

String and Text File

Inst. Nguyễn Minh Huy

Contents



- String.
- Text file.



■ Basic concept:

- String is an array of chars storing readable text.

- C string (null-terminated string):

- Array of chars + '\0' at the end.

- Declaration: `char <string name> [<string length> + 1];`

		0	1	2	3	4	5
<code>char s1[5];</code>	s1	?	?	?	?	\0	
<code>char s2[] {"hello"};</code>	s2	h	e	l	l	o	\0

- C++ string (`std::string`):

- Data type in library `<string>`.

- Support dynamic string.

- Declaration: `std::string <string name>;`



■ Basic concept:

■ String comes with helpful libraries:

- C: `<string.h>`, `<stdio.h>`, `<ctype.h>`.
- C++: `<string>`, `<iostream>`, `<sstream>`.

■ Iterate string:

- C string: check for `'\0'` or use `strlen(<string>)`.

```
for (int i = 0; s[ i ] != '\0'; ++i)
{
    // Process character s[ i ].
}
```

- `std::string`: `<string>.length()`.

```
for (int i = 0; i < s.length(); ++i)
{
    // Process character s[ i ].
}
```



■ Input string:

■ C string:

- `fgets(<string>, <max length>, stdin)`.
- `std::cin.getline(<string>, <max length>)` (C++).

■ `std::string`:

- `std::getline(std::cin, <string>)`.

■ Output string:

■ C string:

- `printf("%s", <string>)`.
- `puts(<string>)`.
- `std::cout << <string>` (C++).

■ `std::string`: `std::cout << <string>`.



■ Practice: <ctype.h>

■ Count words: “the quick fox” → 3 words.

- Space: ‘ ‘, ‘\t’, ‘\n’, ‘\r’ → **isspace**(<char>).
- Alphabet: ‘A’–‘Z’, ‘a’–‘z’ → **isalpha**(<char>).
- Punctuation: ‘.’, ‘,’, ‘?’, ‘!’, ... → **ispunct**(<char>).
- Digit: ‘0’, ‘1’, ‘2’, ‘3’, ‘4’, ... → **isdigit**(<char>).

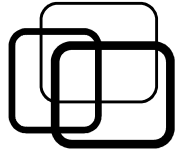
■ Capitalize words: “the quick fox” → “The Quick Fox”.

- Lower alphabet: ‘a’–‘z’ → **islower**(<char>).
- Capitalize: <char> - 32 → **toupper**(<char>).

Contents



- String.
- **Text file.**



■ File IO:

■ Advantages (vs. keyboard and screen):

- Do not need user:
 - Automatic control..
 - Repeatable.
 - Communicate with other programs.
- Persistent storage.

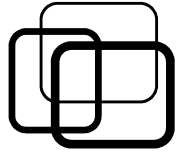
■ Disadvantages (vs. RAM):

- Sequential vs. random access.
- Slower.



■ File stream:

- File is either input or output device.
- File stream is connection between program and file.
- Declaration:
 - C (library <stdio.h>): **FILE** *<name>.
 - C++ (library <fstream>): **std::fstream** <name>.
- Steps to process a file:
 - Open file stream.
 - Read/write file stream.
 - Close file stream.



■ Open file stream:

■ C syntax:

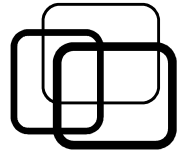
- **fopen**("<file path>", "<open mode>");
- Return: file stream (succeeded) or NULL (error).

```
FILE *f = fopen("C:/test.txt", "r");  
if ( !f ) fprintf(stderr, "Error.");  
else printf("Succeeded.");
```

■ C++ syntax:

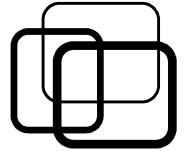
- **<stream>**("<file path>", <C++ open mode>);
- Check **<stream>** to know the result.

```
std::fstream f ("test.txt", std::ios::in);  
if ( !f ) std::cerr << "Error.;"  
else std::cout << "Succeeded.;"
```



- Open file stream:
 - C/C++ open modes:

Open mode C/C++	Ý nghĩa
r / std::ios::in	R ead-only, open for reading (text mode). Return NULL if file not found.
w / std::ios::out	W rite-only, open for writing (text mode). File created or overwritten.
a / std::ios::app	A ppend-only, open for append (text mode). File created if not found.
[r/w/a]+ / combine	Combine read and write (text mode).
[r/w/a]b / combine	Read and write in binary (binary mode).



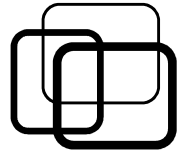
■ Close file stream:

■ C syntax:

- **fclose(<stream>);**
- Close an opened stream.
- Always close a stream after used.

```
FILE *f = fopen("C:\\test.txt", "r");
if ( !f ) {
    fprintf(stderr, "Error.");
    fclose( f );          // Wrong.
} else {
    printf("Succeeded.");
    fclose( f );          // Right.
}
```

■ C++ syntax: <stream>.**close();**



■ Read stream:

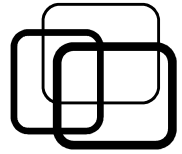
■ C syntax:

- **fscanf**(<stream>, "<type format>", &<var 1>, ...);
- **fgets**(<string>, <max line>, <stream>);

```
FILE *f = fopen("C:\\test.txt", "r");
if ( !f ) fprintf(stderr, "Error.");
else {
    int  a, b;      char s [ 100 ];
    fscanf( f, "%d %d", &a, &b );
    fgets( s, 100, f );
    fclose( f );
}
```

■ C++ syntax:

- <stream> >> <var>.
- <stream>.**getline**(<string>, <max line>).



■ Write stream:

■ C syntax:

➤ **fprintf**(<File stream>, "<Định dạng kiểu>", <Biến 1>, ...);

```
FILE *f = fopen("C:\\BaiTap.txt", "w");
```

```
if ( !f ) fprintf(stderr, "Error.");
```

```
else {
```

```
    int    a = 12;
```

```
    float  b = 4.165;
```

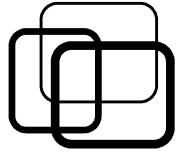
```
    char   c = 'A';
```

```
    fprintf( f, "Gia tri = %d %f %c", a, b, c );
```

```
    fclose( f );
```

```
}
```

■ C++ syntax: <stream> << <var>.



■ File management:

■ Delete file:

- Syntax: **remove**("<file path>");
- Return: 0 (succeeded), -1 (error).
- Do not need file stream.

```
if (remove("C:\\test.txt") == 0)
    printf("File deleted.\n");
else
    printf("Error: cannot delete file.\n");
```



■ File management:

■ Rename/move file:

- Syntax: **rename**("<file path>", "<new file path>");
- Return: 0 (succeeded), -1 (error).
- Both path must be in the same drive.
- Do not need file stream.

```
if (rename("C:/test.txt", "C:/folder\\test2.txt") == 0)
    printf("Succeeded.\n");
else
    printf("Error.\n");
```


Summary



■ String:

■ C string:

- Array of chars + '\0' at the end.
- Null terminated string.

■ C++ string (std::string):

- A data type in library <string>.
- Dynamic string.

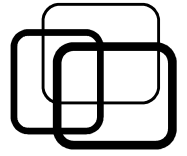
■ Input/output:

- C string: fgets, std::cin.getline, printf, std::cout.
- std::string: std::getline, std::cout.

■ <ctype.h>: support checking character.



Summary



■ Text file:

- File stream: connection between program and file.
- C file stream: `FILE *` (`<stdio.h>`).
 - Open/close: `fopen`, `fclose`.
 - Read/write: `fscanf`, `fprintf`, `fgets`.
- C++ file stream: `std::fstream` (`<fstream>`).
 - Open/close: `<stream>()`, `<stream>.close`.
 - Read/write: `<stream> >>`, `<<`, `<stream>.getline`.



Summary

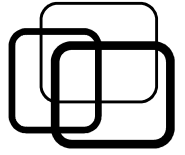


■ Text file:

- File stream: connection between program and file.
- C file stream: `FILE *` (`<stdio.h>`).
 - Open/close: `fopen`, `fclose`.
 - Read/write: `fscanf`, `fprintf`, `fgets`.
- C++ file stream: `std::fstream` (`<fstream>`).
 - Open/close: `<stream>()`, `<stream>.close`.
 - Read/write: `<stream> >>`, `<<`, `<stream>.getline`.



Practice



■ Practice 6.1:

Write C/C++ program to trim spaces:

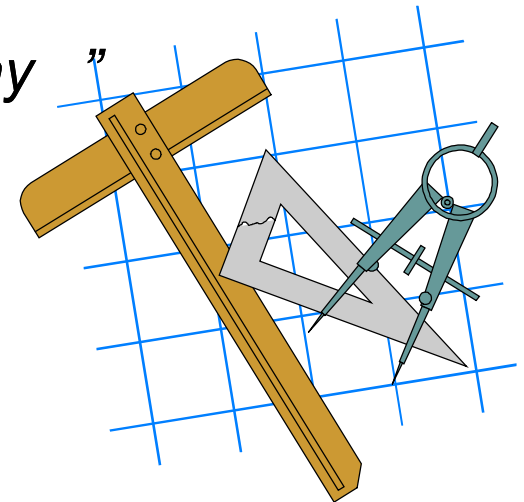
- Enter a sentence of words.
- Delete leading spaces at the beginning (trim left).
- Delete trailing spaces at the end (trim right).
- Delete duplicate spaces between words (keep one space).

Input format:

Enter a sentence = “ today is a beautiful day ”

Output format:

“today is a beautiful day”





■ Practice 6.2:

Write C/C++ program as follow:

- Enter a string S.
- Count frequencies of each character in S.
- Print the frequencies in descending order.

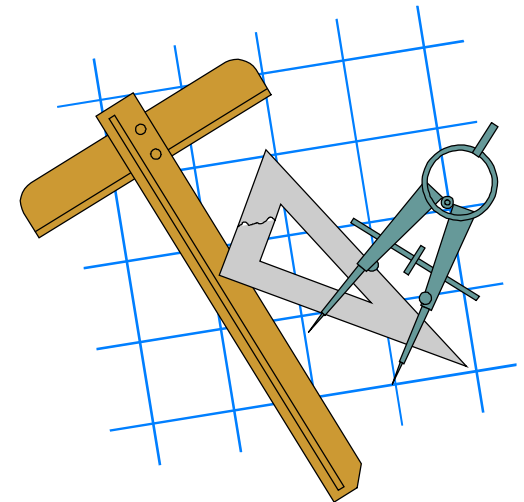
Input format:

S = tick tak tok

Output format:

3: k t

1: a c i o





■ Practice 6.3:

File MATRIX.TXT stores a matrix of $M \times N$ integers:

- First line: M N (integers, rows and columns).
- Next M lines, line i stores N elements at row i of matrix.

Write C/C++ program to:

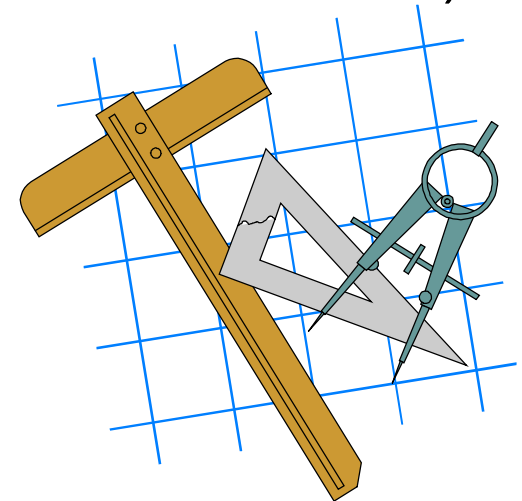
- Read matrix from MATRIX.TXT.
- Rotate left the matrix.
- Write the result to OUTPUT.TXT (same format as MATRIX.TXT).

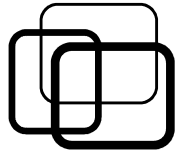
MATRIX.TXT

```
2 3
1 2 3
4 5 6
```

OUTPUT.TXT

```
3 2
3 6
2 5
1 4
```





■ Practice 6.4:

File NUMBER.TXT stores sequence of integers separated by space.

Write C/C++ program as follow:

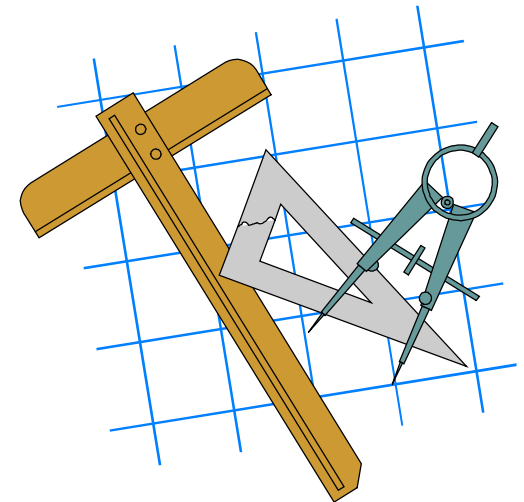
- Read sequence of integers from NUMBER.TXT.
- Extract prime numbers from the sequence.
- Write result to PRIME.TXT (same format as NUMBER.TXT).

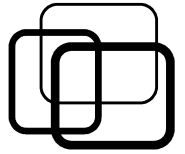
NUMBER.TXT

5 1 2 9 46 23 11 39 43 117 20

PRIME.TXT

5 2 23 43 117





■ Practice 6.5:

File OPERATION.TXT stores a list of arithmetic operations, each operation is on a line containing an operator (character +, -, *, /) in between two operands (integers).

Write C/C++ program as follow:

- Read list of operations from OPERATION.TXT.
- Compute the result of each operation.
- Write operation results to RESULT.TXT.

OPERATION.TXT

12 + 5

2 * 31

3 / 0

60 / 2

7 - 20

RESULT.TXT

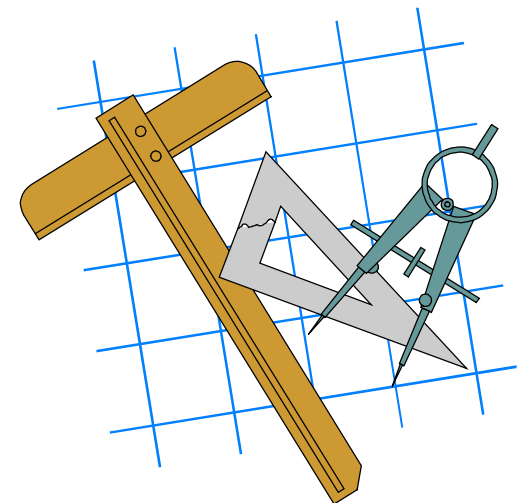
17

62

Divided by zero

30

-13



Practice



■ Practice 6.6:

File STUDENT.TXT stores a list of students, each student is on 2 lines:

- First line format: student name|student id.
- Second line format: student points (floats) separated by spaces.

Write C/C++ program as follow:

- Read student list from STUDENT.TXT.
- For each student, capitalize student name and compute GPA.
- Write the result to GPA.TXT in descending order of GPA.

STUDENT.TXT

nguyen van a|24127001

8.5 6.0 7.5

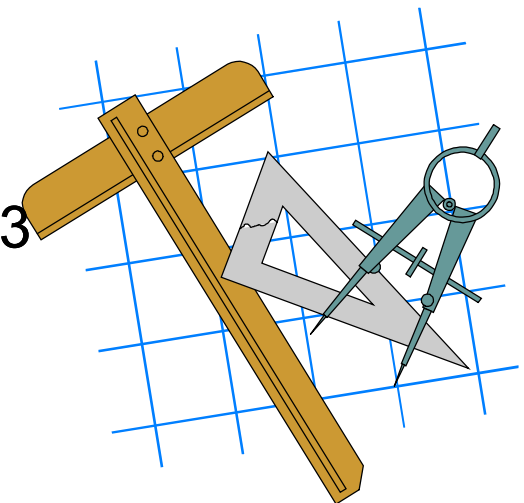
tran thi b|24127002

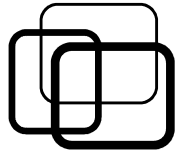
9.0 8.0 6.5 7.5

GPA.TXT

24127002|Tran Thi B|7.6

24127001|Nguyen Van A|7.3





■ Practice 6.7:

Write C/C++ program to count words and numbers:

- Read from a text file INPUT.TXT.
- Count and print the number of words and numbers in the file.

Notes:

- A word is a sequence of alphabets.
- A number is a sequence of digits.

INPUT.TXT

-----The, quick ##123 fox,,, 456!!!

Screen output:

Word count: 3.

Number count: 2.

