem, and a description of the difficulty you are having solving it. For more detail, see [How do I ask and answer homework questions?](#)
4. Questions asking us to *recommend or find a book, tool, software library, tutorial or other off-site resource* are off-topic for Stack Overflow as they tend to attract opinionated answers and spam. Instead, describe the problem and what has been done so far to solve it.
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